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See you at the meeting.

#### **Smart Computing Tips**

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#### **How to Clean Your Touchscreen:**

Devices with touchscreens, such as an iPod touch, a GPS (global positioning system) unit, and even some camera LCDs (liquid-crystal displays), often get pretty dirty and have obvious fingerprint marks. To clean your touchscreen, turn off the device, then wipe it with a soft cotton cloth. Be sure to use an up and down motion when doing so and don't use paper towels, as they can destroy the polarizer. If you want, you can spray a non-ammonia-based glass cleaner onto the CLOTH, not the actual screen, and make sure it is only slightly damp, not dripping wet.

## 2009 SIG Schedule

by *Ralph Ilsen*, SIG COORDINATOR



The May 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](mailto: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](mailto: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	May 4, 2009
Digital Imaging Jim Rahilly	7:00 PM	1st Wednesday	May 6, 2009
DVD Producing /ProShow Gold Ralph Ilsen	7:00 PM	2nd Tuesday	May 12, 2009
Photoshop Elements John Durrett	7:00 PM	2nd Wednesday	May 13, 2009
eBay <> How to use it! Arch & Linda Ward	7:00 PM	2nd Monday	Suspended-TBA
Basic Computer & Beyond Rollie Baumann	7:00 PM	3rd Wednesday	May 20, 2009
Quicken Ben Thompson	7:00 PM	4th Tuesday	May 26, 2009
Microsoft Word Collett McNally	7:00 PM	4th Wednesday	May 27, 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](mailto:jimivaz@wbhsi.net).

Ed Ryczek will answer any Computer Booters member's spreadsheet questions. Contact Ed at [edry01@earthlink.net](mailto:edry01@earthlink.net).

## From the President's Desk



Special thanks go out to John Durrett and Ralph Ilsen for their live presentation of Skype. It goes without saying that at time some difficulties can come up and even the best knowledgeable have some encounter some problems but in the end they worked it out. John and Ralph encountered some start-up difficulties but worked on it and made a successful and very informative presentation. I am convinced that this is a great program (and the price is right) that allows all of us to stay in touch (face to face) with our family and friends anywhere in the world. It makes it so much easier to see first hand how these products work, perhaps we can do a similar product presentation at one of our future meetings.

Our next meeting, May 05th, will cover another cost saving program called "Open Office". Bill Klein will demonstrate how to use the "Free" alternative to Microsoft Office. This is a program for anyone that uses Word, Excel, Power Point or any other parts of the office catalogue and do not want to pay to get an upgrade to their latest version. More details are available on the website's main page...

Well as we are accustomed, several of our neighbors have started their departure to their northern homes. We wish them a happy and healthy summer and we will look forward to their return in the fall.

See you at the meeting.

## Membership Report

by Guy Laroche, CLUB RECORDS DIRECTOR



Members that have not paid their dues for 2009 are no longer eligible to attend meetings or SIGs. However, they can be reinstated by sending in their renewal dues now.

For potential new members and for renewal, log onto the Computer Booters website, [www.computerbooters.org](http://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 May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at Sun Lakes 1 in the Arizona Room at 6:30 PM. (Please write legibly as it is important we have the correct e-mail and phone number as well as the correct spelling for the badges).

Membership badges will be available at the general meeting on May 5, 2009 for those that have paid their dues and have not picked them up. We still have a lot of badges that have not been picked up. Please attend the May 5th general meeting and pickup your 2009 badge.

If you change your email and/or home address and or phone number, please let the Records Director know so the records will be correct and you will continue to receive announcements.

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.



## Look Who's Volunteering *by Darlene Herring, VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR*

**O**ur April 7th monthly meeting for the Sun Lakes Computer Booters Club was very interesting. Many of us who had not had the opportunity to witness some of the magic of today's computers were amazed....which just goes to show, if you are not a member yet, you may be missing a lot.

The main program was presented by John Durrett and Ralph Ilsen. They demonstrated a free download program called *Skype*, that allowed them to communicate with each other via video cameras on their computers, using the wireless net. We were a little short handed getting the equipment ready, but by the time Jim Gatesman, Rollie Baumann, Shadow Wrage and other volunteers assisted, the job was done.

The Q&A session was very lively, so Ann Armbruster was kept on the move with the microphones while folks asked questions. Even though the number present was only 86, most all were interested in how versatile computers of today are.

Alan Behr and Vivian Berman managed the guest/member table while Kathie Wrage dispensed tickets for the door prizes.

Guests and volunteers were welcomed at the front door by Eddie Schweitzer.

Our next 'up close and personal' volunteer is Jim Rahilly, our Club Treasurer. Jim was born in London, England. He landed in New York, USA, in March 1948. While living in Brooklyn he was drafted into the U.S. Army in February, 1953. He was in a Replacement Depot for Korea, but was sent to Germany instead. Jim received his U.S. citizenship and was sworn in at the U.S. Consulate in Munich, Germany. He served two years in the Army and returned to Brooklyn, New York. Jim worked as CEO for Alliance Finance Group, National Risk Management Consultants, and as a stock broker.

While in Brooklyn he married Lucille in 1958 and they have three lovely daughters. After retiring, they moved to Sun Lakes in March 2000. Jim's interests are golf, photography, computers and history. He is a member of the local camera club and SLCB which he joined in 2001. He became the facilitator for the Digital Photography SIG in 2002 and in 2005 was elected as the SLCB Treasurer, a position he still holds today. Jim Rahilly is a reliable, talented Sun Lakes Computer Booter volunteer.

For many years, he has proven himself to be a very valuable asset to our Club .

Thank you Jim for all that you do!

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## Treasurer's Report *by Jim Rahilly, TREASURER*

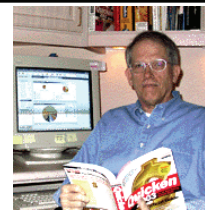
**Balance as of April 13, 2009**

**\$4,517.10**



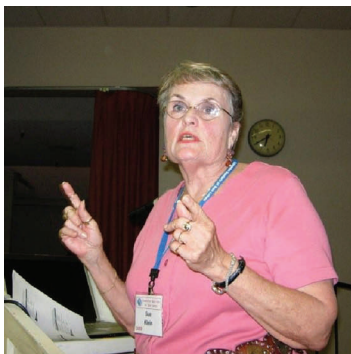
# Program Update

by John Durrett, VICE PRESIDENT



## April Meeting

Sue Klein, the leader of the Computer Booters *Computer Beginnings* Special Interest Group, gave a slide presentation reviewing the many keyboard commands that are available to the computer user once they take their hand off the mouse. Keyboard commands are made for the typist which was the way software was originally designed. Sue notes that we can thank Apple for the Windows mouse design. She had handouts listing keyboard commands for use at home. There were many questions and much interaction with the audience.



The second speaker for April was a demonstration of *Skype* by Ralph Ilsen and John Durrett. John showed how to access and download the free *Skype* program from the internet, as [www.skype.com](http://www.skype.com). He and Ralph, who were both using the club's wireless connection to the internet, talked and communicated with video cameras. Ralph's camera was built into his notebook computer, and John's was a USB plug-in addition to his computer. There was a special drawing after the presentation for a video camera with built-in microphone, which was won by none other than George Rodriguez, our club president. It was strictly a random drawing. George said it was the first time he won a drawing in years. He might have felt a little guilty, but he did keep



the camera. Ralph is shown using his computer during the meeting.

## May Meeting

We will be fortunate to have Todd Wagley as a guest speaker from Data Doctors for our May meeting. Todd is associated with the operation of all the Data Doctor centers in the East Valley, and brings a wealth of experience to the meeting. His special subject for the meeting will be computer security, and what users can do to protect their computers and their data. Data Doctors gets involved in repairing many computers which have been infected by viruses, and they have recommendations on using anti-virus and firewall software. Todd will also discuss how to protect your home network if you use a wireless access to the internet. Many people use wireless notebooks and routers, and Todd has some special advice for these users.

The second speaker for May will be one of our club members: Bill Klein. Bill will explain the Open Office Suite, a free alternative software package to Microsoft Office Suite. Open Office is available from the internet, and Bill will show how to find it and download it. The Open Office Suite has component software equivalent to Word, Excel, Powerpoint and others. In fact, Open Office will open documents and files that have been created by others using Microsoft software. The Write program from Open Office even includes the function of exporting a Word document into a PDF file. I have used that option many, many times in preparing things for Computer Booters. So come to the meeting and hear Bill explain how you too can have free access to an office suite of software.

## Southwest Computer Conference Information

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The 16<sup>th</sup> annual Southwest Computer Conference is being held May 29, 30, and 31 at the beautiful Town and Country Resort & Convention Center in San Diego. Everyone attending the conference will have the opportunity to attend technology company presentations and tech sessions as well as workshops to enhance their computer skills. They will also be able to talk with the vendors at the Saturday night Expo and buy products at a conference discount rate. A Welcome Bag and T-shirt are also included in the registration fee.

Early Bird registration is \$60, postmarked by May 15. May 16 through the conference, the fee is \$75. To take advantage of the hotel conference \$109 discount rate, reservations must be made by May 1. Please see [www.theswcc.org](http://www.theswcc.org) for more information.

A special event is being held on Thursday, May 28, hosted by the Jerry & Judy Clarke, Patricia & Al Hill and Jim & Barbara Gates. It's a day trip to the Viejas Casino and 60-store discount mall across the street from the casino. The reservation deadline is May 25 and participants receive a Casino fun book and discount coupons for the stores.

Don Baker of Klassic Specialties has announced he is giving all SW2009 attendees a 10% discount on his already low-priced ink and paper supplies to be delivered at the Saturday night Expo. This offer also saves on shipping costs. Place your order at [www.klassicspecialties.com](http://www.klassicspecialties.com) prior to May 28 and indicate "SWCC2009" in the comment section of the order form. The discount will appear on the invoice delivered with the product. (Orders not picked up will be subject to any subsequent shipping charges that may apply.)

Bruce Pechman, the Muscleman of Technology, will kick off the conference on Friday afternoon at 3:00 pm with his popular gadgets workshop. Bruce is frequently seen on the KUSI Good Morning San

Diego show, as well as the KTLA Morning Show in Los Angeles, keeping viewers up-to-date on the latest technology. He will have many cool prizes and the three we can announce now are the Kitchen Technology Center (\$399), Xbox 360 Console Game System (\$199), and the very limited Special Collector's Edition of World of Warcraft "Wrath of the Lich King" with a complete set of Brady Games Official Strategy Guides (\$50).

Some of the tech sessions / workshops are: Smart Computing magazine; Nero multimedia suite – photo editing, burning CDs (videos, music, data); User Group Relations – a webinar on backing up with Acronis; Steganos USB encryption; demystifying inkjet printing with Klassic Specialties; Firetrust (all the way from New Zealand) spam blocking software; Laptop Ergonomics with LapWorks; Computer Forensics; the Kindle; Spring Clean Your Computer; the "I's" – iPhone, iPod, iTunes – Why they are so fun; Virtual PC, Photo Story and Podcasting; Computer Security and Free Security Software; Is it time to put a penguin in your Computer, featuring Ubuntu; as well as Is there a Mac in your future.

To complete the conference and casino day trip registration forms plus find out more information about the conference, go to:

[www.theswcc.org](http://www.theswcc.org)

See you in San Diego,

Judy

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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. All other meetings are held 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. CB 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 May 5, 2009

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**Guest presenter:** Todd Wagley from Data Doctors who is associated with the operation of all the Data Doctor centers in the East Valley. His subject for the meeting will be computer security.

## 2009-10 Monthly Meeting Dates

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

**May 5  
June 2  
September 1  
October 6  
November 3  
December 1  
January 4  
February 2  
March 2  
April 6**