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Review of the November 2010 Membership Meeting by Bob Pierce

Bob Pierce called the Board of Directors meeting to order in the absence of Pat Joyner, President. The Treasurer's Report was presented by Robert Saucier and the report was approved as presented. Bob then reviewed with those present the plans for the December meeting. We will have a webinar with Linda and Gene Barlow. Using web cams and Skype, we will be in our regular meeting location, and Linda and Gene will be in their office in Utah. Bob asked everyone to try to attend this meeting so we can make a good impression with the Barlows. There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting stood adjourned.

Robert Saucier then opened the regular meeting by introducing our guest speaker for the evening, Mr. Robert Breedlove, who is with the Loyola Prep School in Shreveport. He is a teacher who works each day in the classroom to turn on his students to the intricacies of modern technology. One of the current rages right now is the Ipad. He is currently the Director of Technology of North Louisiana Catholic Schools. He has 21 years of growth in IT (Information Technology) which includes everything from dial-up bulletin boards to the public launch of the internet. Eleven years of that was designing and building Electronic Technology (ET) for Grades Pre-K – 12 to support modern and safe ET for all of North Louisiana Catholic Schools.

Mr. Breedlove thinks the Apple Ipad is just the thing for classroom use. Since its introduction in January for about \$500, the Ipad has gained much popularity. With a battery life of about 10 hours, the Ipad is much like a computer, but does not have the same degree of software. The apps (application software packages) are being developed rapidly and are available in some cases for free. Apps that you pay

for are usually much more inexpensive than the computer counterparts. At less than \$50, you can get some excellent programs, such as word processors, spreadsheets, games, data bases, etc. The keyboard is a part of the screen presentation and uses touch screen technology.

He is still having a challenge getting teachers to accept this new technology. Since we are exposed to digital technology on a daily basis, it is important to get our young people involved with this technology and get comfortable using it. The best way to start is with email. Students need to learn how to communicate digitally, as well as what the texting abbreviations mean, i.e. lol, rofl, bff, etc. They also need to learn how to take notes (typing skills become important), send in homework assignments as an attachment to an email, and using word processor apps to write reports. One of the bigger hurdles is to allow digital technology to replace books. Some people just don't want to give up the feel of the paper and the smell of the ink.

During the next year or so, Apple's Ipad will start having competition. A number of suppliers have announced they will have Ipad-like devices in the stores soon. That raises the question of what will happen with the apps. Will they work on all devices, or just the one they were manufactured for? Will the competition cause a reduction in prices? No matter what the answers to these questions are, the Ipad is made for the classroom, and, hopefully, will find its place soon.

After the program, we drew for the \$10 door prize. Quay Hardin's name was drawn, but she was not present. That means we add \$10 to the pot, making the December prize \$20.



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**Photos taken at the November 2010 Membership Meeting
 By Glenda Conradi**



Robert Breedlove



Robert Breedlove Explaining I-pad



Robert and Bob



December 16th Membership Meeting

This will be our first....and you won't want to miss this one.

A great number of us in the Computer Club will remember (back when) we had as our speakers, the husband and wife team of **Gene and Linda Barlow**. And what a presentation they make, not just for us, but for many of the Computer User Groups across the country.

But...now, with all the advances in computer technology we have again at our podium, both Gene and Linda. Only now it is via **Webinar**. You ask what is this...well we will have this couple as our speakers over **Skype 4.1**.

Not only will we be able to see them, they will be able to see us through Skype as it is projected onto our BIG screen in room 310 at Bronson Hall.

Through this Webinar we will be able to:

1. Presentation is live, using Skype from our location to theirs in Utah...
2. Live two way communication by using Skype, they now have desk top to desk top capability with Skype 4.1...
3. It is not pre-recorded... we'll have Gene in prime time...and he'll allow time for questions after his presentation...our members will just step up to the mike and ask Gene any question they may have.

Their presentation is to cover: the best Backup Plan to protect your system from failure every computer should be backed up so that your computer's hard drive is adequately protected and can recover from any unforeseen events, such as hard drive failures, viruses or unstable software downloads. By having & implementing a well thought-out backup and recovery plan, you can put your system together

again fairly quickly, instead of day or weeks of rebuilding the system. Gene will demonstrate Acronis True Image Home 2011, the latest version of this popular computer backup and recovery program. This is an important topic that every end-user should understand.

Gene will also spend a few minutes at the end of his presentation focusing on the best way to organize your hard drive. Acronis just released a new version of their partitioning product, Disk Director 11 Home, with support for Windows 7 OS. Large terabyte hard drives today can be set up & organized to take advantage of additional space. This can be done very easily with a special "partitioning utility" like Acronis Disk Director, making this organization process easy and simple to do. The combination of one or both of these excellent hard drive utilities will give you power to protect your hard drive and system failure and organize your hard drive for better safety of your data files.

Gene has been a presenter in the user group community for over 28 years. For many years he managed IBM's user group support organization and has been called the Father of PC User Groups. At this program, we have received from Gene everything we need, including door prizes and some products to sell...such as the various program Gene will be discussing..

He is an informative and easy to understand presenter...**don't miss this important presentation.**

You come and see.

Door Prize...at our Meetings

Would you believe...for the second time in a row....we have a name drawn that usually is in attendance....and that was Quay Hardin.

But, John called just before the meeting and said Quay had a terrible cold and they would not be able to attend.

This is the second time Quay's name has been drawn for that money and she was the first winner to be drawn when we started our Door Prize of cash.

So, we're back to the drawing at our December meeting and it's now up to \$20.00....

Must be present to WIN.....so, we'll see you there.

We Wish You A Merry Christmas



Windows SIG November and December 2010

by Bernie Conradi



The meeting this month was the usual combined November and December meetings. We conduct it the first week in December because of the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. This allows all to enjoy the holidays and still be able to attend our Windows SIG. We always remind all in attendance of the latest antivirus and Windows updates. We also informed all about the latest Google Earth Version 6 that was just released. One of the new features of this version is what Google calls 3D trees. We viewed a video on the internet this evening which gave a preview of this program update. We also reminded everyone to get the new Adobe Reader version 10. This free program is supposed to eliminate the chance of an intrusion from a hacker using a PDF file. We then demonstrated the free program Glary Utilities. This program will allow you to clean your hard drive of temp files and clean up your registry as well as many other utilities. We ran a quick demo of all the features of this program. I use it regularly and recommend it. We demonstrated how to organize the icons on the desktop. There was also a quick demonstration on how to set up a file association so a file can be opened in the correct program to run the file. There were four items on the

agenda for the program this month. The first was a Power Point program giving us an explanation of what a firewall is and what it will and will not do and how it is different in the various versions of Windows. It was recommended that you never turn off this feature in Windows. The next item was an item from the internet telling us why we get spam email from our email address. We then moved on to explain how to shop on line safely, keeping in mind that you must be on a secure site before you give credit information to make a purchase. Remember make sure the site is HTTPS and that the padlock is locked before you make a purchase. We then gave a definition of what computing in the "Cloud" is about. We talked about a number of online storage sites which give the details on what is free and what sizes can be uploaded and downloaded.

Please join us at 7:00 PM on January 27, 2011, at Podnuh's Bar-B-Q on Shreveport-Barksdale Highway. Everyone is invited to attend. I am looking forward to suggestions for upcoming programs, as I want to present subjects of interest for all in the group. Let me hear from you. You can email me at bernie@conradi.com.

Bernie Conradi, Windows SIG Leader

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NWLAPCUG's **S**pecial **I**nterest **G**roup Leaders







Our SIG leaders are in the heart of NWLAPCUG's monthly activities. See the chart on the last page of this newsletter for the monthly schedule of their meetings. Every member is welcome to attend any or all of their meetings and for as many times as they wish. All of this with *no extra fees* involved.

SIG leaders are dedicated to sharing their expertise in their particular programs. Their meetings include presentations, demonstrations and

cover questions and answers. In some cases, handouts may be furnished.

Following the SIG meeting, a number of the SIG leaders will submit an article, reporting on the activities of their meeting, for publication in the next month's newsletter.

Members are encouraged to take a tour of these SIGs and determine which one or more appeals to their liking.

 <p>J.C. Barnett Word SIG</p>	 <p>Pat Joyner Saturday SIG</p>	 <p>Bernie Conradi Windows SIG</p>	 <p>Glenda Conradi Corel Graphics/Photo SIG</p>
 <p>Bill & Cisly Morgan Digital Photography SIG</p>	 <p>Bob Pierce Beginner's SIG</p>		

Members Furnishing Newsletter Articles

Computer related newsletter articles are welcomed from our members who are other than SIG leaders. We appreciate as few as one article a year. Or as many (not to exceed one per month) as you would like to generate. The range of topics is virtually

unlimited. To name a few, your experience/opinion with certain software programs, the entertainment and educational value in computer use, How To's, Tips, etc. etc. Your participation may surface one of your great hidden talents.

 <p>Bob Franklin</p>	 <p>Carolyn Franklin</p>	 <p>Phil Sanders</p>	 <p>Bob Pierce</p>	 <p>Ben Fusco</p>
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MONTHLY CLUB ACTIVITIES

PLEASE NOTE THAT SIG TIMES, DATES AND LOCATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.
FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION CONTACT , VIA E-MAIL,THE RESPECTIVE SIG LEADER AS LISTED BELOW.

Corel Graphics/Photo SIG	First Tuesday Podnuh's Bar-B-Q	7:00 P.M.	Glenda Conradi	glenda@conradi.com
Digital Photography SIG	First Thursday Room 310, Bronson Hall	7:00 P.M.	Bill and Cisly Morgan	cisly@shreve.net
MS Word SIG	Second Thursday 2:00 P.M. Broadmoor Library		J C Barnett	jc Barnett875@suddenlink.net
Board of Directors Meeting	6:30 PM Before the Membership Meeting		Pat Joyner	patbj@bellsouth.net
General Meeting	Third Thursday Bronson Hall, Room 310	7:00 P.M.	Pat Joyner	patbj@bellsouth.net
Windows SIG	Fourth Thursday Podnuh's Bar-B-Q	7:00 P.M.	Bernie Conradi	bernie@conradi.com
Saturday SIG	Fourth Saturday Broadmoor Library	2:00 P.M.	Pat Joyner	patbj@bellsouth.net
Getting Started SIG	Third Monday Hamilton/South Caddo Library	9:30 A.M.	Bob Pierce	bobpierce1942@bellsouth.net

IF YOU NEED INFORMATION ABOUT THE SIG'S SUBJECT, MEETING PLACE OR TIME,
PLEASE CONTACT THE PERSONS LISTED ABOVE

Meeting Places

Podnuh's Bar-B-Q - 1146 Shreveport-Barksdale Hwy (Corel Graphics/Photo SIG; Windows SIG)
 Room 310, Bronson Hall LSUS-Northside of campus (General Meeting, Digital Photography SIG)
 Broadmoor Library- 1212 Captain Shreve Drive - (MS Word SIG; Saturday SIG)
 Getting Started SIG Hamilton/South Caddo Library, 2111 Bert Kouns

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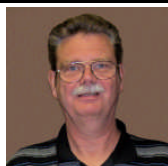
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