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There seems to have been some misunderstanding of my email stating that all members that had "NOT renewed" were being taken off the current roster. I do apologize but this information was only sent out as a reminder for the members that may have forgotten to register for 2009. If you have not as yet, and still want to renew your membership, go to our website www.computerbooters.org - fill-in the application and follow the mailing instructions.

The March 2, 2009 meeting will occur in the Navajo Room of the Sun Lakes 1 Clubhouse. We look forward to seeing all of our members there.

Computer Maintenance Practices

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There are some easy ways to help keep your computer running healthy. First, configure your antispyware or antivirus program to run at least once a day. Most protection programs give you the option of choosing when the scan will occur. Second, defragment your hard drive on a regular basis. Defragmenting combines fragmented files when possible, ultimately making file access, and overall computer use, faster. Lastly, regularly back up your most important files on an external hard drive or DVD, this will ensure less data loss if something should happen to your computer.

2009 SIG Schedule

by *Ralph Ilsen*, SIG COORDINATOR



The March SIG schedule is listed below. SIG meetings are held at Sun Lakes 1 in the Mirror Room. All evening SIG meetings start at 7 PM.

Be sure to wear your Computer Booters nametag to gain admittance to all SIG meetings. If you have any questions about any of the SIGs, you can contact me at Ralph@Ilsen.net or 895-1166. The SIG schedule can change after the newsletter is published so, for the latest information, look for our weekly broadcast e-mail messages. If you're not receiving our broadcasts, contact George Rodriguez 480-802-9080 casarod@hotmail.com to be added to the distribution list.

For those of you who own laptop computers, all the SIGs now have tables and AC outlets available so bring your laptop (or camera) to the SIG of your choice.

<u>SIG NAME</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING DATE</u>
Computer Beginnings Susan Klein	7:00 PM	1st Monday	March 2, 2009
Digital Imaging Jim Rahilly	7:00 PM	1st Wednesday	March 4, 2009
DVD Producing /ProShow Gold Ralph Ilsen	7:00 PM	2nd Tuesday	March 10, 2009
Photoshop Elements John Durrett	7:00 PM	2nd Wednesday	March 11, 2009
eBay <> How to use it! Arch & Linda Ward	7:00 PM	2nd Monday	March 9, 2009
Basic Computer & Beyond Rollie Baumann	7:00 PM	3rd Wednesday	March 18, 2009
Quicken Ben Thompson	7:00 PM	4th Tuesday	March 24, 2009
Microsoft Word Collett McNally	7:00 PM	4th Wednesday	March 25, 2009

Jim Ivey is available to Computer Booters members for one-on-one help with Word Perfect. You can reach Jim via e-mail at jimivaz@wbhsi.net.

Ed Ryczek will answer any Computer Booters member's spreadsheet questions. Contact Ed at edry01@earthlink.net.

From the President's Desk



There seems to have been some misunderstanding of my email stating that all members that had "NOT renewed" were being taken off the current roster. I do apologize but this information was only sent out as a reminder for the members that may have forgotten to register for 2009. We are encouraging members to signup, but those who decide not to have been removed from the e-mail notifications list and membership roster.

If you have not yet, and still want to renew your membership, go to our website www.computerbooters.org and fill-in the application, print it and mail it along with your check to the address specified. We will get you back on the roster very quickly

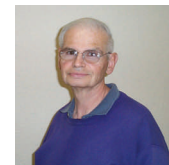
and resume the information notifications.

In February we had one of our members do a presentation and we will have another in house done for March. We encourage our members to share their knowledge so that the rest of the club can benefit. If you use a particular program and think that it would benefit the club contact John Durrett jcdurrett@wbhsi.net and he can make the necessary arrangements. Your presentation does not have to be long and intensive just informative and does not have to be longer than 15 or 20 minutes but we can allot more time if needed.

Hope to see you at the meeting March 3 in the Navajo Room of the Sun Lakes Country Club.

Membership Report

by Ed Schweitzer, CLUB RECORDS DIRECTOR



All members that have not renewed their membership for 2009 have been purged from the database and broadcast listing as of February 17, 2009. They are no longer eligible to attend meetings, but they can be reinstated by sending in their renewal dues now.

If you have not sent in your renewal, log onto our website, www.computerbooters.org scroll down to membership in the left column and click on it. Print out the form, fill it out and return it with your check for \$24 for single membership or \$36 for two people living in the same household to the address on the form or bring it to the next general meeting on March 3, 2009 at Sun Lakes 1 in the Navajo Room at 6:30 PM.

Membership cards will be available at the general meeting on March 3, 2009 for those that

have paid their dues and have not picked them up.

Be advised that the membership desk on the night of the general meetings closes at 6:30 PM. Late comers will not receive a raffle ticket.

This is my last report on membership. Guy Laroche, mr1968zeus@msn.com, is my replacement. Guy advises that he is up to speed with maintenance of the membership data base and will take over my duties in March. Please welcome Guy and give him all of the wonderful support that you have afforded me over the years. I have enjoyed my tenure as Club Records Director and thank all of you for allowing me to serve you.

Look Who's Volunteering

by Darlene Herring, VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR



We had a total of 21 members and guests for our Computer Booters, February, 2009 monthly meeting.

The volunteers who assisted with equipment for the speakers were Jim Gatesman, Ed Craze and Jim Walgren. Ziggy Wirganowicz tended the need for lighting. Ann Armbruster did her best to keep the details taken care of. Eddie Schweitzer and his faithful helpers Alan Behr, Vivian Berman and Shari Thompson were there to provide name badges and answer questions.

Last month we profiled our Club President and this month we will introduce you to two more of our volunteers... 'up close and personal'.

John Sweet and wife, Donna, were both born in Springfield, Illinois, and were married in Burlington, Iowa, on January 7, 1956. They have five children with 10 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

That same year, 1956 they moved to Arizona and John worked for J.C. Penney's as a shoe salesman in downtown Phoenix. The following year he was hired by Garrett AiResearch as a Quality Control Inspector and retired in 1994 from Honeywell. Garrett had several name changes, including Allied Signal during his thirty-seven (37) years as a Senior Quality Assurance Engineer. He was responsible for their Material Review Board as a Manufacturing Quality Engineer. In 1993 John and Donna moved from Tempe to Sun Lakes to enjoy his interest in reading (waiting for his Kindle 2.0 to arrive), computers, traveling to France, Germany and surrounding area, motor home travel in the Northwest, Midwest and Southeast to visit their children and grandchildren. In 1996, John was elected President of the Computer Booters Club and is still a member. He is also a member of First Baptist Church of Sun Lakes and a former member of the Road Runners RV

Club.

John is presently on the Computer Booters' Board of Directors and holds the title of Communications Director. Thank you, John, for all your time and expertise you have shared with and for the Club members during the past sixteen years.

The second volunteer we want to acknowledge is our Club Records Director, Eddie Schweitzer.

Eddie was born in Brooklyn, New York. That is where he met his wife, Barbara, who was employed as a legal secretary. They were married in Monroe County, New Jersey, on September 8, 1996. They have a daughter and son-in-law.

Eddie was in the U.S. Army Reserve for eight years while he worked in Manhattan and Brooklyn, for a subsidiary of the New York Stock Exchange for twenty years while living in both New York and New Jersey where he moved 1992.

Following his retirement in 1999 Eddie and Barbara moved to Sun Lakes. He is a member of Sun Lakes Jewish Congregation, Jewish War Veterans and Knights of Pythias, as well as a Life Member of Sun Lakes Computer Booters. In addition, his favorite pastimes: computers, movies, card playing and shows keep him busy.

Unfortunately, due to health problems, Eddie is no longer able to maintain his position as Club Records Director on the Computer Booters' Board of Directors. The position requires a great deal of detail work and Eddie's reports were always meticulous. He will be notably missed. We pray his health improves rapidly.

Thank you, Eddie, for all the time and thoroughness that you spent for your Club.

Treasurer's Report

by Jim Rahilly, TREASURER

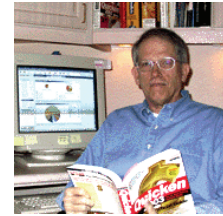
Balance as of February 10, 2009

\$6,542.92



Program Update

by John Durrett, VICE PRESIDENT



February Meeting

Dennis Rix, a club member and former employee of Hewlett Packard, shared his insights on HP printers, and how to get their latest driver updates. Dennis also showed us the great online capabilities of the HP web site (www.hp.com). HP offers many free online courses, and Dennis reviewed some of popular ones for the club. Unfortunately, due to camera maladies, we were not able to get a picture of Dennis that we are able to publish with this article.

The featured speaker for the evening was Dave Whipple. Dave has presented many times before, and again reviewed the capabilities of Muvee software and how it can help create a smooth video presentation



from an accumulation of still pictures and movies. The software is designed for the newcomer in video production, and walks the creator through the process. Dave was also excited about a new venture of his in setting up a website at www.coolhotnot.com. Dave views this as the forerunner of sharing among viewers their ratings of new technology items. Dave is encouraging people to get in on the ground floor and help him develop the evaluations the site will offer to its users. It is an interesting proposition.

March Meeting

Ralph Ilsen, the Director of our Computer Booters SIGs, and the leader of the ProShow Gold Video Producing SIG, will show us how easy it can be to set up either a slide show or a video production using ProShow Gold. Ralph is an expert in using ProShow Gold, and has used this software for many presentations, including a recent standing-room only talk with slides on the life and works of Normal Rockwell at the Maricopa County Robson Library located here in Sun Lakes. Ralph will describe how we can develop an interesting slide show including the use of music and professional transitions.

The second speaker for March is Gene Barlow. We look forward to hearing from Gene as he has valuable insights on how to protect your computer and your data using backup software and external devices. Gene has been recommending Acronis True Image software for years, and it will be interesting to see how the company has advanced the latest version of that software.

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Southwest Conference & Computer Tips



Are you ready for Southwest 2009?

This year's event will be held on May 29, 30 & 31 at the beautiful Town and Country Resort & Convention Center in San Diego. In this time of economic decline the registration and hotel room rates remain the same. Registration is \$75.00, however if you register by May 1, the Early Bird special is \$60. (Many people have already registered.) You will find the registration form at: <http://theswcc.org/registration/registration.htm>

To obtain the same conference rate as last year (\$119 single or double), hotel reservations must be made by May 1.

<http://www.theswcc.org/hotel/hotel.htm>

The conference team has been busy planning new and exciting events such as a day trip to the Viejas Casino and 60-store outlet mall on Thursday, May 28. A bus will be provided and you will receive a casino Fun Book, \$10.00 cash and discount coupons for the stores at the outlet mall. A \$20 deposit is required and you must register by April 1. <http://theswcc.org/registration/Casinoregistration.pdf>

Mr. Bicep, the Muscleman of Technology and television personality, will kick off the conference on Friday afternoon with his infamous Gadgets workshop.

And don't forget about the Digital Photo Contest (we've already received some entries). We have a new category this year..... see the Website for details. <http://theswcc.org/Contest/contest.htm>

Patricia Hill
Review Editor

Smart Computing Tips

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Restart Your Computer For Better Performance:

Many users log off their computer every night as a way to try to keep unwanted people from accessing their files on their computer. Instead of logging off of your computer every night — **restart it**. In doing

so, you will enable Windows to refresh itself and remove temporary files.

It will also let your computer free memory and other resources that some of your hardware and software will not release, thereby making your computer work more smoothly and at a faster rate.



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The COMPUTER BOOTERS meet the first Tuesday of each month, except in July and August when we do not meet, and in March when the date and/or location changes due to the Sun Lakes One homeowners meeting. Call for the date and location of the March meeting. We meet at 6:30 PM in the Arizona Room of the Sun Lakes One Country Club at 6:30 PM, which is south of Riggs Road on Sun Lakes Blvd. Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 2:30 PM in the Mirror Room at Sun Lakes 1.

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2009 CALENDAR CORNER

Meeting 6:30 PM Tuesday March 6, 2009

Club presenter: Ralph Ilsen, the Director of our Computer Booters SIGs, will show us how easy it can be to set up either a slide show or a video production using ProShow Gold.

Guest presenter: Gene Barlow has valuable insights on how to protect your computer and your data using backup software and external devices.

2009 Monthly Meeting Dates

Tuesday, 6:30 PM--Arizona Room, Sun Lakes 1

March 3 (Navajo Room)

April 7

May 5

June 2

September 1

October 6

November 3

December 1