

Monthly Meeting Schedule – May 2008



Dedicated to providing computer information and assistance to computer users, IT professionals and small business owners. We offer many Special Interest Groups (SIGs) that provide tips, tricks and answers to those elusive questions. Non-members are always welcome to visit and participate in SIG meetings. User groups provide an opportunity to network with other computer users and IT professionals.

2nd Saturday – May 10th

Second Saturday SIGs are held at Microsoft Las Colinas, 7000 Hwy 161 in Irving.

Visual Basic.NET – 9:00 am

Design Patterns - 10:00 am. **NEW**

SharePoint – 11:30 am

We will have a discussion on improving the sptest.ntpcug.org website and various changes to the new SharePoint website currently hosted at sptest.ntpcug.org.

.NET Certification Study Group – 2 pm
at Nerdbooks, 1681 Firman Dr, in Richardson.

3rd Saturday – May 17th

Third Saturday SIGs are held at King of Glory Lutheran Church, 6411 LBJ Fwy in Dallas (between Preston & Hillcrest, north side of LBJ).

Building Websites – 8:00 am **NEW**

We'll continue pulling page design elements together as we refine design and implementation of a page template and menu that is easy to maintain as the site grows. We'll also explore the use of various tools available for helping to create the look and feel you want for your site.

Microsoft Excel – 8:00 am

We will review the basics and expand to advanced filtering using Multiple AND conditions. Our goal: to provide meaningful information you can use as soon as we present it. Off-topic Excel questions will also be welcome.

Windows Tips & Tricks – 8:00 am

How about a little computer spring cleaning? We'll see how to do some of the obvious - and not so obvious - cleanups and tune-ups on your computer to get it (back) in shape.

IT Professional – 9:00 am **NEW**

This month David Wood, computer security expert, will make a presentation on personal computer security.

Making Money on the Internet – 9:00 am

We'll delve into various implementations of PayPal and compare and contrast with those possible with your own merchant accounts. We'll also take any and all questions that relate to profiting from a relationship with the Internet.

Microsoft Word – 10 am -- SPECIAL TIME

Combining the Word and WordPerfect SIGs this month to present a comparison of Word and WordPerfect features, we'll look at specific features attendees have requested, as well as the basic, logical differences between the two applications.

Digital Photography – 10:00 am

What features are most important for you: 1) starter camera, 2) dSLR camera, 3) high-end camera? We will separate the must-have from the plain old nice!

Microsoft Expression Web – 10:00 am

This month we will finally launch into ASP.NET with Expression Web. Normally reserved for programmers, this powerful tool can help make your web site more interactive.

Internet – 10:00 am

Malware threats have increased from 333,000 in 2005 to 6,400,000 today. Come and see the latest comparisons of anti-malware products and which ones I recommend.

Mobile Computing – 10:00 am **NEW**

This month we will discuss the topic of traveling with your mobile device including: GPS software; batteries; Weatherbug Mobile; Fizz Traveler and eWallet..

Digital Photo Editing – 11:00 am

Which is more important – 1) your time, or 2) image perfection? When we select one or the other – we place ourselves in the quandary – Can't we have both?

Microsoft Access – 11:00 am

“Calendar Forms and Reports – Not just Date Pickers” – Chronological view, review, and selection of data. More valuable prizes in our **2008 door prize drawing series**.

Wireless Communications – 11:00 am

In May we will be talking about the conversion to Digital TV. Are you ready for the change?

WordPerfect – 10 am -- SPECIAL TIME

We are combining the Word and WordPerfect SIGs this month. See the Word SIG announcement.

Adobe Photoshop – 12:30 pm

We will talk about tips on giving your photographs some of that "old school" flair. Create a border. Learn a few ways for black and white conversions.

Family History – 12:30 pm **NEW**

Cheryl Smith, a Plano Genealogy Librarian will present a talk titled "Did You Think to Look Here for Your Ancestors?" and will suggest many local and Internet information sources.

Windows Inside/Out – 12:30 pm

Windows XP SP3 - what's in it for you? We'll talk about the new features and why this is an important upgrade.

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For further information, see our web site:
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