

Mainframe
April 2006

Attention ECCS members!
April 6, 2006 Meeting Notice

Ft. Walton Beach city Library
Downtown Ft. Walton Beach
Thursday April 6, 2006

6:30 PM Social and Snack Time
Also, enjoy a special slide show of pictures taken by Jerry
Moore during his recent travels to South America!

7:00 PM Business Meeting & Program

Main Presentation:
“How to edit your digital pictures and then use them to create a
slide show complete with music, etc.
Jerry Moore



“Tis Spring!”

Prez Sezs

Dear ECCS Members,

Spring is here even if the weather some mornings seems a bit chilly to seem like spring. It won't be long before the amaryllis and lilies will be ready to bloom. Our azaleas are absolutely beautiful this year! The large bushes are just covered with flowers and the front yard is ablaze with color! This is the time of year when all of us need to be refreshed and full of energy and life. Let's all breathe in the fresh air and warmth of the spring sunshine and soft breezes and take in the beauty of spring flowers and our beautiful beaches.

Get your digital camera in hand and start snapping pictures. Whether it's family, flowers, boats, houses or scenery you enjoy photographing just start clicking, downloading to your computer and putting together some albums or slide shows to share with family and friends. Don't miss our April meeting when Jerry Moore will be giving us some tips on how to put together a special slide show presentation with digital pictures.

On March 3 I drove to Defuniak Springs where I met J.B. Hillard and Gay Russ from the Chautauqua Cyber Club and Carl Lofstrom from Sandestin. We rode together down to Kissimmee to the FACUG Spring Conference. This year the conference attendance was about 175. Smart Computing Magazine, Microsoft, Corel Corporation, and Panda Software were the event sponsors. I will be sharing with the membership information about the conference at our meetings. Check out the FACUG new website at www.facug.org/

Bernice Cramer, our Secretary, has packed up the empty ink cartridges and had them picked up. It shouldn't be long before we receive a check for them. Please remember to save your used ink cartridges and to bring them to our meetings. This means "empties for cash" for our club as we benefit financially and the cartridges will be recycled instead of going into landfills. You want to save some money? Try purchasing cartridges from www.inkSmile.com.

The 2006 ECCS membership list will be made available to members at the April meeting. This current Mainframe is being sent to all members on the 2005 list but Mainframe next month will be sent only to those on the 2006 list. We really want all of you to continue being a part of the club. If you haven't joined and paid your \$20.00 dues for 2006 please do so.

I am including a year 2005 Financial Report with this Mainframe so you will know how we stand financially. The meeting refreshments are separate from these records. Refreshments are paid from the donations received at the meetings and from the Pot of Gold receipts. The maximum amount we keep in the refreshment fund is \$50.00. When it reaches that amount, then the money from the month's Pot of Gold goes into the club checking account.

ECCS Educational Opportunities

Library Classes

Alex Ginzburg and Lloyd Bastiste will be starting another Basic/Beyond Basic Course at the Library beginning April 8th. The eight weeks of classes are held on Saturdays from 10-12 at the Ft. Walton Library. Need some refreshing of some computer skills yourself or know of someone who might be interested then sign up at the Library and plan to attend.

Westwood Saturday Classes

Lendy Edwards, Educational Officer, recently sent out the following information via e-mail to our members. It is as follows in case you missed it somehow.

Westwood Computer Club offers computer classes at beginner and intermediate levels. Classes are open to all Westwood residents and members of the Emerald Coast Computer Society (ECCS).

Classes are held every Saturday at 1:15 PM in Apartment #607. Starting on Saturday, March 25, 2006, the class schedule will be flexible and may vary from week to week. Based upon his availability, Nick Anthony, (Nerdynick@cox.net) will present classes on various topics of current and general interest.

On those days when Nick is not available, we will continue the learning programs currently in progress, utilizing the "Video Professor" and the "Professor Teaches" programs. For more information: Contact Jack Gatewood, Apt #536, Phone 862-3626.

Helpful Websites

Genealogy Research Tip Submitted by Les Whitman

For genealogy research members this may be of interest.

From the Jan 06 Sumter (SC) County Genealogy Society newsletter:

The South Carolina Death Index of 1915-1949 can be accessed over the Internet at address: <http://www.scdhec.net/vr/di/default.htm>

Do you have some helpful Websites you would like to share with the members? Give a brief description or some topic information about the website and e-mail the URL to Lendy or myself and we will share on the Mainframe.

See you at the meeting!

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Lois Vosmera