

The



# Computer Booter

Computer Booters of Sun Lakes

<http://www.computerbooters.com>

April 2011

## April newsletter highlights

### INSIDE

From the President	2
SIG Schedule	2
Volunteers	3
Membership Report	4
Treasurer's Report	4
Program Update	5
Review Editor	6
Club Information	7
Future Meeting Dates	8

**O**ur next general meeting will be on Tuesday April 5, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. We have an exciting April schedule! George Parker, Store Manager of our local OfficeMax, is putting together a team to present and demonstrate the latest and greatest equipment such as Netbooks and E-Readers. They will also describe their In-Store Computer Services which includes a free PC checkup.

The *Tips & Tricks* portion of the meeting will be presented by Rollie Baumann, our very capable Hardware Manager.

Be there by or before 7:00 P.M. and get a free raffle ticket for one of our many door prizes.

**Thank you Western Broadband for printing our newsletter and making it available to your customers. We appreciate your support!**

[www.wbhsi.net](http://www.wbhsi.net)

## From the President's Desk

by *George Rodriguez*, PRESIDENT



Our March 01 meeting site was a bit shaky until the last few hours of the day. It appears that an error occurred when we neglected to book the Navajo room as we did in the past two years. I forgot that the phase I Homeowners association have the Arizona room booked each and every year for their annual meeting.

I received a call on Monday at 4:10 PM reminding me that we did not have the room booked! I guess the oversight came into focus at that point and we started searching high and low to find a room large enough to accommodate our group. We found the Lecky community room at the E. J. Robson Library but then had to get insurance coverage as required by Maricopa County. We were able to secure insurance on very short notice and were able to hold the meeting at the scheduled time. All in all the meeting was a success and although we did not have the wireless microphones we made the best with the portable speakers we had. Needless to say we have already arranged for our meeting room for March 6, 2012.

I wish to thank my State Farm Agent Kevin Cunningham and Jim & Judy Turner from the Lecky Community room for their assistance in this short notice arrangement.

See you at the meeting.

---

## 2011 SIG Schedule

by *Sue Klein*, SIG COORDINATOR



---

### An Exciting April for the SIGs

Our April SIG schedule offers two "One Stop Workshops". Our First "One Stop" will be Judy Di presenting information on how to use your computer to access the public library. This workshop should be helpful to all our library users.

Our second "One Stop" will be Al Hill presenting the ins and outs of AOL.com, for all of you who use AOL.

We also have our seven regular SIGs: Computer Beginnings, Ebay, ProShow Gold, Digital Photography, Windows 7, Basic Computers and

Beyond, Quicken and MS Word.

**The Special Interests Groups or SIGs are classes FREE to all Computer Booters. It is a chance to expand your computer knowledge and meet other members. All SIGs are announced ahead through email. Don't forget to wear your badge. See You there, Sue**

## Look Who's Volunteering

*by Darlene Herring, VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR*



**O**n March 1<sup>st</sup> there were 97 members and guests who attended our computer Booters Club monthly meeting. Even though we had to meet in the Robson Library meeting room, we were thankful for all who attended and apologize for the inconvenience.

There was little work to setting up the equipment, but our faithful volunteer Ed Craze did the job nicely.

Guy Laroche, Membership Director and his two loyal assistants, Alan Behr and Vivian Berman, were available to answer all newcom-

ers questions, dispense new name badges and help when needed.

The red door prize tickets were given to all who were members – old and new that were wearing current badges. The winners seemed very pleased with their prizes.

Our computer Club lost one of its own recently due to cancer. Ralph Ilsen was known for his many years of devotion to our Club and for his willingness to help others. He will be sorely missed.

## Cool Web Sites

*by Kim Komando*



**W**here do you go when you need to look something up? Chances are, you go straight to Google.

Well, that probably isn't the best place to start your research. Google doesn't check sites to see how accurate their information is.

Instead, I recommend LibrarySpot. You'll find a wealth of information. Look up quotes, double-check grammar and usage, or find calculators.

Of course, the LibrarySpot offers so much more. You never know what you'll find until you start exploring. In that respect, it's much like a traditional library!

Of course, even the Internet can't replace libraries. Fortunately, LibrarySpot links to many library Web sites. That makes it easy to track down books and other resources at nearby libraries.

[www.libraryspot.com](http://www.libraryspot.com)

### HUMOR FOR SOME

Three rednecks were working up on a cell phone tower: Cooter, Ronnie and Donnie. As they start their descent, Cooter slips, falls off the tower and is killed instantly. As the ambulance takes the body away, Ronnie says, 'Well, shucks, someone should go and tell his wife.'

Donnie says, 'OK, I'm pretty good at that sensitive stuff, I'll do it.' Two hours later, he comes back carrying a case of Budweiser.

Ronnie says, 'Where did you get that beer, Donnie?'

'Cooter's wife gave it to me,' Ronnie replies.

'That's unbelievable, you told the lady her husband was dead and she gave you a case of beer?' 'Well, not exactly,' Donnie says. 'When she answered the door, I said to her, "you must be Cooter's widow."'

She said, 'You must be mistaken. I'm not a widow.' Then I said, 'I'll bet you a case of Budweiser you are.'

Rednecks are always good at sensitive stuff.



## Membership Report

by Guy Laroche, CLUB RECORDS DIRECTOR

**W**e have a new SIG Classes coordinator – read her column in the SIG Classes section. We have new activities planned, make sure to keep informed (Web site, emails, and meetings). There is still time to participate if you join now.

Guests are welcome at the general meeting (one attendance is free). It is the best way to see what the Computer Booters has to offer and you can talk to existing members. Bring a friend or neighbor. The dues for 2011 are as follows: \$36.00 for individual and \$48.00 for two persons living at the same address. This covers general meeting, door prizes, and all SIG Classes (Special Interest Group classes), not to mention that you can always talk to someone in the Club. We have a number of members that can answer computer related questions.

Membership forms for 2011 are available on our website [www.computerbooters.org](http://www.computerbooters.org) (left column of the home page, under membership). Everyone is requested to fill out

a membership form, even if they are renewing. Filling the form on-line is the best way to ensure the data is accurate and readable, especially the e-mail address. However the form cannot be sent on-line, it has to be printed. You can also pick up a form at the front table before the general meeting of the Computer Booters of Sun Lakes. Attach (do not staple or tape) your check to the form and bring it to the meeting or snail mail it to the address on the form (P.O. Box).

As always, membership badges will be ready to be picked up, at the membership table, before the general meeting following the receipt of the application.

**Please Note:** General meetings start promptly at 7:00 PM on the first Tuesday of each month (except summer time). Doors close when the meeting starts and late comer will not receive a door prize ticket. SIG Classes also start at 7:00 pm according to the schedule found on the Computer Booters Web site.

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

### Fund Balances as of March 2, 2011:

Rainy Day Reserve Fund	\$	1,129.47
Current Operating Fund		<u>4,350.71</u>
Total Funds	\$	<u>5,480.18</u>



# Program Update

by Ben Thompson, VICE PRESIDENT



## March 2011 Meeting

Our presenter for the month was Abby Stokes who has a gift for taking the terrified by the hand and teaching old dogs new tricks. She has single-handedly demystified computers for over 135,000 people, mostly seniors, in the course of the past 17 years. Abby has taught courses in basic computing at Cooper Union and New York University's School of Lifelong Learning, as well as computer skills to private and corporate clients. She has lectured on the topic across the country.



Abby gave a reassuring, jargon-free, and totally straightforward nuts-and-bolts presentation that introduced late bloomers, grandparents, technophobes, and the digitally challenged to all the wonders of using a computer. This information is also available in her book, "Is This Thing On?: A Computer Handbook for Late bloomers, Technophobes, and the Kicking & Screaming". Three copies of the book were distributed as door prizes and Abby made other copies available for purchase at the end of the meeting. The people who did not grow up with personal computers were exposed to everything they need to get wired; how to select, buy, and set up a computer; how to sign up for e-mail; how to establish internet access, and how to use the World Wide Web.

Attendees also received information on peripherals like printers, scanners and wireless modems as well as for basic software, such as word processing programs. Abby delved even further into the online world to reveal information on search engines, web navigation, online banking, and shopping. Security issues, "netiquette," blogs, and digi-

tal photos, transferring them from camera to computer and sending them as attachments, were also discussed.

## April 2011 Meeting

Our next general meeting will be on Tuesday April 5, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. We have an exciting April schedule! George Parker, Store Manager of our local OfficeMax, is putting together a team to present and demonstrate the latest and greatest equipment such as Netbooks and E-Readers. They will also describe their In-Store Computer Services which includes a free PC checkup. OfficeMax will provide door prizes as well from their inventory of new technology accessories.

George is proud to say that at OfficeMax®, we have the office supplies you need to manage your workload and your day, so you can be at the front line of business. We're here to help you succeed with top, trusted brands of office products, technology and office furniture that deliver the performance and quality that you deserve.

From "green" office solutions to back-to-school essentials, we'll help you maintain a more organized office, classroom or home. Whether you shop online or in one of our 900+ you'll find great deals on office supplies for your unique needs.

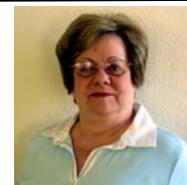
Discover how we can help you stay on budget and on schedule with our expansive office supply selection, and count on OfficeMax to be with you every step of the way. Work with us today.

In addition to office supplies and furniture, OfficeMax provides a wide variety of technology items to help you stay ahead of the game. From affordable ink and toner to the latest software choices and brand name PCs to essential computer accessories, they have the latest technology to keep you moving forward.

This program will be preceded by our 15-minute club member presentation "Tips & Tricks" by Rolie Baumann which will be of significant interest to every computer user. Check our website for additional program information,

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

## SW Computer Conference Review, by Patricia Hill, Review Editor



The Southwest Computer Conference is the longest running technology conference on the west coast - we're 18 years old. This year's event will be June 3, 4 & 5 at the beautiful Town and Country Resort & Convention Center, 500 Hotel Circle North, in San Diego.

### Conference Registration

Your Early Bird \$75 registration must be post-marked by May 16. From May 17 through the conference, registration will be \$100. Register by April 15 and you will be entered in a drawing to receive a nifty prize.

### The Hotel

Room rates are \$103, single or double occupancy. That's per room - not per person! What a deal! The room rate is valid from May 30 through June 8, so grab your family and add some vacation time. Reservations need to be made by May 8 to receive this special rate.

Reservations may be made by calling 800.772.8527 or 619.291.7131 and identifying yourself as a Southwest Computer Conference attendee. You can also register through the conference website, [www.theswcc.org](http://www.theswcc.org) Check-in is 3:00 PM; check out is 11:00 AM. One night's room deposit is required to confirm all reservations. A map to the hotel can be found at [www.towncountry.com/location.html](http://www.towncountry.com/location.html). Discounted parking is \$4 for both attendees.

Stay at the host hotel you are automatically entered into a special drawing to receive one of your conference nights FREE!

### Special Event

An added attraction this year is a field trip to the new Microsoft Store that is located in the shopping center immediately behind the hotel on Thursday, June 2 -- either afternoon or evening. There is limited seating so early registration for this event is critical. We will be welcomed, given a presentation on the new Microsoft offerings, a tour of the store, and who knows what else. The afternoon event includes a stop by the Apple and Sony stores, as well as no-host dinner in the food court.

### Digital Photography Contest

Did you take what you're sure is a prize-winning photo? Then enter the Digital Photo contest. There are four categories: Animals, Digital Art, Nature/Landscape, and People. There will be some great

prizes - this year the contest is sponsored by Iomega. The rules and entry form are on the conference website, [www.theswcc.org](http://www.theswcc.org)

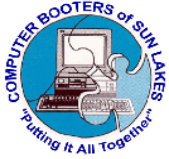
### Presentations

The team is working to make this another great conference and bring you the latest technology information. These are some of the scheduled presentations:

- Abby Stokes, author, *Is This Thing On?*, will again kick off the conference on Friday afternoon
- iolo Technologies - System Mechanic
- Vipre - Alex Eckleberry, President, Sunbelt Software
- Avast! - Bob Gostischa
- Backing Up - Gene Barlow
- ABCs of Digital Photography - Gary Stanley (Cyber News)
- Microsoft / Microsoft Store
- What's new in Windows 7 and What's new in Word 2010? (Cool Things You May Have Missed By Blinking) - Bruce Aronson
- From Obscurity to Ubiquity - How Linux took over the World While No One Noticed - Orv Beach, Simi Valley Linux Group
- Use Virtual Machines to Do Computing and Save Real Space, Time, and Money - Frances Chao, Tucson Computer Society & the Greater South Bay User Group
- Storage - Roger Radcliffe, TUGNET
- Setting up a secure wireless network - Katie Gertz, President, Arizona Alliance of Computer Clubs (AZacc)
- eBay - Gini Pedersen (San Diego adult ed teacher / honorary lifetime member, Seniors Computer Group)
- Protect Yourself, Yourself - Garry Sexton, President GSBUG
- Freebies - Judy Taylour, SCV Computer Club
- All the fun things you can do with your Android Phone - Jim Perry, Prescott Computer Society

*Subject to change at time of conference*

Join us for the premier networking and education event for technology users - Windows, Mac, Linux - all are welcome for a weekend of fun, camaraderie and education. We look forward to seeing you 2011!



The COMPUTER BOOTERS OF SUN LAKES is a non-profit organization established to aid personal computer users in achieving maximum results from their home or small business computer. This newsletter is published monthly from September through June by the COMPUTER BOOTERS OF SUN LAKES. It is not connected with any commercial or private business. The information contained in this newsletter is believed to be correct and accurate. However, the COMPUTER BOOTERS OF SUN LAKES assume no responsibility for inaccuracies or omissions. Any information used from these articles is at the user's risk.



The COMPUTER BOOTERS meets 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 may change 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 7:00 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 Arts and Crafts Room at the Sun Lakes One Country Club.

Member of



For membership information contact Guy Laroche 480-883-0638,  
[mr1968zeus@msn.com](mailto:mr1968zeus@msn.com)

Other computer user groups have our permission to use the articles written by our members as long as credit is given to the author and source and notice is sent to our Editor or Assistant Editor:

John Harrill, Newsletter Editor  
 Doug Fairbanks, Assistant Editor

## YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT	<b>George Rodriguez</b>	480-802-9080	casarod@hotmail.com
VICE PRESIDENT	<b>Ben Thompson</b>	480-391-1262	bthompson@wbhsi.net
SECRETARY	<b>Colette McNally</b>	480-835-9499	colettem9412@gmail.com
TREASURER	<b>Jim Rahilly</b>	480-243-7907	jimrahilly1@msn.com
BOARD MEMBER AT LARGE	<b>Al Hill</b>	480-895-2196	booteral@aol.com
CLUB RECORDS DIRECTOR	<b>Guy Laroche</b>	480-883-0638	mr1968zeus@msn.com
HARDWARE MANAGER	<b>Rollie Baumann</b>	480-895-2322	rdbslaz@gmail.com
MEMBERS WELCOME DIRECTOR	<b>Ed Schweitzer</b>	480-883-1116	BandE96@wbhsi.net
NEWSLETTER EDITOR	<b>John Harrill</b>	480-895-6477	John_Harrill0105@yahoo.com
ASSISTANT EDITOR	<b>Doug Fairbanks</b>	480-895-8260	doug1005@aol.com
PROGRAM DIRECTOR	<b>Ben Thompson</b>	480-391-1262	bthompson@wbhsi.net
COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR			
PUBLICITY DIRECTOR	<b>Shari Thompson</b>	480-391-1262	Publicity@computerbooters.com
REVIEW EDITOR	<b>Patricia Hill</b>	480-895-2196	booterpat@aol.com
SIG COORDINATOR	<b>Sue Klein</b>	480-895-3528	simoodles@q.com
VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR	<b>Darlene Herring</b>	480-895-0224	okauntd@juno.com

## **2011 CALENDAR CORNER**

### **Meeting 7:00 PM Tuesday April 5, 2011**

**Featured Speaker:** **George Parker**, Store Manager of our local Office-Max, and his team will present and demonstrate the latest and greatest equipment such as Netbooks and E-Readers.

**Tips and Tricks:** The “**Tips & Tricks**” portion of the meeting will be given by **Rollie Baumann**, our Hardware Manager.

### **2011 Monthly Meeting Dates**

**Tuesday, 7:00 PM--Arizona Room, Sun Lakes 1**

**2011**

**April 5**

**May 3**

**September 6**

**October 4**

**November 1**

**December 6**