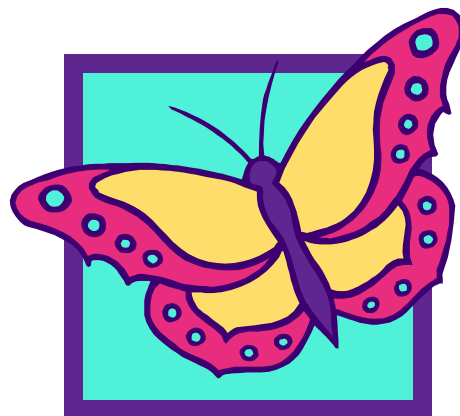


Emerald Coast Computer Society Mainframe--August 2006

Attention ECCS Members!
August 3, 2006 Meeting Notice

Ft. Walton Beach City Library
Downtown Ft. Walton Beach
Thursday August 3, 2006
6:30 PM Social and Snack Time
7:00 PM Business Meeting & Program

Main Presentation:
“How to Clean out Your PC”
Make your PC faster
and more powerful!
‘Degunk’ Your Hard Drive



Prez Sez

Dear ECCS Members,

We are in the heat of the summer and especially so this year with little rain and higher temperatures. Hope you are all staying cool and indoors keeping your computers humming.

I selected the colorful butterfly for the above picture because I thought it relative to our upcoming program for August. Maybe your computer has slowed down to a caterpillar crawl. Come to the August meeting and find out how to get it out of that cocoon and flying high and beautiful like a lovely butterfly. You'll be flying quickly from one program to another and enjoying your computer more.

At the recent board meeting it was decided to drop the forum from our website since it was being hit by numerous spammers. It will be discontinued for now. Also, at this meeting OV Sells mentioned that Nick Anthony has been conducting the class at Westwood on Saturdays at 3:00 PM. ECCS members are welcome to come to this class.

On Thursday July 13, Bernice Cramer, OV Sells and I attended the planning meeting at the Boat House Landing. There were representatives from South Walton Computer Club of Santa Rosa Beach, Computer Society of West Florida in Pensacola, Prime Time Computer Club of Niceville, Chautauqua Cyber Club of DeFuniak Springs, Westwood Computer Club of FWB and Emerald Coast Computer Society of FWB. At this meeting it was decided the computer user groups in Northwest Florida would come together to pursue an association with a focus on home computer users. We will work together to host a special computer mini-expo for home computer users on October 7 at Okaloosa-Walton College in Niceville. This expo will feature a presentation by Smart Computing magazine representative, Jen Clausen, and one by Gene Barlow representing User Group Relations. The details on the expo are forthcoming and we will keep you informed. Forwarded with this Mainframe is a copy of Volume 1, Issue 1 of the newsletter for the Northwest Florida Association of Computer User Groups (NWFACUG). Hope you will all be able to read it. If it is not included with the Mainframe it will be sent separately to you.

The Board would like to have your input on possible program topics and/or speakers. If you know someone with an expertise relating to computers or a special software program please let us know.

As was mentioned at the last meeting, our club has earned subscription credit for two free Smart Computing Subscriptions. We decided to donate one of them to the library. They do not currently carry Smart Computing and would appreciate receiving it. I will get the needed mailing information and contact Smart Computing. If you do not subscribe to the magazine you are missing one of the finest computing magazines available. It is written in plain English and is very easy to understand and apply the information. To subscribe or renew your subscription and give the ECCS credit for it please read the following paragraph from their latest e-newsletter from Smart Computing:

One quick reminder, in order to make sure that your group gets credit in *Smart Computing's* User Group Program for a member's subscription and renewals, make sure they subscribe and renew through the User Group portion of the Web site at <https://www.smartcomputing.com/secure/membership.asp> and select the appropriate group to credit in the drop-down list. Or they may call in to subscribe or renew and say they would like their group to get credit for their subscription or renewal at (800) 334-7458. This will ensure that your group is getting the most FREE SUBSCRIPTIONS it possibly can!

Remember for every five subscriptions we will receive 1 free one.

"Empties for Cash"

Don't forget to save and to bring those empty ink cartridges to the meeting. This means "empties for cash" for our club as we benefit financially and the cartridges will be recycled instead of going into landfills. Why not ask your friends to save their empties for you! You can purchase cartridges from www.inkSmile.com.

Looking forward to seeing you at the August meeting when we will have a program on How to clean out your PC. See you on Thursday August 3.

The Prez
Lois Vosmera