

Hi Computer Club Members,

Here is the list of training subjects that Larry, Jim and Carl plan to present and discuss this season. We will have three training stations setup like last year one for the beginners, one for the intermediate and one for the advanced computer users. You can attend any of the sessions and if you find you are not interested in that subject pick up your chair and move to another training station. Remember we will always take the time to answer your software or hardware questions. All of us at SWCTC are committed to helping you learn computers so they are easy and fun to use. See list below.

It is that time of year to renew your SWCTC membership for 2009. The membership fee has not changed from last year, the year before, or the year before and beyond. It is still \$20.00 a year for a single membership, \$25.00 a year for a family and **\$10.00 for a single winter visitor membership**. All of us volunteer our time to bring you these training programs to make learning computers more enjoyable. The membership fee helps pay for the equipment we use and the donations we give to Faith Assembly Church for use of the hall. Please renew you membership for 2009.

South Walton Computer & Technology Club

List of Computer Training Topics

December 2008, January - March 2009

NOVICE (BEGINNERS)

Basics: Learn everything you need to know before turning on your computer and when you first turn it on.

Housekeeping: How to defragment a hard drive, delete unwanted files, run a virus scan, remove spyware, remove cookies, and remove unwanted programs at startup.

Media Player: How to use your Media Player to listen to your favorite music CD and play a movie.

Search Engines: Learn how to make basic searches using Google, Yahoo and other search engines.

Outlook Express: Tips on how to make your emails more interesting using different fonts, backgrounds, music, photographs, clipart and much more.

Free Internet Connections: Learn how easy it is to find places that offer free WiFi and what to do to protect your computer when surfing or sending and receiving emails.

Basic Internet: This session will cover the internet basics. How to set your home page, save favorites, change font size, set short cuts for most frequently visited sites, printing a web page and emailing a page to a friend.

Free Tech Support: Find how easy it is to use tech support from Microsoft and other software and hardware vendors. How to use FAQ's or KB Bulletins or News Groups to find the right answers without paying for the support.

INTERMEDIATE & ADVANCED

Ebay & PayPal: Bring an item to sell and learn how easy it is to setup an eBay and a PayPal account and list your item for sale. Watch the buyers bidding. The member who gets the most number of buyer views and has the best results will win a SWCTC prize.

Free Downloads: Learn how to go to the most comprehensive source for free-to-try software on the Web. See how to install and run the programs. Some of this software is amazing and can make your computing more enjoyable and interesting.

Copy Files to CD: See how easy it is to use Windows XP to copy files to a CD. Learn the differences between a CD-R and CD-RW and which one to use when. Learn how to avoid making coasters from a new blank CD.

Hard Drive Backup: Watch a demo using Acronis software with an external hard drive to create an exact copy of your hard disk. This software will allow you to instantly restore your entire machine.

WiFi: This session will cover the basics. Things to look for before making a purchase of a wireless router. How to setup the wireless router and get the best coverage. How to set the security levels. What to look for when the flashing lights go out and when to reboot or call your service provider.

PC Troubleshooting: Set by step on how to do your own troubleshooting. Attend this session and you can learn how to restore your computer in two easy steps or if that doesn't fix the problem go through the five most likely things than can cause your PC or laptop to not function properly.

Financial: Financial Management on line review Session #1 using Schwab Web Site schwab.com. Learn how to choose financial/investment firm using your computer and evaluating your comfort with that firm.

Digital Photography: How digital photography works, demo digital Zoom, demo optical zoom and demo SLR differences.

Encryption: What is encryption, examples of simple encryption, different types of encryption and examples of how one could use encryption.

Wii Game: System review (Xbox, PS3 and Wii), Overview and sample games, exercise (sports package) tennis, baseball, bowling, etc. Members can participate in exercise games.

Let's YouTube it! Discuss various video capture methods. Install a video camera (web cam).Record several people in interview situations. Use Movie Maker to edit and create YouTube file upload to You Tube.

The Internet Cloud: What is the Cloud? How and when it will be around. Show examples of cloud internet sites.

Genealogy: Session #1-Family History (Family Tree Maker)

Session #2- Family Web Search (Family Tree Maker)

Picasa: by Google Session #1- How to organize your Photos

FUN GAMES & CONTESTS

Internet Shopping: You are challenged to find the best buy for ladies shoes and ladies clothing, a new or used automobiles, where the best buys are on software and computer hardware and best medical advise web sites.

Free Cell Challenge: This is a contest playing the best out of five matches Free Cells games against the best SWCTC player. Everyone who has a laptop play will play the same predetermined game. The winner of the contest who beats the SWCTC champ will receive a special prize and certificate.

Photo Contest: Another example of having fun at our meetings is to have a photo contest and award three different prizes for the best of three different categories such as landscape, local interest and most original. Make the photo editing training part of the contest. Many members should have a digital camera they can use for this contest.

GPS Geocaching: This is a GPS treasure hunt where members with a GPS can participate in a Stash Hunting or Geocaching game. Before the games begin GPS training to be given. It will be a half-day SWCTC sponsored treasure hunt that ends up at Starbucks Silver Sands.

Google Search: This is a contest for all of the members who bring a laptop to the meeting. The fun game is centered around a Google search using a list of predetermined list of unusual things you can find on the internet. The person who finds the most number of items wins a free membership for 2009. The search list gets progressively harder so brush up on your Google searching before the contest begins.

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PS: If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask or send an email message to me at sandcloud@embarqmail.com