

Home Theater/Camera Surveillance

MICHAEL HAMAN, the expert Custom Installation Manager at Big Apple Music Store, Seneca Turnpike, will focus primarily on all you need to know about installing a customized home theater, TV, Audio, Networking. He will also bring you up to date on camera surveillance. He'll bring his cameras, you bring your questions.

Voting will take place at the December meeting. If you would like to run or would like to nominate someone for an office, please contact mvpcug@mvpcug.com.

2012 PROPOSED SLATE

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ANNUAL FOOD & TOY DRIVE

Once again **Dave Askew** has volunteered to lead the annual Food & Toy Drive.

Each year we ask you to bring a new toy and/or non-perishable food to the November and December meetings.



In return for your generosity you will receive one extra door prize ticket for any amount of food and one for any amount of toys. Together with your regular member ticket, you could receive up to three tickets for chances to win door prizes. Extra prizes have been added.

Please remember those less fortunate than yourself and bring all the food and/or toys that you can.

THANK YOU

Tuesday, November 1 — 6 - 8:30PM
New Hartford Library
Meeting Open to the Public - Free



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The MVPCUG was founded in 1981 by individuals interested in IBM compatible computers. This non-profit organization consists of volunteers whose expertise range from novice to professional.

Regular meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 6pm, usually at the New Hartford Library, Library Lane, New Hartford. A typical agenda consists of discussion of business affairs and a demonstration of computer related products. Meetings are open to the public.

Membership fee for an individual is \$25.

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Meeting Agenda

- 5:30. Meet and Greet
- 6:00. Business Meeting
- 6:30. Program, Part 1
- 7:10. Break
- 7:20. Program, Part 2
- 8:15. Drawing for Prizes
- 8:30. Adjournment

Editorial notes . . .



Our annual Food/Toy Drive will be held for the next two months. Please be generous. You will be rewarded with extra tickets.

The Board of Directors voted to have extra door prizes for you to choose from.

The Board also is proposing a budget for 2012. The proposal is on page 3. We will be voting on it in December.

Also in December is the election of officers for the coming year. On the front page you will find the slate proposed by the Board. Nominations will be taken up until the time to vote. Please step forward if you are interested in any position. We don't want a stampede, but it might be nice if new people volunteered. Jerry Grega and David Hartnett are two members who recently joined us. David is doing a great job as Program Chair and Jerry has been an asset as Director. He's agreed to do several presentations you won't want to miss. And thanks always to Bo Wozniak, our greeter!

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Minutes of October 4, 2011

Joe Penabad, Secretary

BUSINESS MEETING

The MVPCUG General Meeting, with 23 members in attendance, was called to order by President Jerry Finkelstein at 6:00 PM in the SAMMON Room of the New Hartford Library on 04 October 2011.

He alerted the audience that in November a slate of officers for the year 2012 will be needed to be voted on at the December meeting. Offices open: one Director, President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Please e-mail your suggested candidates to mvpcug@mvpcug.com.

Since December is approaching, donating to the Club's Food (non-perishables only) and Toys (in working order) Drive. Extra door prize tickets (maximum of three) will be awarded to every donor.

Lisa Britt spoke about the "Extra Door Prize Raffle Contest" for members only, coming soon. It will be a question posed in the MVPCUG newsletter and the answer found in the club's web site. The answer will then be submitted in writing at that month's meeting. The winner, picked at random from among all the correct answers, will be rewarded with a prize that will please and surprise "the chosen one".

Bill Gorrell's Treasurers report, accepted for the period 09/01/11 to 09/30/11, includes 8 membership renewals, 5 extra door prize tickets for a net income of \$52.99.

PROGRAM

Allen M. Belmont, financial advisor at Edward Jones, totally, expertly engaged his audience in an enlightening, informative presentation on financial planning. He encouraged the use of the internet, such as the www.edwardjones.com web site, to review, investigate and plan your financial future, and provided neatly packaged literature on financial and retirement matters to facilitate that process. By correlating financial terms with interesting, entertaining, real-life analogies, he acknowledged the necessity of understanding the financial risks in any investment which can be accomplished through information on the internet. Two sites that he recommended for such research are: [1] marketwatch.com and [2] finance.yahoo.com. Mr.

Belmont's advice was relevant for all ages.

Since the emphasis in this presentation was investment information, research, etc., Mr. Belmont promised to return to address in more detail the aspects of planning for retirement through the application of financial investing. Don't miss it! Whether you are twenty, or one hundred twenty, stay tuned and be prepared to learn and act. You can contact Mr. Belmont at allen.belmont@edwardjones.com.

DOOR PRIZES

[furnished with club funds]

- Copy Paper. Steve Gorrell
- 4 GB Flash Drive. Louis Barile
- PostIt Note Paper. Jim Pease
- Pens. Don Jennings
- 4 X 6 Photo Paper. Bill Gorrell

[Donated by Rod St. Clair]

- CD Cases. Dick Eades

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM by Jerry F.
Respectfully submitted, Joe Penabad, Secretary ♦

2012 PROPOSED BUDGET	
Income:	
Membership dues.	\$1750
Interest from bank account.	7
Total Income.	\$1757
Expenses:	
Newsletter, inclusive.	\$986
Insurance.	395
Door Prizes.	150
Equipment/misc.	100
Program.	100
Office supplies.	26
Total Expenses.	\$1757

Sites to Visit on the 'Net

— by John Hunter

Smartphone Redux

Who needs a computer when you own a smartphone or an iPad? Even though I love my LG 8360, my wife tells me that I should turn it in for an iPhone like the one she plans to buy. For my wife to consider the purchase of an iPhone when she rarely carries or uses her current, simple cell phone that limits her use to making phone calls illustrates the seductive nature of technology today.

Here are several new apps for those of you who already own smartphones. The National Park Service, www.nps.gov/nama/photosmultimedia/app-page.htm just announced the release of a free app for iPhones and iPads, with Android apps to follow shortly, that allows visitors to Washington D.C. to explore many of the National Park Service cultural and historical sites.

The app features a list of current events in and around the National Mall. In addition, an interactive map allows you to identify walkways easily distinguished from roads and provides a suggested route that is easy to follow using a zoom feature and a “locate me” icon on your handset. And the map allows you to create an individualized tour just by tapping the interactive screen.

An even neater feature allows you to hold up the device and look through the activated camera view to see labels that identify all the sites on the mall. The site conveniently provides a QR Code that takes you directly to the iTunes Store to download the free app.

Social Responsibility Easily Afforded

Another example of your federal taxes at work comes from the Environmental Protection Agency at www.appsfortheenvironment.challenge.gov/submissions. The agency recently initiated a contest to find the most useful app related to the environment using EPA data. This challenge encourages software developers to write code using EPA data delivered to the public in an app. Developers submitted a number of apps including the following.

The app, CG Search, is a mobile green IT program that allows users from all over the country to know and to compare air quality index, air pollutant levels and energy consumption of various cities with Atlanta. Another app is The Green Gumshoe. This app brings local communities and government together to maintain a safe and clean environment.

For gamers, Joulebug, rewards players for reducing energy consumption. Playing the game encourages players to make energy conservation a habit. At my visit, the Apps for the Environment contest had only one more day to vote for the best app.

The www.challenge.gov site encourages the public and government to work together to solve problems. This site promotes a number of federal agencies to develop responsible solutions for health issues, environmental issues and airport design. Some of the contests provide cash awards to winning individuals and institutions.

Market Investor Help

If you are worried about your investments as the stock market oscillates wildly, a visit to www.wallstreet.com may provide some relief for jangled nerves. This site operates around the clock streaming up-to-the-second stock prices, blogs, mutual funds, banking, bonds and investment clubs. In addition, the site often provides articles of interest to socially conscious investors. For example, a recent article listed large American companies that exclude women and minorities from boards of directors.

The article highlighted HCA, a healthcare company; L-3 a defense contractor; Pilgrim's Pride, a poultry firm; and Sonic Automotive, a car retailer, as examples of large companies which had neither women nor minorities on their boards of directors.

For Those With Too Much Time To Waste

Members of the cognoscenti keep their edge by visiting sites like www.buzzfeed.com to ferret-out what's in and what's not. A recent post included men photographed in classic pin-up poses. To view this hilarious sendup click on www.buzzfeed.com/jpmoore/men-ups-manly-men-in-classic-pin-up-poses. If this is not to your liking, click on buzzfeed.com to view other strange and/or funny posts such as “16 Bizarre Things You Can Pay To Smell Like” on a link to metalfloss.com. Featured fragrances include bacon, Play-doh, Donald Trump, Stilton Cheese or The Laundromat. I have no explanation for these smells or for why anyone would pay money to smell like any of this. Maybe I'm just too old to get it.

Holiday Giving

With 14 million people unemployed and one-seventh of the population not knowing where the next meal comes from, please remember to bring non perishable foods and toys to the meeting.

Until next time . . .



Did You Know . . . — Donna Gorrell

. . . that you could print pages so that the first page will be on top of the stack in your printer? Doesn't matter if you are using Word or WordPerfect. Click File, then Print from the menu bar. Make sure your printer is selected [I have use of three printers and each one has its own settings]. Then go to Properties. Look for something that says Print in Reverse Order. Your printer might have different wording. Put a check mark in the box. Next time you print a multiple page document the pages should come out with page #1 on top of the stack.

. . . that Windows 7 has a variety of power plans that can help optimize the battery life of a laptop? Click the battery icon in the System Tray; then click More Power Options. In the Power Options window click the Show Additional Plans arrow to show all the options available. Look for the Extended Battery Life [Max Run Time] option. Click the radio button to select that option and close the dialog box. You can repeat this process to select other power plans.

. . . that XP has a similar power plan? Right click on the desktop, choose Properties from the list that pops up. In the dialog box that appears, click on the Screen Saver tab, then click on the Power button at the bottom under Monitor Power. You can then choose to adjust the various settings to your liking. Be aware that I have my monitor and disc set to turn off after 15 minutes and I have to go back to the dialog box frequently because Microsoft seems to think that after a few days I no longer want the computer do this.

. . . that you could use Firefox or Internet Explorer to send a link from a webpage by email to someone? In Firefox, click File, Send Link. You get a new email message [in your default mail program] with the page name in the Subject line and the link already pasted into the body. Choose your recipient(s), add a note if you wish, and click Send. In IE, click Page, Send Link by email. Don't confuse this with the nearby Send Page by E-mail option, which embeds the entire Web page in the body of your email, not just a link.

Don't forget—toys/food. Please help those in need at this time of year. ♦

Byting Remarks — Jerry Finkelstein

“Steve Jobs Transformed Our Culture” is the main theme of the mountains of mail that keep pouring in. Steve Jobs led the march against ugly and, along with Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers, ushered in the era of beauty and elegance. He “didn't just invent cool new products, he revolutionized our lives and our lifestyles . . . He helped us enjoy life more and made life easier.” Another tribute: “He made business sexy.” Over and over it's the same refrain, “His contributions to the human condition are inestimable.”

“Apple's Visionary Redefined Digital Age,” reads the lead Obit in *The New York Times*. Social networks,



industry leaders – even President Obama weighed in – were all abuzz about Jobs' intuitive marketing sense, how he's come to define the personal computer industry. They all talk, with great pride, of their love affair with their (Apple) computer.





Amid all this praise there are few reminders of Jobs' sudden flair-ups of temper, humiliating employees and firing them during fits of anger. But what the hey! His extraordinary vision enriched life. He had grandeur and greatness. He was a prime mover and shaker of technology that allowed for, among other wonderful devices and programs, the *ebook* phenomenon. It's just a little thing but if you are an *ebook* reader have you noticed the disappearance of the footnote? I've been reading about that lately, it seems they're putting them where endnotes used to be. How's that for improving your life experience? Thank you Steve. Like I said, it's just a little thing.

Everybody is in praise mode right now. I wonder what the reactions will be once the documentary movie on Jobs gets around. *The Agony and Ecstasy of Steve Jobs* covers the working conditions of employees working on the Apple computer in China, the “cancer clusters” that are poisoning the workers, the environmental standards. You know, of course, that all Apple products, so beautiful, so elegant, are designed for quick obsolescence. What's that about love affairs? Changing partners is more like it. ♦

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Monthly General Meeting 6 PM N Hartford Library	2	3	4	5
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