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Computer Club To Discuss Creating Videos For YouTube, Facebook and MySpace

On Monday evening, September 12th, beginning at 6 PM, the Mountain Computer Users Group (MCUG) will host a presentation at the Young Harris College on making short (up to 15 minutes and 2MB)



videos using both still photographs and video footage, and uploading them as a "movie" to YouTube, MySpace, etc., for the world to see and enjoy.

The presentation will be given by Bill Kautz, who has an extensive background in photography and the entertainment industry. He'll show you how easy it is to edit and publish videos and slide shows you create using your photographs and video, and Microsoft's Windows Movie Maker, which is a free download from the Internet.

"This is an interesting way to combine both computer and photography skills," Bill said, "to tell a story, promote a business even, exhibit a talent or just simply have fun with." If you're creative, or want to find out if you are, or just might want to try something new and different that has no limits or boundaries, and is a whole lot of fun, we urge you to attend.

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MCUG Monthly Meeting Schedule

The regular monthly meeting of the Mountain Computer User Group (MCUG) is held on the second Monday of every month, at 7 p.m., in the Wilson Lecture Hall (Room 201) of the Goolsby Building on the campus of Young Harris College in Young Harris, GA.

All regular monthly meetings and SIGs are open to everyone regardless of membership status.

MCUG Membership

Annual dues are \$20 and extend membership privileges to two (2) members of a household. Membership privileges include: special discounts on vendor products, access to products for evaluation and review, and association with a great bunch of people.

Affiliation

The Mountain Computer User Group is a member of APCUG, a nonprofit international organization dedicated to promoting communications between PC user groups and the computer industry.

Group Purpose

The Mountain Computer User Group is a nonprofit, tax-exempt educational organization without corporate or vendor affiliation. Its purpose is the encouragement and advancement of computer information and knowledge through "users helping users".

EMAIL ETIQUETTE

Every time you forward an e-mail, there is information left over from the people who got the message before you — namely their e-mail addresses & names. As the messages get forwarded along, the list of addresses builds, and builds, and builds, and all it takes is for some poor sap to get a virus, and his or her computer can send that virus to every email address that has come across his computer. Or, someone can take all of those addresses and sell them or send junk mail to them in the hopes that you will go to the site and he will make five cents for each hit. That's right, all of that inconvenience over a nickel!

How do you stop it? Well, there are several easy steps:

(1) When you forward an email. **DELETE** all of the other addresses that appear in the body of the message (at the top). That's right, **DELETE** them. Highlight then and delete them backspace the, cut them, whatever you know how to. It takes only a second.

You **MUST** click the "Forward" button first and then you will full editing capabilities of the body and headers of the e-mail. If you don't hit the forward button first you won't have full editing functions.

I particularly dislike having to scroll through multiple addresses before I get to the e-mail.

(2) Whenever you send an e-mail to more than one person, **DO NOT** use the "To: or Cc" fields for adding e-mail addresses. Always use the "Bcc: (Blind Carbon Copy) for adding e-mail address. If you don't see the "Bcc" option, click on where it says "To" and your address will automatically say "Undisclosed Recipients" in the "To:" field of the people who receive it.

That way you aren't sharing all those addresses with every Tom, Dick or Harry.



(3) Remove any 'FW:' in the subject line. You can re-name the subject if you wish or even fix spelling.

This one is very important - please read and heed

(4) **ALWAYS** hit your Forward button from the actual e-mail you are reading.

Ever get those e-mails that you have to open 10 pages to read the one page with the information on it? By forwarding from the actual page you wish someone to view; you stop them from having to open many e-mails just to see what you sent.

These are the ones that often end up having picked up a virus from somebody. This is really important!

(5) Have you ever gotten an email that is a petition?

It states a position and asks you to add your name and address and to forward it to 10 or 15 people or your entire address book. The email can be forwarded on and on and can collect thousands of names and email addresses.

A FACT: The completed petition is actually worth a couple of bucks to a professional spammer because of the wealth of valid names, addresses, e-mail addresses contained therein. If you want to support the petition, send it as your own personal letter to the intended recipient. Your position may carry more weight As a personal letter than a laundry list of names and email address on a petition. (Actually, if you think about it, who's supposed to send the petition into whatever cause it supports? And don't believe the ones that say the e-mail is being traced, it just isn't so)

(6) One of the main ones I hate is the one that say that something like, 'Send this email to 10 people and you'll see something great run across your screen.' Or, sometimes they'll just tease you by saying something really cute will happen.

BITS & PCs

1M USB A to Mini-B 2.0 cable

3 feet long \$2.00

Vipre AntiVirus software

Antivirus and Anti Spyware

\$2.00 each (Four copies available)

DVI-D to DVI-D cable

Connect your DVI-D LCD, Plasma TV, or HDTV to your DVI-D computer 10 feet.

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Cassette Adapter Universal for MP3

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Belden USB Parallel Printer Adapter Cable

\$2.00 (3 available)

Ink Jet Cartridges

HP-51645A

\$1.00 each (2 available)

IEEE 1284 Printer Cable 10 feet long

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\$2.00

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Tom's Tip of the Month

TABLETS, Which one is right for you?

Here are highlights of five popular ones:

Amazon Kindle - A speed-reader's must have and now with e-book lending for users from more than 11,000 libraries. appx. \$139.00



Barnes & Noble Nook - For those who just want to read. Its e-ink is visible in sunlight. appx. \$139.00

Samsung Galaxy Tab - Large display tablet, full internet browsing, including Flash, ability to load any e-book reader. appx. \$499.00

Apple iPad 2 - New newsstand app for iOS5 reader, aggregates all magazine and periodical apps. appx \$499.00

Sprint HTC EVO View - New 4G tablet that works on the Sprint network, has a nifty digital pen and can run all e-book reader apps. appx \$399.00

Family Tree Maker 2011 (Part 1)

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Family Tree Maker 2011 has the same seven tabs as 2010 and the family sheets look and work the same. However, a number of updates have been added.

Tab 1 Plan — Let's you start a new tree in the program by any of three ways:

- 1) Entering what you know —begin with yourself),
- 2)Importing a tree from an existing file — Family Tree Maker (version 5 or newer); a GEDCOM file (GEnealogical Data COMMunication, a standard proposed by the LDS that can be exported from most if not all genealogy programs), Personal Ancestral File (free program that can be downloaded from the LDS website at www.familysearch.org); Legacy Family Tree; or The Master Genealogist.
- 3) Downloading a tree you've created on Ancestry.com.

One addition that I feel is especially important is that when a file is imported, FTM 2011 makes a copy and leaves the original file as it was so it can still be opened in the other program.

The program installs in its own folder and doesn't remove earlier versions of FTM.

When a tree has been created, a second tab is shown called Current Tree. It shows the person designated as Home Person (usually the person with whom you start, but it can be changed as desired by clicking on the Home Person button and in the Index of Individuals window selecting a different person.

Tab 2 People — two tabs (Family and Person. The Family tab consists of four panels that can

be adjusted by either clicking to open or close a panel, or clicking & dragging to make a panel smaller or larger. The "buttons" to do this are actually series of dots to adjust sizes or eight dots with an arrow in the middle to open or close the left panel or the lower panel. (Note Red Arrows in the picture below.)

Another feature I especially like is in the upper right corner of the Family tab; the relationship between the person selected and the Home Person is stated. Example: The selected person in the above picture is James Jones and he is the Great Grandfather of La... Jones, the Home Person.

Notice that there are open triangles at the right ends of grandparents of James S Jones (one in circle); open triangles indicate that no additional persons are added on the pedigree chart or that the person had no children. James Jones had children, 12 in fact, so there is a solid triangle to the right of his name (in circle). In the lower panel there is a solid arrow to the right of Frankey Jane showing that she had children. The arrow beside James Pollard has a tail indicating that he is in the direct lineage of La... Jones.

Editing can be done in the right panel fields (boxes) of the Family tab and additional editing in the Person tab. Just below the relationship area are four small icons to enter information for categories: Facts, Media, Notes, and Tasks. Facts are events supported by documents such as Marriage or census records; Media includes photos, videos, audio tapes, scanned letters, etc.; Notes are the family stories, obituaries, newspaper clipping info; and Tasks are a To Do List of items or information needed.

Have you ever heard of a Mathatron?

It is the first patented programmable calculator and it's designer, Roy Reach, has roots in and his widow lives in Blairsville. More info in Oct.

Radio Tray - A Minimalist Internet Radio Player

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I enjoy listening to music and am in the midst of a project to build a home music system that will allow me to play any music I own anywhere in the house using a hand-held computer as a remote control. Thus I ran across Radio Tray, a great little music player. If you use Linux and would like to listen to a wide variety of music while you work on your computer, then you should give Radio Tray a test drive.



Linux provides you a number of excellent music players to choose from. Most of them suffer from one big downside: They tend to be do-it-all media players. They can handle music, both locally stored as well as Internet audio, and video. Some even support displaying still photographs. While these players have their place, they can slow your PC down and are overkill in some instances. Radio Tray takes the opposite approach. It does only one thing, and that is to play Internet radio stations. While it is playing, Radio Tray stays out of your way. It inserts an icon in your stem tray and is controlled through its drop-down menu.

Radio Tray is available through the default Ubuntu repositories, but right now only version 0.6.1 is available there. I could not make this version work properly, so I got the latest version, 0.6.4, from the project website at <http://radiotray.sourceforge.net>, which I recommend you do. Download the DEB file, right-click the downloaded file, and install it through the Ubuntu Software Center.

Once it's installed, start Radio Tray by double-clicking the icon. On first start, you'll be asked if you want Radio Tray to run in the system tray or as an application indicator. I can see no difference between either choice as they both result in an icon in the system tray. Click the icon to raise a menu, which includes preconfigured radio stations and a preferences dialog.



The radio stations are grouped bookmark style by genre (Jazz, Latin, etc.). Peruse the menu, click on a station, and shortly the icon turns blue and you should be hearing music on your PC.



Adding new stations is pretty simple. Click on the icon, select Preferences, Configure Radios If you want to add your station to a new group, create it first by clicking the Add Group button. Hierarchies of groups under other groups are supported. Add your new station by clicking the Add button. Name it whatever you want, enter the station URL, and select the group the station ought to appear under.

Groups and stations can be rearranged by selecting the group or station and pressing the Move Group button.

What is missing that would be really nice is some way of selecting some station you've found, such as through your Web browser, and adding it to Radio Tray either through a menu item or a select-and drag operation.

Finding Internet radio stations is also simple. Internet radio stations are simply Internet-accessible URLs that stream audio in a specific format. You point a player to a station URL

just as you would point your browser to a Web page. Radio ray supports PLS (Shoutcast/Icecast), M3U, ASX, WAX and WVX playlist formats. Just search the Web using the phrase "internet radio stations," and you'll be presented with many hits to choose from. When you find a station that looks interesting, right click the station URL and copy the link. You can paste the URL into Radio Tray's add a station dialog as described above.

If you would like to manually add groups and stations to Radio Tray's menu, or just see how the bookmarks are implemented, you can open the file <your_home>/Local / share/radiotray/bookmarks.xml using any text editor. The file follows standard XML formatting with parts of the file being surrounded by opening and closing tags. The outermost tag is bookmarks. Below this is group, and in each group are the stations identified by bookmark tags. Study the file, noting the tags and their contents, and the structure should become clear to you. Before editing the file, you should first close Radio Tray to avoid conflicts with its use of the file and save a copy of the existing bookmarks.xml file to revert to in case you make a mistake. If your file gets completely corrupted, just delete it. A new file will be created the next time you start Radio Tray.

Radio Tray is a great way to save the location of Internet music, news, and such that you enjoy and to play them while you plug away on your PC. It does this while staying in the background and not presenting you with a lot of extraneous information that you are not interested in at the moment.

Radio Tray shows that in many situations, less is more. Enjoy discovering Internet radio.



Right Click Surprises - Windows XP

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I have recently become familiar with some handy uses of the mouse right-click that are worth mentioning.

1. Right click on "Start" brings up a menu that lets you select Microsoft "explorer" and "search." This can be a quick way to get at those utilities.



2. If you want to use a program other than the default in conjunction with a file, then right click on the file and go to "open with." I sometimes use this with pdf files. My default for pdf files is "Nitro"


but it does not have a search function, so I will sometimes switch to "Adobe Reader" if I want to use the search.

3. In the tray at the bottom of the screen is an icon that looks like a screen with radiation coming from it. Left click tells the status of your Wi-Fi connection. Right click gives options of disable/status/repair. I was at a location where I appeared to be connected properly, but all of my browsers were unable to reach any URL. Someone assisted me by clicking on "repair" and I could watch the system rework my connection and make it better. I was dazzled.



4. The most important time-saver of all: If you are playing solitaire and you reach the point where you have won the game and it is just a matter of moving all the cards to the top row, then right-click on one of the cards in the bottom row and the system will do the remaining work for you.

Mountain Computer User Group September 2011 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5 LABOR DAY	6	7 MCUG Board Meeting	8	9	10
11 PATRIOT DAY	12 MCUG Meeting 6:00 Q&A 7:00 Program	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Last Day To Submit Articles !	23 1st Day of Autumn	24 
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Adam Carter	09/08
Don Monroe	09/08
Juanita Schneider	09/08
Deborah Woodberry	09/12
Rea Williams	09/13
Jeanine Andrews	09/15
Ian Grant	09/17
Kay Yandell	09/17
Michael Lazarz	09/18
Vivan Heath	09/22
Connie Lake	09/29
Diane Frenz	09/30



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES!!!

Bert & Lorraine Boutwell	09/26/1949	62 yrs
Roger & Laura Hove	09/14/1952	59 yrs
Bob & Dot Vaughn	09/30/1960	51 yrs
Ann & Mike Brown	09/24/1962	49 yrs
Tim & Adrienne Cassidy	09/20/1964	47 yrs
Bill & Cathy Pearce	09/09/1975	36 yrs
Tom & Jo Anne Allen	09/22/1985	26 yrs
Arthur & Doris Mott	09/19/1986	25 yrs

