

Emerald Coast Computer Society  
Mainframe  
May 2007

Attention ECCS Members!  
May 3, 2007 Meeting Notice

Ft. Walton Beach City Library  
Downtown Ft. Walton Beach  
Thursday May 3, 2007

6:30 PM Social and Snack Time  
7:00 PM business Meeting & Program

Main Presentation: Jerry Moore will present some tips on Internet searches: "Where to find what" and "Some things to think about".



**Prez Sez**



Dear ECCS Members,

Spring is here and it is here to stay I think. The grass is green and growing and the flowers are blooming. What a great time of the year. Yes, also the golf season is in full swing. So dust off your clubs and let us hit the links. The time is here.

Dan Bubis will give our mini presentation this month. His presentation will be called, "The Importance of Defragging Regularly". If you have questions or problems in this area please come and be prepared to ask them.

In case you had not noticed Dan has done a great job on designing our new web page and it is still a work in progress. He has replaced the old page on the web with the new one and it is there for your use, enjoyment, and comments. I feel it is looking great. Dan thanks and keep up the good work.

Since I was out of town most of the month, I am so far behind in my yard work and my computer work is just as far behind. I will keep my article short this month since my brain is tired and not in sync with all that is going on. With my absence from the local area, we made our first attempt at having the Administrative Board Meeting electronically. I feel we were successful and not that I have any intentions of making this a habit, but we now know that it can work when we are not all in town. Email is just great when you need it. In keeping with our new constitution that requires me to keep the membership informed of board meeting happenings, I will attach the minutes following my article. Even though there was no real business that needs to be reported, I will publish the minutes anyway.

If you have subjects or areas of computer information you would like to see discussed at our regular meetings let us know what you want. Also, Dean Covey, our education chairman, will pass out a short survey this month asking for your input on what classes you would like to attend and see taught. We need your inputs.

The "Empties4Cash" project is still alive. Remember to bring your empty cartridges to the meeting and the club can benefit from your participation. It is certainly a worthwhile project for the club financially, as well as keeping them out of the landfills.

Remember to hit them straight, keep the ball in the short grass, and I hope to see you on the links in the near future.

Your Prez  
Lendy

P.S. I just talked to our treasurer, Lois. She is making good progress in the recovery from her knee replacement. Physical therapy is working and she should be with us at the meeting.

EMERALD COAST COMPUTER SOCIETY  
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
April 24, 2007

The Administrative Board met April 14-24 electronically. President Lendy Edwards called the meeting to order with an opening email to Board Members. Minutes of the March meeting were included in the initial email and have been accepted as written and e-mailed to Board members.

Treasurer Lois Vosmera contributed a report, and Membership Chairman, Frank Szemere, advised that there are 35 members as of April 13.

The Treasurer's Report has been approved/accepted as detailed through email. Included was the reimbursement check of \$150 to Lois for her attendance of the FACUG seminar in Kissimmee, FL

Soft drinks by Bernice and coffee from Lois and Lendy for the general meetings will continue; snacks are volunteered by Frank.

Frank has asked Jerry Cote to be the Greeter for the May General Meeting.

The Mini-Presentation will be given by Dan Bubis on the benefits of regular defragging of your PC. Jerry Moore will present some tips on Internet searches: "Where to find what" and "Some things to think about".

Dean Covey will present the membership with a short survey asking what their wishes are on classes on the different applications contained in Microsoft Office.

Dan Bubis' rework of the ECCS Website is on the right track and it's looking really good, according to several comments made.

Frank commented on the idea of keeping the general meeting short, concentrating on education, as is Lendy's plans for this year. Frank's input was that by making it too short, people may not open a discussion on a matter important to them. This will be considered for ways to keep some discussion flowing.

The Board is still seeking an additional projector for use at the library in order to dispense with carting the one at Westwood back and forth each time

for the general meeting. Topics and speakers are also needed for the months ahead.

Business considered completed, the April Board Meeting is adjourned on April 24, 2007.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Bernice Cramer

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

The Emerald Coast Computer Society was called to order by President Lendy Edwards at approximately 7 PM on Thursday, April 5, 2007, in the Ft Walton Beach Library, following 30 minutes of social time, the Mini-Presentation and 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 23 members and 2 guests present. Scott and Valarie Anthony were our guests.

The treasurer's report was approved as published in the *Mainframe*.

There was correction called for to the minutes of the March 1 meeting. Those minutes should have included the Resolution to Revise the Constitution which was read and accepted. The Resolution is herewith included.

Additionally, a motion was made and seconded to shelve the reading of the Revised Constitution until everyone there received a copy and would have a chance to read over the draft, with voting upon it at the next meeting. The motion was struck down as being out of order, and the reading and voting continued.

The President introduced Dean Covey as accepting the role of Education Chairperson. Dean would prepare a survey hand-out to establish what the current wishes of the membership are for presentations, lessons, etc.

President Edwards thanked Bill Howard, Alex Ginzburg and Harvey Hall for serving on the Constitution and By Laws committee. The revision being completed, the committee was dissolved.

Voting on the proposed constitution required a simple majority (one vote per family as per existing constitution) to approve or reject the revised article. A show of hands indicated 18 in favor, only 1 against. ECCS has new Constitution.

### NEW BUSINESS:

A proposal to help defray the cost of Lois Vosmera's trip/attendance of the FCUG Seminar in Kissimmee was put before the members. Dan Bubis moved that we accomplish this at \$150; Jerry Moore seconded the motion, and it carried.

The Prez conveyed thanks to Dan and Jax Bubis for serving as Greeters. Thanks to Dean Covey for volunteering his time and energy as Education Chairman in the upcoming months. Thanks, also, to those who set up the meeting room and brought refreshments.

The Board meeting may be done electronically as Lendy is going to be out of town over the next 2-3 weeks.

Pot of Gold went to Frank Szemere at \$16. Door-prizes were found on the exchange table; for example, greens and cabbage from the Howard's garden. Harvey Hall, Terry Stewart, and Lloyd Battiste recipients.

There was no further business and the meeting became adjourned, making way for the Program.

Presenting the Program were Bill Frick and Jerry Moore. Demonstration of going to websites on the Internet for watching videos of revitalized old TV shows and movies continued from the mini-presentation. Several videos, of Elvis and others, were seen and heard. That's a neat trick, if you can do it.

Respectfully submitted, Bernice Cramer

Resolution to Revise and update the ECCS Constitution and By Laws

Be it resolved:

That the present Constitution is in need of updating to correct spelling, sentence structure and in some instances further clarification of some items and/or subjects.

Be it further resolved:

That the present Constitution needs to be formatted to allow a smooth understandable flow of information from the beginning to the end, enabling the reader to better find and understand that of which he is searching.

Now be it further resolved:

That on this date we the members of the ECCS agree to revise the present Constitution, renaming it Constitution and By Laws and revising it where needed and incorporating the present information that is still valid and desired by the members. This new document will lay over for final adoption at the general meeting of 5 April 2007.

Presented by the Constitution and By Laws Committee.

William A Howard, Chairman

Alex Ginzburg, Member

Harvey Hall, Member

This resolution was approved at the general membership meeting of 1 March 2007.

President

Lendy Edwards