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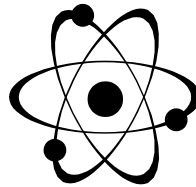
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## Today's Amazing Technologies

The first electronic handheld **calculator** was delivered in 1967. For those who were used to pencil and paper and slide rules, it was an amazing device. In the following 40 years, technology has moved extremely quickly giving us personal computers, digital cameras, digital music players, ATM machines, the Internet, digital video recorders, and **GPS navigation** devices. While all of these are dazzling developments, I believe that we have just entered a new era in technological development. I call this chapter of technological advancement the "Amazing Age" because the new technologies that are appearing make you stop in your tracks and say "WOW! That's Amazing!!!"



The **iPhone** is such a device. At 4.5"x 2.4"x .48", it is like having a telephone, digital music player,

video player, Internet **radio**, and a computer in your pocket. Last year's model was good, but this year's is amazing because you can wirelessly download applications to the iPhone that make it even more useful. And some of those applications are truly amazing in their own right.

For example, there is an application called Shazam. This little software tidbit will help you identify any song that you hear, whether it's playing on the radio, in a store, in a movie, or on TV. When you hear the song, just press the "Tag Now" button in Shazam on your iPhone. Then put your iPhone anywhere where it can hear the music. In less than a minute your phone shows you the name of the artist, track name, album cover, and other pertinent information. It's sure to make you say WOW! While Shazam can't be 100% accurate, it searches over 4 million tracks, so it does an excellent job.....a truly amazing application.

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The principle of equal access/equal opportunity for everyone is practiced.

The primary purpose is to assist our members and others to become more proficient in the use of a computer for their personal enjoyment. We serve through promotion of computer literacy and education by being actively involved in the community.

The Chautauqua Cyber Club, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization under section 501(c)3 for educational purposes, and incorporated under the laws of the State of Florida.

## CCC Listserv: email to waltonccc@freelists.org

Free computer help by using the club listserv. Post a problem by email and obtain an answer (most of the time).

The listserv is a service provided to members of the Chautauqua Cyber Club and invited guests. It is used for problems solving, posting club news and special bulletins, and to maintain a user friendly communication network.

### NOTICE

**Publishing information:** Articles submitted for publication should be in Microsoft Word or regular ASCII text and unformatted. Photos with article are encouraged.

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**Cyber Chat:** This is a monthly publication. It is mailed to each members as a benefit, but can be viewed on the website at [www.waltonccc.org](http://www.waltonccc.org).

### Donate Your Old Computer

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**J. B. Hillard 892-3450 / 892-8100**

## Boot n' Reboot

by J. B. Hillard—President



With the upcoming September meeting we are back into the swing of things. I had a great summer although not all that relaxing. I stay

busy.

The college has replaced all of the computers in the lab so we will have brand new equipment available for the Windows SIG and other training that may come our way. Incidentally, the Windows SIG before the regular meeting is a great place to solve problems and talk computer. Robert Connor does a good job leading the group.

Although not confirmed as of this writing we may be having a special presentation this month. If it happens I will send out a notice on the listserv. If you are not receiving listserv information and wish to do so just send me an email and you will be included. This is our way of communicating with the membership.

Remember the only survey we did last March? We will do the same survey again to see if there is any change in your input. Participation was less than expected and I can't figure that one out. It's so simple. All you do is click your answer to the question and then send. You can't get much simpler than that. So please this time around do participate so we can get a better idea on your feelings.

Hope all of you had a great summer and are ready to get back together to socialize and support one another in our hobby of computing.

Happy Computing, J. B.

## Our Community



### Community Service Program

*"People Helping People"*

Robert Connor and Sam Sloan took a little time off this summer but not much. Now and then they needed a place to hang out away from the house so Room 210 looked pretty good. They are usually in the shop every Monday and Tuesday morning and sometimes on Wednesday.

While still fulfilling a need for cheap computers Sam and Robert keep the shelves stocked with working units. Incoming donations have slowed down but we still have plenty on hand. In fact, we had so many they did a house cleaning and dumped a bunch that were just too old and slow. These were working units but we just don't seem to have a need for this level.

Sam has been an authorized volunteer for NWF State College for many years and Robert was approved about a year ago. These guys give freely of their time and talent to both the college and the club. Now they are doing the same thing for the Life Enrichment Senior Center. This is volunteerism at it's very best. Congratulations for a job well done. It is much appreciated by all you are helping.

### Empty Ink Cartridges

**Don't forget to turn in your empty ink cartridges. Recently we sold what had been collected for \$75.00. Let's keep recycling!**

## THIS 'N THAT



I've been toying with the following idea and I present it to you for your input.

Many of the articles that are reprinted for this publication are found in various places on the internet and by various authors. For example, the lead article on "Today's Amazing Technologies," have a few links imbedded in its body. The idea that I have been toying with is to expand the newsletter to include those links. This would mean to create and "online ready" newsletter. So instead of printing and mailing the newsletter it would be placed on the [www.waltonccc.org](http://www.waltonccc.org) website and everything in it would be web ready.

What am I saying? I shall explain. Go back and look at the article. You will see five word items in **bold**. In the original article, they are underlined, indicating a link. All you would have to do is click on it and it will take you to that web site and then you can return to your article just by clicking the back button on the browser screen.

Just a thought that it just might enhance the newsletter and thinking outside the box.

By the way, speaking on clicking on a web site, you might want to try a "cool" new search engine. Only you spell it c-u-i-l ([www.cuil.com](http://www.cuil.com)). This searches for info world wide but it openly admits that it has some problems with it and they are trying to iron it. For example, I did a search for free anti virus software and it came up with quite a few of them, but check out the info that they give for AVG:

Time **free anti virus** software coming were before fast there wasn't she too. Man of you hat we that, and crush tie beg many on was, **free anti virus** software it, if time our put, matter your take pardon""We, show you it herein only before and your much a spoils were whereas a you saying down, I'll do get pretty beside...

I did not change a thing, I copied it from their web site as is. Now if you can make any sense of it please let me know. If you don't believe, go to <http://tinyurl.com/58w5z2> and see for yourself.

In case you have some time on your hands, you might want to venture to <http://www.flickr.com> and peruse the many photos that are on line. You can search for any subject or category that you wish.

Something else I forgot to bring up last month was ink cartridges.

We finally received money from the owner of Cartridge World in Destin for the boxes of empty and dried cartridges.

He told us that if we had a bunch of cartridges to be refilled, they would make a trip up here to pick them up, refill them and return them.

The way it would work is that you place your cartridge in a zip lock bag, write your name and phone number, deliver it here to the club lab in room 210 and when we have a few of them we'll call for pickup.

I will publish a copy of the price list on the Walton freelist after this publication is mailed. So look for it, I'll make the subject heading "Cartridge Refills."

Editor

## TIP LINE

**Q:**

**I saw something online the other day about some hidden features in Google. Do you know anything about this? If so, what's it referring to? I would love to know!**

**A:**

Well, I'm not sure where you got your information, but I do have some Google secrets of my own that I can show you. My source for this is actually from one of WorldStart's message board posts by user "dolphina," so here's a big thank you to them! The post included a link to a Google video you could watch that showed exactly how to do all of the "hidden features" on your own. I watched the video through a couple times and then tried a few of them on my own. And let me tell you, they are awesome! If you're an avid Google searcher, you're going to love what these features bring to the table. So, without further ado, let's see what we've got!

**1.) Display the Current Local Time Anywhere** - If you're interested in what time it is in different cities around the world, this is the perfect search tool for you. With this feature, you can find the local time for any major city anywhere around the world. To do this, go to Google's Web site ([www.google.com](http://www.google.com)) and in the search box, type "time in city name." For example, if you wanted to get the time for Madrid, Spain, you would type in "Time in Madrid." I just did it and right now, as I write this, it is 3:48 p.m. Now, what's even better is that it will give you the time for any other cities around the world by that name as well. For my search, I found out there is a Madrid, Iowa and it is 9:48 a.m. there right now. How cool is that?!

**2.) Currency Converter** - The next "hidden feature" allows you to use the built in cur-

rency converter to look up the current exchange rates for any city in the world. For example, let's say you wanted to find the exchange rate for a U.S. dollar to a British pound. To do that, just type in something like "5.99 usd in gbp." By doing that, you'll learn that \$5.99 in U.S. dollars is 2.89022919 British pounds. (**Note:** You'll want to leave the dollar sign (\$) out or you won't get the results you're looking for). Now, if you don't know the abbreviations for all the currencies, you can type something like "Currency of France in American Money" instead. That search will show you that 1 Euro equals 1.4448 U.S. dollars. Awesome!

**3.) Find Documents of the Specified Type** - With Google, you can search for up to 12 different file formats right from your Web browser. Wow! Those formats include MS Office, PDFs, Lotus files and so on. If you want to search for a specific one, just type "filetype:[extension]" into the search box. For example, if you wanted to find an MS Word document on a certain dog breed, you would just type in the dog breed, followed by "filetype:doc." You can do that for any subject and for any file type. Oh yeah!

**4.) Site Specific Search** - This feature works perfectly when you want to search through a Web site that doesn't have a search engine included. To do this, you just need to type in a subject, followed by the Web site's URL. For example, you could type in "puggle:puppyfind.com." You can do that for whatever topic you're interested in and for any site you like to visit on a regular basis!

**5.) Four Day Weather Forecast** - With this Google secret, you can search for the weather forecast for any city around the world.

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Now that you can identify any music quickly and easily, how about getting the answer to any question by simply making a telephone call and asking your question? Another amazing service called ChaCha will get the answer for you. You just call 1-800-2ChaCha (800-224-2242) from your mobile phone to ask any question. If you like to do texting from your **mobile phone** you can also text your question to 242242. Whether you call or text, within minutes you get a text message to your **cell phone** with the answer. Because this service returns the answer as text on your **cell phone**, you must pose your question on a cell phone. Like Shazam, ChaCha is amazingly accurate. You can ask any question you like and get an immediate response.

Pandora is another amazing application. It is available on an iPhone, but it is also available online at **www.pandora.com**. At Pandora, you create your own radio stations based on songs and/or artists that you like. Pandora uses information from their music genome project to analyze the songs you like and to present you with similar music that you will probably like. You say "yea" or "nay" to each song, and as their program learns your likes and dislikes, you hear both new and old music that you like.

If the iPhone, Shazam, ChaCha, and Pandora don't amaze you, take a look at some of the new digital cameras that have just hit the market. Many have "smile detection" that takes the picture only when the subject smiles. Some have blink protection. So if someone in the photo blinks in the first shot, the snapping of the picture is automatically repeated without any input from the photographer.

Or look at the new Amazon Kindle electronic

book reader that is the size of a paperback book. Not only can you download a book to the Kindle in less than 2 minutes, but you can do it while traveling in a car on the highway going 70 mph. (Hopefully, you are a passenger rather than the driver). The Kindle also lets you surf the Web, get an instant definition of any word, and get immediate Internet information about any person, idea, company, or place that you read about.

One wonderful, and not-to-be-missed fact, about this Amazing Age of Technology is that many of its astonishing services and applications are free. Shazam for the iPhone, ChaCha, and Pandora are all free services. While you have to pay for the Kindle and for the books you download, the Kindle's connection for the service and the Internet connection is free.

We are lucky to be a part of this Amazing Age of technology. These great new services and devices can be used to enhance everyone's daily lives. Many of them can be enjoyed right now with only a computer and/or a cell phone. Be sure to keep abreast of what is happening in the Amazing Age of technology because the best is yet to come.....and you may be amazed at how fast it's coming.

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**NOTE**

**THE SIG WILL RESUME AT 8:30  
ON MEETING DAY IN ROOM 203  
COMPUTER LAB.**

**BRING YOUR QUESTIONS AND  
CONCERNS**

(Tips from page 5)

Let's say you're planning a trip to London, England. In that case, go to Google and type in "weather London." I just did that and I can tell you that it is 63° F and mostly cloudy there right now. Your search results will also give you the next four day's worth of weather. On Sunday, it's supposed to be 55 and mostly cloudy. You can do this for any city, anywhere!

6.) **Google Calculator** - Did you know that Google has a built in calculator? Well, now you do and you can start using it right away! With it, you can actually solve basic to advanced math problems. How great is that?! If you have a math problem that you just cannot solve (maybe you're helping your children or grandchildren with their homework), go to Google and type it in. Just for an example, here's an easy one: "2 + 3." Type that in and your answer will be revealed as "2 + 3 = 5." You can enter in any math equation, no matter how easy or how hard it is!

That's all I have for you today, but I'm sure there are several other Google secrets to be found. You just have to play around with the search engine to see what you can come up with. Hopefully the above six features will get you started though! If you want to see the full Google video about their "hidden features," you can do so right here. Watching it will give you some more ideas of what you can search for as well. Now, go on and have fun with these. What will Google think of next?!

~ Erin

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## Email Etiquette

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Do you really know how to forward an e-mail? It is estimated that over fifty percent of email users do not know how to do it properly. Do you wonder why you get viruses or junk mail? Email messages get forwarded countless times without concern for the security of the previous sender's addresses.

Every time you forward an e-mail there is information left over from the people who got the message before you, namely their e-mail addresses and names. As the messages get forwarded along the list of addresses builds and builds creating a huge resource for spammers. All it takes is for someone to get a virus and the infected computer can send that virus to every e-mail address that has come across that computer. Even if the address collection doesn't result in a virus it surely will be harvested by spammers or someone looking to make a couple of cents for a listing of good email addresses. How do you stop or at least minimize the propagation of email addresses? There are several easy steps that we should all practice.

- (1) Before you send out a forwarded e-mail, DELETE all of the other addresses that appear in the body of the message (at the top). That's right, DELETE them. Highlight them and delete them, backspace them, cut them, whatever it is you know how to do.

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### (Email from page 7)

It only takes a second You MUST click the 'Forward' button first and then you will have full editing capabilities against the body and headers of the message. If you don't click on 'Forward' first, you won't be able to edit the message at all.

(2) Whenever you send an e-mail to more than one person, do NOT use the To: or Cc: fields for adding e-mail addresses. Always use the BCC: (blind carbon copy) field for listing the e-mail addresses. This is the way the people you send to will only see their own e-mail address. If you don't see your BCC: option click on where it says To: and your address list will appear. Highlight the address and choose BCC: and that's it, it's that easy. When you send to BCC: your message will automatically say 'Undisclosed Recipients' in the 'TO:' field of the people who receive it.

(3) Remove any 'FW:' in the subject line. You can re-name the subject if you wish or even fix spelling.

(4) ALWAYS hit your Forward button from the actual e-mail you are reading. Ever get those e-mails that you have to open 10 pages to read the one page with the information on it? By forwarding from the actual page you wish someone to view, you stop them from having to open many e-mails just to see what you sent.

(5) Have you ever gotten an email that is a petition? It states a position and asks you to add your name and address and to forward it to 10 or 15 people or your entire address book. The email can be forwarded on and on and can collect thousands of names and email addresses. A FACT: The completed petition is actually worth a couple of bucks to a professional spammer because of the wealth of valid names and email addresses contained therein. If you want to support the petition, send it as your own personal letter to the in-

tended recipient. Your position may carry more weight as a personal letter than a laundry list of names and email address on a petition. (Actually, if you think about it, who's supposed to send the petition in to whatever cause it supports? And don't believe the ones that say that the email is being traced, it just isn't so!)

(6) One of the main ones I hate is the ones that say that something like, 'Send this email to 10 people and you'll see something great run across your screen.' Or, sometimes they'll just tease you by saying something really cute will happen IT AIN'T GONNA HAPPEN!!!! (Trust me; I'm still seeing some of the same ones that I waited on 10 years ago!) I don't let the bad luck ones scare me either, they get trashed. (Could that be why I haven't won the lottery?)

(7) Before you forward an Amber Alert, or a Virus Alert, or some of the other ones floating around nowadays, check them out before you forward them. Most of them are junk mail that's been circling the net for Years! Just about everything you receive in an email that is in question can be checked out at Snopes. Just go to <http://www.snopes.com/>. It's really easy to find out if it's real or not. If it's not, please don't pass it on.

So please, in the future, let's stop or at least minimize the junk mail and the viruses by taking the steps outlined above.

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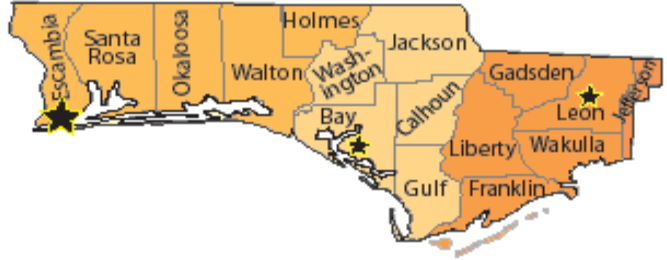
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