

# range Bytes



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## **NOCCC Meetings for Sunday March 6, 2016**

### **Main Meeting 1:00 PM - Games**

Derek Resch and Jeff Crane will demonstrate how to build a computer games app.

### **Special Interest Groups (SIG) & Main Meeting Times**

#### **9:00 AM**

***Linux for Desktop Users.....Science 131***

Beginners' Questions about Linux

***Beginners Digital Photography ..... Science 131A***

Questions and Answers about Digital Photography

#### **10:30 AM**

***Computer talk.....Irvine Hall***

For anyone that wants to talk about computer stuff.

***Advanced Digital Photography..... Science 131A***

Questions and Answers about Digital Photography

***Linux Administration .....Science 131***

More topics about the Linux operating system

***Mobile Computing.....Science 109***

We will talk about smartphones, tablets, and computer news.

***Microsoft Access .....Science 127***

Using Microsoft Access to build databases

#### **12:00 Noon**

***PIG SIG.....Hashinger Courtyard***

Brown bag lunch outside Irvine Hall

***VBA in Microsoft Access/Excel.....Science 127***

Using VBA code to enhance the capabilities of Access and Excel

#### **12:30 PM**

***Advanced PC Q&A..... Irvine Hall***

PC hardware, software and Internet topics

#### **1:00 PM**

***Main Meeting...Irvine Auditorium***

#### **3:00 PM**

***Board Meeting.....Science 131A***

#### **SIGs in need of a SIG Leader**

Programming; Visual Programming; Understanding Operating Systems; Microsoft Word, Excel, and Outlook.

**Membership information exchange:**

**membership@noccc.us**

**Future meeting dates 2016:**

**Apr 3, May 1**



**SWUG 1st Prize in 2004, 2005, 2006    APCUG 2nd Prize in 2003, 2004, 2005    Founded April 1976**

Coffee, cookies and donuts are available during meetings in the Irvine Hall lobby.

# “Friends Helping Friends” since April 1976

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## Club Business

### The President's Report

*President's report by Ben Lochtenbergh*

“One can lead a horse to water, but one can't make him drink” as the saying goes. I was thinking about that when the board voted against the idea of having an artist draw members during the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. I was stunned especially since there was no other idea in consideration. We have been asking members for months to think of something special befitting the occasion and this was the lone prospect presented. Outstanding idea some people said but the board disagreed.

Years ago, I had an artist draw my caricature; I still treasure that piece of art, see onset of this report. My wife and I went to a party with demonstrations, good food, and beautiful people. We had a chance to have our caricature drawn in two to three minutes free. I planned to share this delightful experience with our club's members free also, and \$10 as a promotion for family, friends, and non-members in my duty as membership chair.

Objections were: too expensive, taking photographs is faster, and when I perhaps became too adamant, Jim asked: “Do you always want it your way?” I know there have been changes to the club, perhaps too many, but only with member benefits in mind.

There will be an election in June, which is the honorable time to get it one's way! Bringing an artist to the club has value, but one **cannot make a technologist** drink art.

#### Main Meeting

During February 7 random access at 1 PM it became apparent that the starting time of the March main meeting was in peril. “Should we meet at 1 PM or 2 PM” was the question. By a raise of hands the audience present voted by a wide margin 1 PM. The only question remaining: “Shall we permanently meet at 1 PM or 2 PM?” Votes via [vote@noccc.us](mailto:vote@noccc.us) have been dribbling in it will be finalized March 5, and the result published March 6. Is this an example of your president doing it his way too much or is it simply a way of adapting to today's computer technology by polling members as never before?

#### Membership

Certain members who had not received the Orange Bytes for months are now, since February 7, benefitting by receiving newsletters from the RENEWAL database until we can restore our ability to account for due payments in the NOCCC database. We have a verbal confirmation that 26 members renewed recently. You are welcome to attend the meetings and I hope you will consider sending a dues payment. Jim Sanders is joining Dr. Don Armstrong and Bob Dickson in getting the NOCCC database to produce updated mailing lists, renewal request letters, and monthly lists of renewals.



#### Facebook

We have prospective member activity from a new source. William Cousert who responded positively to our NOCCC Facebook account will be contacting board member Dennis Martin about visiting Sunday meetings. **Let's not be limited**, in this land of the free, by lack of imagination!

#### Advanced PC Q&A visit

At 12:30, I will attend Jim Sander SIG in the Irvine Hall. My aim to, with his permission, teach Jim, Don, and those who would need to know, how to email Microsoft databases. Doing it live in about 15 minutes fits this situation best. I will be discussing the **changing landscape of computing** and how we can overcome hurdles without spending a dime.

#### Treasury

As president, I feel responsible for the club's finances. What did President Harry Truman famously say? “The buck stops here?” Is this true for the president of NOCCC? On February 17, Don gave me the password to our bank accounts. I performed a rough audit of the transactions and everything looked fine to me. Payments and deposits are being made regularly.

Jim is going to get together with Don to get the Jim Sanders' name on the bank accounts, so that we will have a backup member to do banking should that be necessary. I guess this is a repeat of what is in the minutes, but I think it is important enough to bear repeating. In case one does not get it, I as President have been following a hands-off policy with finances. **I do not want it always my way** unless it is necessary.

If I had it my way, then all financial transactions would be accounted for by creating records in an Access database. The \$1.25 cash transaction for selling one Orange Bytes in January would have such a record. I know **how easy** it is to create an Access form to for this, how little time it takes to maintain, and how much confusion can be eliminated by having proper accounting procedures. I am considering asking the board in the next meeting. If a majority wants to keep it the way it is, fine with me. It will shift the responsibility to all nine members of the board. The board meeting will be from 3 PM to 4 PM March 6 in room 131A. All interested are welcome to watch, members are welcome to join the board if they wish to help shape the future of the club. We have three openings.

*president@noccc.us*

### Board Meeting Minutes February 7, 2016

*Submitted by Bob Dickson, NOCCC Secretary*

The meeting was held in room 131A at Chapman University Science Hall. The meeting was called to order by President Ben Lochtenbergh at 3:08 PM. Present were: Ben Lochtenbergh, Don Armstrong, Bob Dickson, Dennis Martin, Larry Klees, Jim Sanders, Gerry Resch, and Richard Miller. Absent: Terry Dickson. Guest present: Rudy Lauterbach, Webmaster

**Secretary's report:** Bob distributed copies of the minutes for the 1/3/2016 meeting. Gerry moved, Larry 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved.

**President's report:** Ben announced that Dallas Hazelton has submitted his resignation due to health problems. He expressed thanks for all the service Dallas provided to the club over his many years of being a member.

**Treasurer's report:** Presented verbally. Financially we have \$1,500 in Savings, \$1,201.53 in the checking account. We received \$40.00 interest on the Money Market Account. We paid \$99.00 for the printing and mailing of the Bytes. The raffle produced \$38.00 (no report on cost of items). Donuts/cookies brought in \$28.80, and the cost was \$28.00. Ben noted that he sold a copy of the Bytes for \$1.25 to a potential member at a luncheon.

In response to Ben's inquiry, Don stated that only he, Don, has access to the bank account, as did his predecessor. Ben commented that it would be in the club's best interest that at least one other person should have access to the bank account in case Don was incapacitated for any reason. After some discussion, Jim announced he is willing to go to the bank with Don on Monday and have Jim's signature placed on the account so that he could provide backup to Don in that capacity. Ben noted his approval and thanked Jim for his response.

Don stated that he sometimes pays bills online rather than write a check. Ben asked Don to provide him with the password so that he, Ben, could review the account online.

For members, we have 65. For January renewals, there were 5 or less. There were 26 renewals over the last 7 months. Don reported he has not sent out letters for renewals as he's still working on getting the file in order. Ben commented that the renewal date in on the back of the Bytes. Ben recommended sending an email notice. Jim expressed his belief that a physical letter for renewal would be more effective since many people do not get the Bytes very long before the meeting and many don't seem to read it carefully enough to catch a renewal notice in it. Richard expressed his support for a physical letter since it also encourages the person to attend the meeting.

Don noted that Larry's renewal is not up to date. Larry stated that he has not been repaid for equipment he purchased awhile back in the amount of approximately \$90. The problem was the receipt was lost before the bill was paid. Some discussion. Don moved to pay Larry the \$90. Richard 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved. Don then noted that he would update Larry's renewal fee and not issue a check. Larry agreed.

There was extensive discussion on the fact that Ben and Don are not using the same database. Don is working on the master DB but is having some difficulties. Bob is working with him in finding corrections for some errors and just in general learning to understand how it functions. The database has been maintained by various individuals over the years and there's no operations documentation so there's considerable effort in gaining understanding of the system. Ben received a copy of the DB a few months ago and in his role of providing addresses for the Bytes, it's opened the concern that the two DBs being used may be getting out of sync with each other. Ben noted that he sends email messages to Don whenever he makes a change to an address. Don didn't recall receiving any such messages, but he might have.

Another issue of concern that involved considerable discussion was the date to use for renewals: the Join Date or the Due

Date. Ben is printing the due date on the Bytes. There were comments that it's been noted from time to time that the dates being printed are not correct. Ben again asked if everyone would work on locating a member to step up and take over getting the Bytes out each month. He will continue to get the Bytes to the printer for the next several months.

**eWaste report:** Gerry will check if there will be eWaste pickup at the March meeting. He thought there would be but he'll check to be sure.

**Consignment report:** The eWaste and consignment functions are both held quarterly but Gerry will confirm.

**Raffle report:** Gerry noted there was a good turnout for the main meeting which produced a good result for the Raffle.

**February speaker:** There was considerable approval of the presentation by the February meeting speaker. An employee of the Microsoft store in south Orange County, he gave an enthusiastic presentation of the new Windows 10 system. There were many questions asked for which he gave informative responses. There was a good turnout for the presentation, about 33 persons and that on Super Bowl Sunday! His presentation of the operation of the Windows 10 system was well presented and informative.

**March speaker:** Gerry confirmed Derek and Jeff will be present to continue and complete their presentation on the new game system they are building. Richard will contact the university and see if the presentation can be placed on campus news locations in hopes that students will be interested and attend the meeting.

**April program:** Since that month is the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Club, there will be no formal speaker. Instead, individual members will be requested to share their experience as a member of the club. There are a few of the original members still in the club. Their presentations will be requested. For the special occasion there will be ice cream, cake, soft drinks, and other special food items at no charge to the attendees.

Ben came to the board meeting with the names of two artists to vote on. Ben spent weeks arraigning artists for the April 3 event, artists who could draw a caricature for each willing NOCCC member. He dwindled the number of artists down to two. He read their final emails and answered all questions. There was considerable discussion regarding the cost, how many persons could have pictures drawn in the limited time of the meeting, whether only members could have pictures drawn or if non-members could pay to have a picture drawn. Ben had the names of two artists for consideration. After considerable discussion, Ben made a motion to pay up to \$250 to have an Avatar artist hired for the meeting. A vote was called: 2 yes and 3 no, others abstained, motion failed. Jim suggested having the club have plastic cups prepared with the name of the club and the dates. Another suggestion was to have Larry take photos of those present and photoshop the pictures with a club background before having the pictures printed and then picked up at the next meeting. No action on this suggestion. There will be further consideration given to the April meeting.

**Bytes:** Ben stated he'll put copies of the Bytes on OneDrive for the board members to proofread before closing the issue to be sent to the printer. One member told Ben he'd rather have his copy sent

via email/OneDrive. Jim felt that many rely on the physical copy to alert them to the coming meeting.

**Museum project:** Richard reported that we received another older notebook computer which was placed in a display cabinet. Bob reported that he's taken pictures of all of the items we currently have in the display cabinets. Richard and Bob will get together in the coming weeks to work on arranging the items we have received so far. We need to write-up the notice of each item so that data can be provided to the university to have display cards prepared.

**Adjourn:** Richard moved to adjourn, Larry 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed. Ben declared the meeting ended at 4:50 PM.

**Submitted by:** Bob Dickson, Secretary  
*The Board meets in Science 131A at 3:00 p.m.*

## Main Meeting Report and SIG Reports

### March 2016 RAFFLE PRIZES

*Prizes to be raffled are*

**Paid prizes for March are:**  
The only paid prize known at the newsletter deadline time is a Microsoft coupon.

**Member prizes for March are:**  
The only member prize known at the newsletter deadline time is a Microsoft coupon.

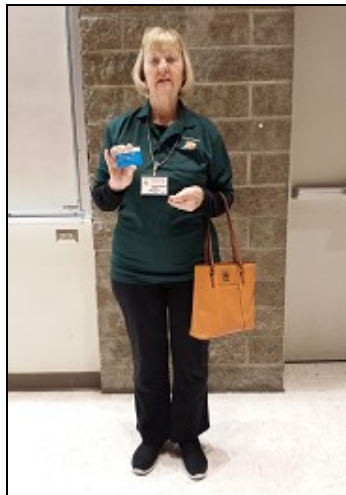
**Image of all new prizes:**  
The only price images known at the newsletter deadline time are Microsoft coupons.



Gerry Resch.jpg



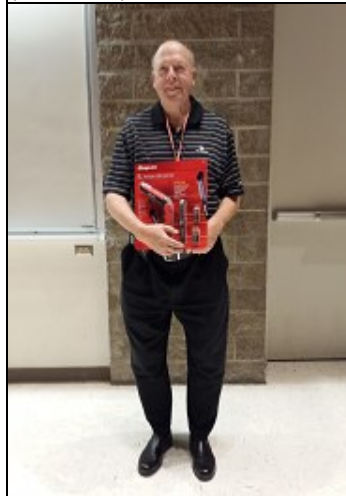
### Paid Ticket Drawing Winners



Mary Connett Personal Training (Microsoft)



Steve Kilmer USB current detector



John Szary LED Portable Light set (Snap-On)



Dennis Martin Tape Measure



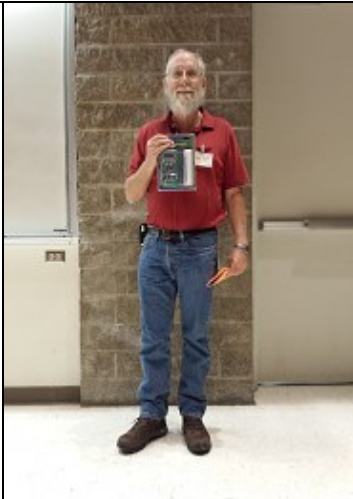
Jeff Glassman CD File



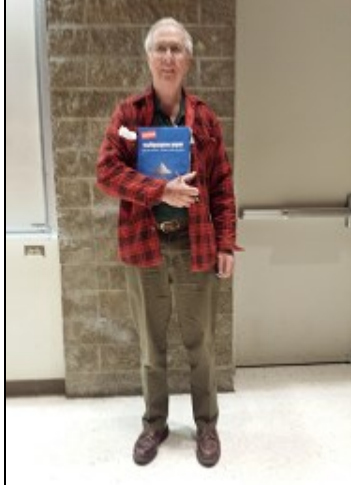
Bill Thomas Role of Electrical Tape



Gerry Resch Sync Cable



Mike Mann Digital Meter



Dennis Martin Ream of Paper



John Szary Personal Training (Microsoft)



Larry McDonald Role of Electrical Tape



## Main Meeting Reports

**February 7** Main Meeting was a great one delivered by two competent employees of Microsoft. Kimberly Kenner from the Mission Viejo Microsoft Retail Store brought in Nicolas, an excellent and personable presenter. I saw the **best presentation of the year**. I do not mean calendar year, since it's only February, but I mean the best of this club's year, which started July 2015. The topic Windows 10 operating system could not have been a better one and most appropriate for this year's computer industry timeline.



At one point, early in the presentation, I had to step in to prevent getting bogged down in answering a one-of-a-kind question about a problem that arguably was not a Windows 10 issue. Thereafter the presentation went smooth as silk and every question found a satisfactory answer.

Nicolas daringly accepted a challenge of Cortina against Android. I spoke into my watch: "OK Google what time is sundown in LA?" the answer on my watch 5:28 PM. He spoke into his laptop: "Hey Cortina what time is sunset in LA?" the answer on the big screen 5:29 PM. Close enough for me, Cortina passed! Interesting is the one minutes difference. I speculate that is because we are dealing with separate voice recognition data retrieval systems.

This meeting was a **great opportunity** for a NOCCC member who attended the presentation to get involved by writing about it for the Orange Bytes. Just email your contribution before the deadline to [editor@noccc.us](mailto:editor@noccc.us). It will be proof read and edited where necessary. The deadline is always two weeks before the next Main Meeting.

Since there were no such contribution, it came down to me. Giving the unreasonable impression (to some critics) that I again wanted it my way. The meeting photographs came from



my smartphone, so did the raffle photographs. Almost too much fun to give up, but I will gladly yield to someone else if he or she desires to contribute this way to our club!

**March 6** at 1 PM, we have scheduled Derek Resch and Jeff Crane to do the Main Meeting. They promote their endeavor as follows:

Flame Quest Productions, a mobile game app development company in Orange County, will be introducing its new game application, **Cyber City**. They will be discussing the current Gaming Industry and market with a focus on game design, theory, mechanics, and technology. Learn the requirements for developing, producing, and creating mobile apps for iPhone, iPad, and computers. Discover Industry strategies like releasing your app in various countries prior to going worldwide what opportunities may be available to you with this company and other game studios. The gaming world is a multi-billion dollar industry. Come get involved and see if this is your path to success!

**April 3** we will have our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

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## Facebook Announcement

*Copy of Facebook post by Ben Lochtenbergh*



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## Access SIG and VBA SIG

*By Bob Dickson, NOCCC Access SIG Leader*

In February, the two SIG sessions [Access and VBA for Access/Excel] were combined due to the subject matter. This month continued the analysis and review of the NOCCC Access database system. We started reviewing it at the January SIG. At that time we found an error is one report and fixed it. The goal of this project is to get deep into the database system and gain a complete understanding of its internal workings. That's turned out to be a challenging task. But, as noted, it's also a wonderfully educational task due to



the routines encoded within it, code that in most cases I haven't used.

We've listed 36 tables, 57 queries, 12 forms, 15 reports and 13 Macros. Not to mention lots of code within each of those tables, queries, forms and reports. Then there are the internal routines: a challenging but really interesting field of study.

A quick overview raised the issue that some [many?] of the forms and tables and queries may be out of date. That is, they were created to solve some function in the past and then when that function was taken care of, the feature and supporting code wasn't removed. Nothing can be removed before it's been clearly determined that it's not needed in the current use of the system.

Due to demands in other areas, not much work was performed during January outside of the SIG time at the meeting. However, much more time will be invested in the project during February. Hopefully, we'll have a good report of our status by the March meeting.

*This SIG meets in Science 127 at 10:30 am and 12 noon*

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## Mobile Computing

*By Ben Lochtenbergh, Mobile Computing SIG Leader*

We had another well-attended meeting on February 7. The head count was 15. There were about 50 different PowerPoint topics, too many to do each justice.

What happened is that attendees select topics of interest to cover in detail. I think this is a good method to follow in the next few months or so.

I hope to see y'all in March...

*This SIG meets in Science 109 at 10:30 am*



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## PC Q&A

*By Jim Sanders, PC Q&A SIG Leader*

Regretfully a SIG report has not submitted in time to beat this month's newsletter deadline. I have not heard from Jim, but I assume he is okay.

This column has provided key content to the Orange Bytes for many years! Please attend this SIG!

*This SIG meets in the Irvine Auditorium at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.*



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## Production

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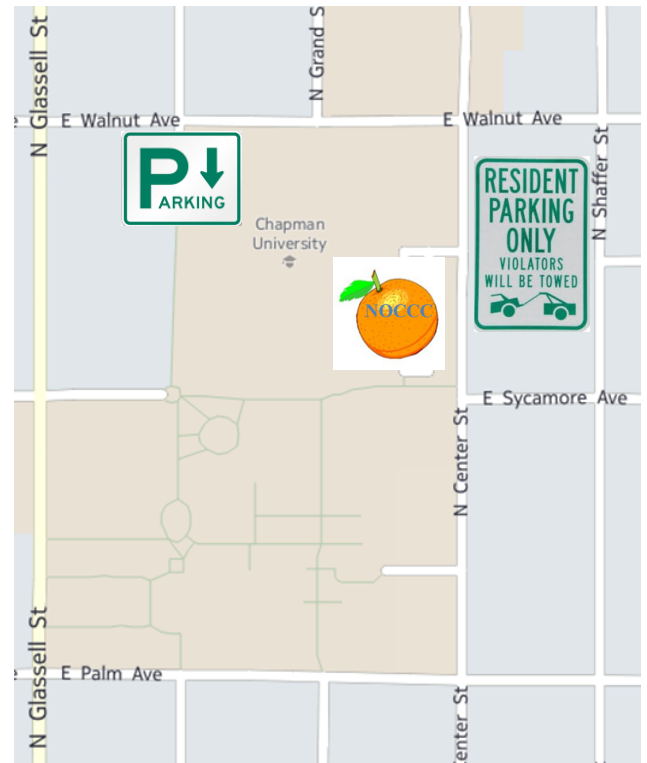
## Fee Schedule for NOCCC

The fee schedule has been set up to increase club membership, attract people with an interest in computing and attract local computer-related businesses to place ads in the Orange Bytes with or without becoming NOCCC members.

We are also offering members the opportunity to help our club financially by making donations that should be income-tax deductible since we are chartered as a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Donors will be acknowledged in the Orange Bytes and the Membership level will be shown on the Member's Badge. **Your regular dues are tax deductible!**

<u>Membership Level (\$)</u>	<u>1 Year</u>	<u>3 Years</u>
Individual Member .....	35	90
Each Additional Family Member .....	15	40
Full-Time* Enrolled College Student .....	20	
Enrolled High School Student .....	15	
*Minimum 12 Semester Hours		
Business Member + Ad (Business Card).....	180	
Business Member + Ad (¼ Page, ½ Page).....	465, 800	
Business Member + Ad (Full Page).....	1,475	
Contributing Member .....	75	
Supporting Member .....	100	
Advocate Member.....	250	
Patron Member.....	500	

## Directions to NOCCC location



## Directions to NOCCC from John Wayne-Orange County Airport (SNA) about 12 miles

Enter CA-55 N (Costa Mesa Freeway crossing Interstate 5) toward Anaheim/Riverside for 9 miles.

Exit toward E Chapman Ave. Turn right onto N Tustin St. Turn left onto E Walnut Ave.

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| 1) Turn left onto N Center St. On the right is the Hashinger Science Center, 346 N Center St. Orange California. Parking on the University side is free. Parking on the residential side may cost you! | 2) Turn left for the best place to park. For a small fee park underground in Lastinger Structure under the sports field. Ask members or <a href="mailto:help@noccc.us">help@noccc.us</a> about parking options, restrictions, and prices! |
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