

# qui a mal tourné \*

As so often happens throughout life, unanticipated events get in the way and disrupt a pre-planned schedule. Our meetings are no different. \*Gone awry, to put in mildly, in French.

Bear had a program put together for us, but at the last minute was reminded that he had funeral services to attend for a close friend of his wife.

Needless to say, marital bonds are stronger than social group bonds.

So, he sent me the data and I attempted to follow it at the meeting. Not having written it, nor being familiar with the information, I didn't do it justice, I'm sure.

The subject was the best features of the upcoming release of the Anniversary Update of Windows 10.

Microsoft has taken numerous suggestions from the beta testers and incorporated them in the update and they think "...you will freak out over it."

Here are a few of the "Best of.."

The new internet browser, Microsoft Edge, has been improved to include many more extensions to ease navigation and improve your surfing experience.

Cortana, the Virtual Assistant, has more languages and dialects added that will result in the support of thirteen languages. Each will have a regional customization.

Timeless reminders: Cortana will be able to save reminders

without a specific due date. Reminders can be retrieved at a later date.

In the Anniversary Update, Cortana will have cross-device notifications and reminders. Add a reminder on your phone or tablet and Cortana will have the same info on your desktop.

Notify you of missed call, messages and when your mobile battery is getting low.

Look for Cortana to "float" around Windows 10 and offer her services in documents and applications whenever needed. Cortana will plug into Outlook and Skype to provide assistance.

Ink receives improvements. To make the use of a digital pen as seamless and easy as old school pen and paper, Microsoft programmers have worked on the Ink features to include a sketchpad, which will be available from the Lock screen.

For the open-source crowd, the Anniversary Update adds a Linux command line feature. A full implementation of a Linux/Ubuntu sub-system.

Tabs are coming! Tabs are coming! Finally, File Explorer will receive tabs for easier navigating.

Windows Update will allow setting active hours and restart times so you won't be pestered with install and restart requests while you're watching those cat videos.

Multiple searches on a single map will be possible in Maps. Labeling; off-line favorites;



turn-by-turn directions in Cortana's voice, even for public transit routes.

Here's one for the avid photographer, in Photos you'll be able to search photos based on faces or places and teach the application how to manage photos with specific people or places.

Want to get new features faster than the guy next door? Then sign-up in the Windows Insider Program at this site

<https://insider.windows.com/>

Opt-in to get the latest updates and to provide feedback on their work.

Other topics discussed included "Must have utilities for computers and smart phones" by David V.P. Williams. Good info with links for each utility.

Word 2013 Annoyances and Tips. Offers visual steps on how to customize your Word application. Most of the tips apply to versions 2007 and later.

PDF for both of these are on the same page as the current newsletter on the TUG website.

Here's hoping we have a good turnout for the June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Aloha,

Jim



*In the spirit of equal opportunity, since I recounted the history of Mother's Day last month, here is The Earliest History of Father's Day J Scholars believe that the origin of Father's Day is not a latest phenomenon, as many believe it to be. Rather they claim that the tradition of Father's Day can be traced in the ruins of Babylon. They have recorded that a young boy called Elmesu carved a Father's Day message on a card made out of clay nearly 4,000 years ago. Elmesu wished his Babylonian father good health and a long life. Though there is no record of what happened to Elmesu and his father but the tradition of celebrating Father's Day remained in several countries all over the world. Time-shifting to the present day, here are a few ideas for tech-savvy Dads:*



**The Fitbit Alta** is a stylish fitness tracker with swappable bands, basic phone notifications and week-long battery life. The new "Move" alerts bring

something new. Fitbit's software is still one of our favorites, and has the largest social base as well.

**Oregon Scientific AW131 Grill Right Wireless Talking**

**BBQ/Oven Thermometer**

No need to wait by the grill to find out when dinner is ready- this wireless thermometer verbally alerts you when the meat has reached the perfect temperature. Program your choice of eight entrées, choose the doneness desired and you're good to grill.



**Coleman's LED Quad Lantern** is a great gift idea for the father who loves to sit around a campfire and sleep under the stars. Powered by eight D-cell batteries, the lantern is said to operate up to 75 hours at 190 lumens. A unique feature



is the four removable LED panels: each panel can be removed for lighting your way back to the tent or through the woods as you gather firewood. Each panel will operate about 1.5 hours on its rechargeable NiMH battery while it is away from the base.

**Cocoon Innovations's Laptop Case** This airport-friendly laptop case is ideal for the Dad who's always on the go. It's a shock-absorbent molded case that features the proprietary GRID-IT! organization system—a rubberized compartment inside the case that holds gadgets firmly in place. It accom-



modates laptops with up to a 15.4-inch screen and has a detachable/adjustable padded shoulder strap and padded handles. Choose from seven colors, including red, black, and light gray.



**Logitech Wireless Touch Keyboard K400 Plus** The number of smart gadgets and PCs making their way into the living room means that dad won't mind having a wireless keyboard handy.

The Logitech Wireless Touch



**Keyboard K400 Plus** is a keyboard with integrated Trackpad and is designed to eliminate the clutter of having a separate keyboard and mouse. And aside from its 33 feet (10m) range, the K400 also comes with an 18-month battery life from two (included) AA batteries.

**S500: Ultra-compact, noise isolating aluminum in-ear headphone**



Featuring an ultra-compact, noise isolating design and lightweight, aluminum alloy con- (Continued on [page 3](#))

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struction the S500 uses micro dynamic driver technology to deliver exciting, immersive and detailed sound reproduction.

*If none of these fit the bill, then a Filet Mignon, a good bottle of wine, and a Cuban cigar [they are legal now, aren't they?] Should do it. J*

*Have a Happy Father's Day!*

*Aloha, Young Pooky & Young Lou*



**Leftovers:**

Lou also brought along a link to Ask Abby, author of "Is this thing on?". The site is chock full of video tutorials on just about anything computer related. We took a look at one of them at the meeting. They are well produced, not your run-of-the-mill lame YouTube quality. A true show-and-tell that should no, will, be of use to users of any level of expertise. Dozens of videos covering PC's, Apple, Smartphones, and Tablets.

Check out Amy's site by clicking here ↓ <http://askabbystokes.Com/video-tutorials/>

If you are a current subscriber to Oceanic Time Warner cable you most likely have heard that they will be merging with Charter Communications and assuming the name Spectrum. I am eager to find out if they will be adjusting rates and

content after the merger is complete. I'm also eager to see if any of the other carriers offer special packages for those of us who don't want to continue with the new entity. Should be interesting to watch. The major down side I foresee is the loss of positions which will add to the unemployment numbers locally.

With sincere apologies to Sandy, this'll give you a headache. June is Migraine Awareness Month. Their slogan: Help make migraines visible!



*A Father Understands ~ Dear Father,*

*School i\$ really great. I am making lot\$ of friend\$ and Studying very hard. With all my Stuff, I Simply can't think of anything I need, \$o if you would like, you can ju\$t \$end me a card, a\$ I would love to hear from you.*

*Love,  
Your Son.*

*After receiving his son's letter, the father immediately replies by sending a letter back.*

*Dear Son,  
I kNOW that astroNOmy, ecoNOmics, and oceaNOgraphy are eNOugh to keep even an hoNOr student busy. Do NOt forget that the pursuit of kNOWledge is a NOble task, and you can never study eNOugh.*

*Love,  
Dad*



**R**elax! It's not like it's the end of the world. Just the end of

the free Windows 10 offer.

The drop dead date is July 29<sup>th</sup>. If you don't get your copy by then expect to pony up \$119 for your very own copy. That is the MSRP being bandied about by the tech writers.

Now, if you are really wedded to Windows 7, you can still keep using it without having to worry about it going away.

According to Microsoft, <http://tinyurl.com/m22wpt4> the life expectancy of Windows 7 is until January 14, 2020. Windows 8.1 is supported until Jan. 20, 2023.

That doesn't mean either will stop working on that date, just that the extended support will no longer be available. That means no more updates or security vulnerability patches, which means if you are still using either, they will not be secure when you go on-line.

On the other hand, your current computer may not last that long so you'll be forced onto Windows 10 anyway with the purchase of a new one.

We still have a few Win 7 hangers-on in the group, but for those who have made the switch to Win 10, there have been very few complaints, other than the learning curve with the new layout, tiles and locations of often used utilities.

However, the one unanimous praise I've heard about Windows 10 is that ~

*"It's free!!!"*

...for now.

**I** was the lucky recipient of a free copy of Ashampoo Backup Pro 10 from Dave's Computer Tips. If you don't subscribe to his weekly newsletter, you should and right now! Subscribe at this link:

[davescomputertips.com](http://davescomputertips.com)

His weekly issues are packed full of tips useful to every computer user no matter their level of expertise.

Periodically Dave has software and hardware give-away's provided by various vendors. In the case of the Backup software, he had 10 copies to give away and asked applicants to tell him why they deserved a copy.

Summoning my best grammar I told Dave that I was the Editor of a computer newsletter and, if a lucky recipient of the software, would write an article and demo it at one of our meetings.

You think after all those years in the military I would be adverse to volunteering, but I didn't really expect to get a copy.

I suspect that since I was in the minority of those who offered to write something about it I was put near the top of the list.

I'm still learning the steps involved to backup and restore. There are only three major steps:

- Create Backup plan
- Manage Backup plans, and
- Restore backup.

All have sub-menus with numerous options specific to the user and the computer destination and source paths. But, more on all that next issue.

A promise is a promise, so I will be writing something for the next newsletter and, if there is no conflict in scheduling, will demonstrate the software at the July 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

I know that is the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend, but I don't think there will be any official pyrotechnic events going off between 10 AM and Noon to entice you to stay away.

So, if you want to see an inexpensive, simple to use, yet thorough backup program run through its paces, mark your calendars and plan on attending.

If you've been paying attention, BING has a Quiz of the Week in their news banner. Click on it and answer 7 to 10 topical questions. The questions are usually made up from news stories that have been reported on BING and elsewhere on the internet.

If you don't know what BING is, you're missing out. BING is an internet portal and search engine. It matches Google's speed but has one main advantage - everyday there is a different image on [www.bing.com](http://www.bing.com) nothing like the plain Google home page. Make it your main search engine.

**A**nother site you might find to your liking is Trivia Today.

Sign-up and you'll get a trivia question in your email daily. The questions cover all topics and are not that easy to just guess. Your memory will be tested on some of them.

To test your knowledge, go to <http://triviatoday.com/>

