

# Emerald Coast Computer Society Mainframe--August 2007

Attention ECCS Members!  
August 2, 2007 Meeting Notice

Ft. Walton Beach City Library  
Downtown Ft. Walton Beach  
Thursday August 2, 2007  
6:30 PM Social and Snack Time  
7:00 PM Business Meeting & Program

***For our Main Presentation we will have as guest speaker James Hite talking to us about Identity Theft which has recently become prevalent in the local area.***

## Prez Sez

Dear ECCS Members,

It is hot and humid in case you have not noticed. Please watch the heat index, don't get overheated and stay indoors if you can. If golf or other outdoor activity is a necessity, please be careful.

I regret that I have not been more imaginative with my articles but I have basically been on the road all summer and trying to get the mainframe out from a laptop in hotel rooms. My resources for information has been somewhat limited and due to a lot of driving and fatigue, my brain has not been very creative. So I promise I will try and do better in the future. In case you do not know, I have been in NC for two weeks repairing a rent house. It seems that

there is always something that needs to be done with rental property. I arrived back home tonight about 7:30 PM and it is great to be home again. The mountains of NC makes one want to move there. I am also looking into that possibility. So who knows where I might just end up next year.

As Lois mentioned at the last meeting, Smart Computing is an excellent magazine and if you are not a subscriber, you should consider it. 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 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](http://www.inkSmile.com).

I am looking forward to seeing you on 2 august at our next meeting. Due to poplar request, we will not have a formal mini presentation but instead will take computer questions from the floor and we will try and answer them. This is what we use to refer to as “Stump the Dummy”. So if you have a problem you cannot solve, please come prepared to ask and receive.

The Prez  
Lendy Edwards

**EMERALD COAST COMPUTER SOCIETY  
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

July 10, 2007

The Administrative Board met Monday, July 10 in the Westwood Media Suite. President Lendy Edwards called the meeting to order with six members present. Those present were Bernice Cramer, Lendy Edwards, Bill Frick, Jerry Moore, O.V. Sells, and Frank Szemere.

Minutes of the May 7 meeting were accepted as e-mailed to Board members. There was no Board Meeting in June.

In the absence of NWFACUG Rep, Lois Vosmera, sidekick Bernice Cramer had little to relate about the June meeting in Niceville, other than the flyer designed by Lois would be handed to the OWC Graphics Department for fine tuning.

Plans shaped up for the Club **pot-luck** picnic on September 8 in Liza Jackson Park, commencing around 11:30 AM. Frank has reserved the pavilion closest to Red Lobster. Drinks and ice will be furnished by the Club; paper and plastics to be provided from the Refreshment Fund supplies. Each and every member should bring a covered dish.

Lendy Edwards opened discussion of some ideas for classes in Digital Photography, possibly also at Westwood Media Center, on Saturdays before the standard class at 3 PM.

The Mini-Presentation for the August general meeting will be a question and answer session for members to get help with their computer problems.

For the Main Presentation we will have as guest speaker James Hite talking to us about Identity Theft which has recently become prevalent in the local area.

Jerry Moore had a number of ideas for possible subjects and speakers for future meetings.

Bill Frick also voiced ideas for subjects that could be greatly appreciated by the attendance at the general meetings.

Soft drinks by Bernice and coffee from Lois and Lendy for the general meetings will continue; snacks can be furnished by anyone wanting to contribute.

Frank will ask someone to be the Greeter for the August General Meeting.

With business completed, the July Board Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,  
**Bernice Cramer**

**EMERALD COAST COMPUTER SOCIETY**  
**Minutes of the General Meeting**  
**July 5, 2007**

The Emerald Coast Computer Society was called to order by President Lendy Edwards at approximately 7 PM on Thursday, July 5, 2007, in the Ft Walton Beach Library, after 30 minutes of social time, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

President Edwards welcomed all present and thanked those who brought guests. There were 24 members present and five guests, including Special Agent Jefferies from Eglin AFB. A new member, Gene Simmons, joining this evening from among the five guests.

The Treasurer's Report was approved as published in the *Mainframe*.

Minutes of the June 7 meeting were accepted as published in the *Mainframe* and sent via e-mail to all members.

President Edwards thanked the ones who came early and helped with setting up tables, chairs, and the computer essentials. Thanks also to Al and Theresa Emery for being our Greeters, and to those members providing the beverages and snacks.

Alex Ginzburg reported that Library classes are on-going, and Dan Bubis has almost completed lessons on GIMP at Westwood on Saturdays.

The Mini-Presentation was exhibited in hand-out slips containing three Keyboard Shortcuts and a quik-spiel about them and a few others by Dan Bubis.

A Board Meeting was announced for Tuesday, July 10.

Club picnic has been decided for September 8 in Liza Jackson Park from 11:80 AM, until all the food and bragging are exhausted. The pavilion is reserved. In quest of someone to coordinate the preparations for the picnic, Diana Moore stated that with everyone bringing a covered dish, everything would easily fall into place. Further details will be worked-out at the Board Meeting.

For the good of the Society, Harvey Hall announced there are plans by the Library to hold a Book Fair on the first Saturday in November, with some authors present. There will be music bands performing, and many more activities that should be crowd pleasing.

Sue Edwards took the Pot of Gold for \$8 and said she was "keeping it this time".

Without further business, the meeting was adjourned, making way for the Main Program which was presented by Special Agent Jefferies from Eglin AFB AFOSI.

Jefferies spoke about cyber crime and the reality that terrorist activities could be amidst us, as well as the subject of child abuse via the Internet. A pamphlet about the program "Eagle Eyes" was handed out, and Jefferies recommended vigilance for out-of-the-ordinary situations in our familiar environment.

Respectfully submitted by,  
**Bernice Cramer**