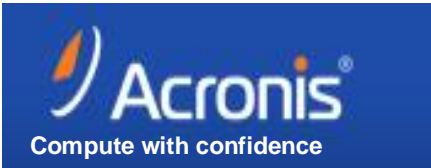


The TUG

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True Image & Drive Director



Linda & Gene Barlow

A super meeting both in content and attendance. Our special guests were Gene and Linda Barlow of St. George, Utah. Gene and Linda run a small business named User Group Relations and are a vendor for Acronis software through their on-line User Group Store at

www.ugr.com.

We were fortunate enough to have a meeting scheduled while they were on vacation in the islands with their sisters and brothers-in-law. All of which attended the meeting. My apologies for not getting all their names and a photo.

Gene gave us a short bio of his experience in the computer field. He worked for IBM in the early days of the advent of personal computers and was the supervisor of an office of about 21 employees that were dedicated to working with computer user groups.

After retiring from IBM he missed the experience of working with UG's so he started his own business and continued conducting seminars for user groups around the country. He eventually joined up with Acronis to be their user group spokesperson.

Gene told us that Acronis has a line of utility personal user and business software that includes the award winning Acronis True Image series. The current version is True Image Home 2011. Another popular item is the Acronis Disk Director 11 home, which I'll describe later on in the article.

There is a saying in the computer business that "It's not if your hard drive will crash, but when." Being an electro-mechanical device, hard drives fail. Some sooner than others and all at

just the wrong time. If you've never experienced the sinking feeling of a failed hard drive and loss of data, then read on. This is your solution to avoid that feeling.

Acronis True Image enables you to make a back up of the entire contents on your hard drive to prevent loss of data. It is simple to install, setup and use.

The only labor required to installation is the 64 character license key that has to be put in. If you purchase this on line, you can copy and paste right from the email, but if you purchased it in person, as I and many others did at the meeting, you're required to poke it in. I got smart and made a Notepad file with the key and saved it so, in case something went wrong on the first try, I could merely copy and paste.

The opening screen gives you several choices, View Tutorial; View Starter Guide; Install True Image and View User's Guide.

The Tutorial is the first place you want to start. It's about 50 minutes in length but it didn't seem that long because of the information presented. It kept my attention and walked me through how to install, setup and prepare for backups,. What you need to do a smart backup; the types of backups. how to restore and more. You can't go wrong by taking the time to view this.

Note: This tutorial is NOT on the CD or download you purchase directly from Acronis. It is only on the copy, or CD, supplied by User Group Store.

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Have a safe
and very
Happy
New Year

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Incredible, Spectacular, Amazing...and of course, Innovative

Prez Lou

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HP Photosmart eStation \
All-in-One Printer C510



KODAK Zi8 Pocket
Video Camera

By the time you read this, I should be in Las Vegas for the annual Consumer Electronics Show (CES) where oohs and aaahs are regularly heard as thousands of new electronic goodies are unveiled. So, to tweak your curiosity about all this, I have listed a handful of new products that have been chosen as Innovation Award winners that I will, hopefully, see in person while I'm at the show. The Innovations Design and Engineering Awards program, sponsored by PCWorld, recognizes the most innovative consumer electronics (CE) products in the industry's hottest product categories. Innovations has become a hallmark for the best designed products in consumer technology.

Without further ado, the winners are:

HP Photosmart eStation All-in-One Printer C510

Overview: Combine full Web browsing with high-performance printing, faxing without a phone line, copying and scanning. The detachable, 7-inch, full-color touch screen doubles as a wireless digital companion and control panel for remote printing.

Features: Full Web browsing from a detachable touch screen.

- ◆ Tap into your online world—browse the Web, access news and weather updates, e-mail and more.
- ◆ Download and print from the Web—documents, photos and more—using a handy, wireless touch screen.
- ◆ Browse the latest e-book best-sellers or old favorites, using the wireless touch screen.

KODAK Zi8 Pocket Video Camera

It's small enough to fit in your pocket, but why would you ever want to put it there? Whether out on the town or just hanging with friends, the KODAK Zi8 Pocket Video Camera captures every experience in stunning 1080p HD video. Stay in focus while you're on the move with integrated image stabilization. Then kick back and watch all

the action on your HDTV or share your scene on Facebook or YouTube with a flick of the built-in USB arm. The Zi8 has all you need to define yourself in high definition. Catch life as it happens: Capture HD quality 1080p video with 16:9 aspect ratio; Plenty of room for more—record up to 10 hours of HD video with the expandable SD/SDHC card slot that can hold up to 32 GB; Make audio awesome—the external microphone jack lets you record in stereo; Get a new perspective—take amazing 5 MP 16:9 wide-screen HD still pictures.

Sleek Audio's SA7 earphones

The SA7, by Sleek Audio, sets a new standard for mobile audio performance through advanced design technology. A milled aluminum core houses a first-of-its kind custom tuned dual armature driver configuration. The drivers are encased in a layer of silicone, further protected by military-grade carbon fiber sidings and held together with a titanium hexagonal fastener. Yet the groundbreaking construction of this earphone is just one aspect of the technology it employs. The drivers are tuned by Sleek's acoustic engineers to offer striking clarity with brilliant highs, strong mids and accurate, powerful bass. To enhance the audio experience even further, the SA7 boasts Sleek's acclaimed VQ™ Tuning system, allowing you to acoustically tune your music to match your individual sonic preference. No detail of music is lost regardless of where you choose to listen with the SA7. ESC (Environmental Sound Control) blocks more than double the ambient noise of larger, "noise cancelling" earphones allowing you to escape into your music. As part of Sleek's Signature series, the SA7 also offers Wireless Hybrid Technology, giving you the ability to go from wired, to wireless and back again using Klear lossless technology. **Sony Internet TV Blu-ray Disc player, powered by Google TV.**

Television, meet internet. Access more entertainment than ever. Search the entire web, TV listings and apps to find exactly what you're looking for. Watch TV, browse the internet, or do both at the same time on the same screen. Plus, finding your favorite content is a breeze thanks to the included, intuitive handheld keypad with mouse. Now you can watch the game while tracking your fantasy team, tweet about the TV show you're watching, or update your Facebook status while viewing TV. Google TV delivers a new experience by bringing the TV and internet together. Using your existing cable or satellite service and, at no additional cost, Google TV gives you access to more entertainment options and simplifies the process of finding what you're looking for. Plus, you can enjoy both TV and web content at the same time, on the same screen.

Kenmore Elite® Dishwasher with Interactive Color LCD Controls
These Kenmore Elite® high-efficiency dishwashers feature 360° Power-Wash™ technology. This innovative spray arm reaches into corners to blast dishes from all angles, getting every last one sparkling clean. These dishwashers also include TurboZone™ with Rotating Spray Jets, an exclusive option that power cleans stuck on foods to eliminate the need to presoak dishes. The color-touch LCD display puts important information at your fingertips and allows you to stay in control. Get your dishes done in a hurry - The 1-Hour Wash cycle will quickly clean dishes when you most need them.

Audiovox MultiView Cam with Pedestrian Warning We can put a man on the moon, but we've yet to build a car without blind spots. Audiovox's MultiView Cam with Pedestrian Warning goes several steps further than your average car rear-view camera system, offering a 180-degree lens and low-light capabilities that help you see what's coming from side an-

gles when you're backing up. The system even gives audio alerts to let you know if a car, bike, or pedestrian is approaching from the rear sides of your car.

The Jabra STONE2 Bluetooth wireless headset takes the incredible ease-of-use of the original STONE to exciting new levels. To start with, there is now no need to even touch the headset to answer or reject a call – you just use your voice. The headset tells you each caller's number and you then simply say yes if you want to accept the call, and no if you don't.

You don't have to look at the Jabra STONE2 headset to check battery level or the strength of the connection with your mobile phone. It will tell you just what you need to know via voice alerts.

HomePlug AV with ClearPath is a breakthrough home networking technology that enables unprecedented, carrier-class streaming of HD video, voice, and data over existing power lines in the home. Sigma's chipset uses all three wires – phase, neutral, and ground to deliver improved performance and up to twice the throughput. It is the only MIMO (multiple in, multiple out) solution available over power lines. Sigma's HomePlug AV with ClearPath gives substantially better coverage, throughput, and the ability to deliver HD where it is not possible today. Both ClearPath and MIMO over power lines are Sigma patented technologies.

As you can see, there are lots of electronic goodies, so stay tuned as I'll give you a rundown in my next several columns on a lot of the ones I will be seeing during my visit at the CES from 4 to 9 January. Hope you had fun during the holidays, and are taking some time to wind-down and get back to a normal schedule. Check out <http://tinyurl.com/363qew> for the full version and www.the-tug.org for our meeting info.

Aloha,

Lou



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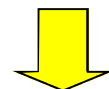
Jabra STONE2 Bluetooth wireless headset



“Watch TV, browse the internet, or do both at the same time on the same screen. Plus, finding your favorite content is a breeze thanks to the included, intuitive handheld keypad with mouse.”



Kenmore Elite® Color LCD Controls



Meeting date changed from Jan. 1, 2011 (the First Sat of the month) to Jan. 8, 2011, the Second Saturday. Mark your calendar.

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User Group Store
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“I strongly recommend True Image to our members. Inexpensive but worth it’s weight in platinum if your hard drive crashes.”- Jim

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First you will need a place to put your data for safe storage. You can do this with an inexpensive second hard drive in the system, or an external one; on another partition of the hard drive, or onto CD/DVD media. You can save data online or across networks, as well.

Most important though is the rule that you stick to a regular schedule of backing up. If the hard drive fails, all the data and programs go with it. Not good.

True Image does ‘continuous’, or non-stop, manual and automatic backups according to your settings which takes the worry out of backing up.

Gene showed us a similar tutorial at the meeting that covered everything you need to know about backing up.

True Image sells for \$50 at the Acronis website, but we were able to get half off on a special User Group deal. The deal was so well received that



Acronis Drive Director gives you the ability to add, re-size and remove partitions on a hard drive.

Partitions can be compared to the two sides of a vinyl record. Remember them? Both are on the same item but yet are separated and independent of each other.

Acronis and Gene strongly recommend that the operating system and programs be on the Primary partition (drive C:) and all your data on the Logical partition (drive D:).

Multiple partitions are possible if the hard drive is large enough in capacity. Have a partition for your financial files, another for your photos, and one for your medical records. All are accessible by the user and files can be copied, to and from, each.



Linda sold out the stock she had brought with her.

The offer was good until the end of December but if you check the web store they may have extended the 50% off offer.

We were also offered a free download of Acronis Drive Monitor. Go to <http://www.acronis.com/homecomputing/download/drive-monitor/> to get your copy.

Indicate if you’re a business or home user. Enter your name and email address and you’ll be offered a trial copy of True Image. If you already have a copy just continue to download.

Drive Monitor keeps an eye on your hard drive and reports on the health of it and the status of backups (as a gentle reminder to do them) and alerts you to any critical events, i.e. hard drive anomalies.

The other application Gene demonstrated for us was Drive Director.

It’s a sensible way to organize your hard drive. Just don’t get carried away by creating too many partitions. Two, or three, should be sufficient for the average user.

A visual demo of Drive Director is also on the version purchased from Gene’s shop.

Acronis offers 30-day free technical support but Gene said he would provide support much longer, at no cost, you just have to email him—no phone calls please—and he’ll help anyway he can.

Contact information is in the tutorial and at their website.

Aloha,

Note meeting date change.

Jim