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Intro to Digital Photography

Presented by Byron Atkinson

No there is no such thing as a magical camera, but there are however many cameras out on the market that will provide good to great results for most of us. This program will introduce various terms used in film and their counterpart in digital world, basics of digital cameras, and highlight some of the differences between high end and more basic cameras. It will discuss why many of us may be better off with a lower cost, easy to use digital camera. And of course there will be some basics of taking family pictures, that for the most part apply to both film and digital media, though the primary focus will be on digital.

July 16, 2005

Open Forum Discussion

Moderated by Carolyn Meeker

CAGG-NI President, Carolyn Meeker, will facilitate an open forum discussion, to find out what is on the genealogical computing minds of the membership.

August 20, 2005

21st Century Census Tools

Presented by Beverly Levine
Smallwood and Weldon Johnson

Several online sources can be used to find census records, but are you getting your money's worth out of each entry? What does the census say about your family? What is implied? What clues can direct your future research?

Return of Lost WWII Service Medals



By Ron Smith

After our American Legion meeting in April 2005 Terry Ahearn, an AL Comrade, showed me a box of medals including a Purple Heart that a friend had given him at a fishing club meeting. I took some notes from the Purple Heart and searched the internet for info on the family of the recipient, Robert J. Nauman.

My life is genealogy, so I searched the genealogy message boards and found several Nauman's. I sent e-mails to two of them that had an Illinois connection (the MIA airman entered the service in Berwyn), and both responded. One of them, John Nauman, in Iowa, was a cousin of the Airman who had been declared missing in action. We e-mailed back and forth a few times. John knew the story of his cousin, that he did not return from a mission during WWII (in 1945), and put me in touch with Rosemary (Nauman) Cook, the MIA airman's sister and her husband, Erwin Cook. Several e-mails later her husband, Erwin, sent me his phone number which I gave along with all the info I had to Terry Ahearn, at the American Legion. I had also found more info on Robert Nauman, the one the medals were issued to, on a WWII Memorial web site.

Terry phoned Erwin and Rosemary, who live in North Carolina, and had a nice long talk. She remembered that her father gave the medals to a neighbor because they reminded him of why his son did not return from the War. It seems the medals had actually been given away a couple of times so it was remarkable that they remained intact. They made arrangements for the return of the medals to Rosemary, the soldier's sister. Rosemary has her brother's burial flag and will be very happy to receive the medals. In John Nauman's e-mail to me, he said that April 28th Erwin and Rosemary had received the 6 Medals and they appreciate the help in bringing a sad story to a happy conclusion.

From Top Left

Purple Heart
Navy USS Constitution Medal
WWII Freedom Medal

From Top Right

American Campaign Medal
Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal
WWII Freedom Medal



President's Letter

Thanks to Beverly Smallwood for running the May meeting. I did not get to go on the trip I had planned. I injured my knee and was housebound for that week and am still walking on a crutch. My doctor informs me that I have another knee replacement in my future.

I have some company in the gimp area. Byron Atkinson, who is giving the June presentation on digital cameras, was hit by a car on May 13 while walking across a street.

We offered to delay the presentation till July, but Byron wants to proceed and will do it from his wheel chair. His wife has agreed to get him there. Our thanks to the Atkinson's for their commitment.

The July meeting will be an open forum. A few things which may be on the agenda:

Support tasks which need a volunteer to help do them.

A topic analysis on the presentations of the last few years.

Attendance update.

So, think about what you want to discuss next month with the other CAGGNI Members.

Carolyn Meeker



Howard Goode

one of our members since 1999, is now living at the Lutheran Home in Arlington Heights.

His daughter-in-law, Lynn Goode, says it would be wonderful if anyone could send a card, give a phone call and/or even visit him. That surely would help his spirits!

The street address is:
800 W. Oakton Street
Room 140A.
Arlington Heights, 60004,
His direct phone number is
847-463-3446.

Another member, Howard's good friend,

Grace Fry

has moved to the Devonshire Apts. in Lisle a few weeks back herself, and is enjoying the assisted living change. She claims she should have done it sooner!



We've Lost a Friend

It is our sad duty to report that **John T. "Jack" Stepp**, 77, a CAGG-NI member since 2002, passed away peacefully on Monday, April 11, 2005 at the Delnor-Community Hospital in Geneva. He was an active resident of the Holmstad Retirement Community in Batavia. In addition to CAGG-NI, he had also been a member of the DuPage County Genealogical Society. Jack is survived by a son and daughter and two grandchildren.



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Upgrading Family Tree Maker 2005

Two Little Checks

By Carolyn Meeker

In a show & tell in February, I showed a list of the current versions of genealogy software that had been published in the Family Chronicle Magazine.

I am a Family Tree Maker user and was on version 9. The current version of Family Tree Maker in the article was listed as 2005. Some of the new features for the software are an automatic search capability against ancestry.com. Also, they recommend that you use the automatic backup function from ancestry.com to store a copy of your family tree on their servers.

I do not want my tree uploaded to ancestry.com, because it contains information about living family members, and I do not want to be responsible for identity theft. Also, the offer of backing up the database sounds a little self serving, as I am sure it will be added to the world family tree on ancestry.com.

I was a little hesitant to upgrade the software, so I contacted the software company and asked if there was any way that I could block my tree from being uploaded to their site.

The response was a list of the reasons why I should use their site for

my backup and use their search capabilities. Basically, they did not answer my question.

I took a look at another software package, with the thought of switching from FTM to this other package, but I did not like the look and feel of the other product. So, I went back to my original idea.

I ordered FTM 2005 and started the install process. I was pleasantly surprised to find an "Internet Connectivity Options" screen during the installation process. (see Figure 1) There are two options, that are automatically selected for you. You can Deselect them by clicking on each.

Search online automatically when connected to the internet

Check for updates automatically when connected to the internet. .

By deselecting these two options during installation, you can prevent FTM from uploading your tree and doing the automatic searches. (You can always change your mind later if you wish and upload your tree or request the searches).

Now that I know I am not giving them my family tree, I can use the product with ease.

I like the new look and feel of the product. It seems even easier to use than before.

Hazards of Laptop Use

By Larry Olson

Although the laptop is a boon to genealogists, who can take it to a research site or use it to do data entry on a train or plane, it is ergonomically hazardous.

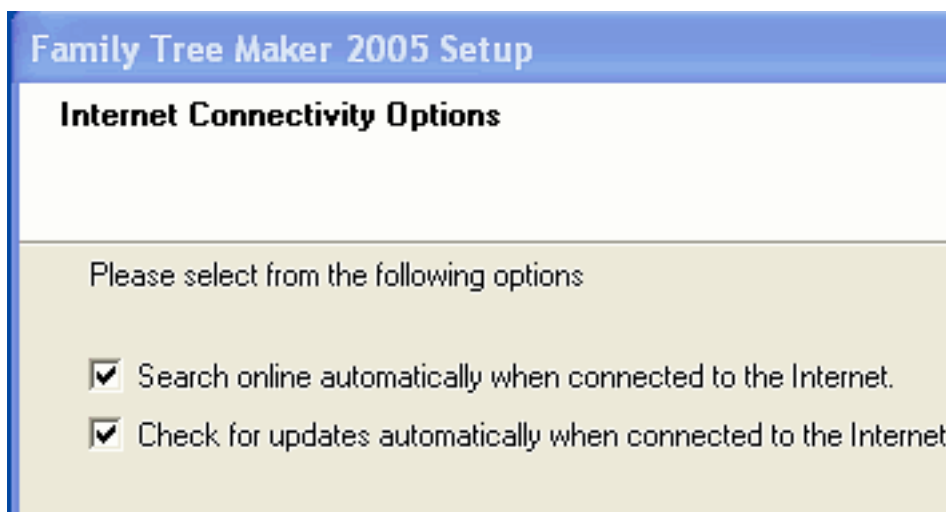
Certain ergonomic standards for using a desktop computer, i.e., having the monitor at the same height as the eyes, arms parallel to the floor, and wrists in a neutral position relative to the keyboard, are out the window when using a laptop. Usually, one looks down at the monitor causing neck pain. The wrists may be held in a cramped position, depending upon the amount of space available.

According to USA Today, 4/12/05 (as quoted in Safety Compliance Alert of May 26, 2005), laptop users complain of pain in more and different body parts than desktop users.

It is recommended, when possible, to attempt to make the experience similar to using a desktop:

- ◆ Add an external keyboard and place it on an adjustable platform
- ◆ Attach an external mouse instead of using the touchpad or trackball
- ◆ Place the screen about 18 to 30 inches from your eyes
- ◆ Tilt the screen so it's perpendicular to your line of sight
- ◆ If you're on a couch, use a pillow to support your arms while keying, and
- ◆ Take typing breaks every 30 minutes

It is said that upcoming laptops will allow the screen and keyboard to become two separate pieces. We'll look to Ed Rosenthal to provide the news when it occurs.



Is it time to get a laptop?

By Beverly Levine Smallwood

Genealogy and laptops are a natural match. Could anything be better than to have all your notes and conclusions with you when you are out doing research? Also, my typing is much more legible than my handwriting or even my printing.

I have a desktop computer to do the heavy lifting. It has lots of memory and a gi-normous hard drive. The latest and greatest is less expensive for desktop computers. I also have a laptop computer to take with me on research trips. You pay more for less on a laptop... less memory, less disk storage, less speed, and most especially — less weight. The trick is finding the right fit for your needs, pocket book, and strength.

Laptops come in different sizes and shapes. The Desktop Replacements tend to be heavy and large, with large hard drives, lots of memory, CD or DVD writers, and large screens. They tend to weigh eight or nine pounds. That doesn't sound like much, but in a shoulder bag or backpack that can be considerable. The next step down will have just a little be less of everything and weigh in between six and eight pounds.

The good news, though, is a new breed of laptop: the Ultraportable. These laptops are smaller and smallest of all. You will have to compromise on speed, memory, storage, and screen size in exchange for a small, thin laptop weighing in between three and five pounds.

The prices on these ultraportables has dropped recently. You should be able to pick one up for between \$800 and \$1500. This is one product you really need to try out in the store. The keyboards on the smaller models can be difficult to use. The key size and pitch can be so small as to be unusable. Some keys do double duty requiring the

use of the Function key in combination, which can take some getting used to.

Look for a keyboard you can type on comfortably. You will also need a modem, 10/100 Ethernet LAN with RJ-45 connector, and built-in wireless networking. A hard disk of 40-60 GB should be more than enough for research purposes. You won't be storing all your photos and videos on this machine. You will need several USB2 ports to connect external devices like keyboards, mice, external hard drives, and such. A firewire port is desirable, but not a deal breaker. A CD/DVD

"Choose unwisely and you have an expensive doorstep"

drive is necessary for installing software. If it also records to CD, that's a plus. You will find 256 MB RAM to be enough for your needs, but 512 is better. Anything over 1 GHz is fine for the processor — though a friend recommended looking for an Intel® Pentium® M processor as they tend to run cooler and have L2 cache which speeds processing.

Once you bring the new baby home, don't go crazy installing software. You only need email and internet browser (Outlook Express and Internet Explorer will probably already be installed), your genealogy program (and Bygones for taking notes), Adobe Acrobat, and an anti-virus program and a firewall to protect your computer from intruders. An office suite will probably come with the computer as well.

Networking your desktop and laptop computers will facilitate copying and synchronizing files between them. You may also use an external hard drive to do this. Since, most of the time, you cannot update the same file on each computer simultaneously and hope to synchronize the combined file,



you should only update on one computer at a time. Thus, copy from the desktop to the laptop before going out to do research, then copy back to desktop when you return.

Of course, you will need some accessories. You should get a case for transporting your laptop. It should be well padded and comfortable to carry. Cases

break down in to shoulder bags, backpacks, or wheeled carts with retractable handles. If you have back and neck problems and the laptop is too heavy for you to carry comfortably, go for the wheels. You also should purchase a locking cable. Most laptops have a slot to fit a standard locking cable. When you go to a library or archive you should secure your laptop in some fashion so you don't have to carry it with you to the bathroom or to retrieve books. Never leave your laptop unattended where you wouldn't also leave your purse or wallet. Even secured with a cable, never leave it unattended while you go out for lunch or for other extended periods of time.

Pick a machine that you are comfortable using and carrying and it will serve you well. Choose unwisely and you have an expensive doorstep.



Other Group Events *compiled by Beverly Levine Smallwood*

26 JUN 2005 - WILMETTE, IL

Ask the Experts

Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois

<http://www.jewishgen.org/jgsi/meetings.htm>

26 JUN 2005 - CHICAGO 1-3 P.M.

Irish American Heritage Center

Genealogy Committee Meeting

<http://www.irishamhc.com/programs.asp#history>

09 JULY 2005 - SCHAUMBURG

POINTers in Person

Chicago North Chapter 27

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~itappcnc/>

12 JUL 2005 - MUNDELEIN, IL

JILL MARTIN

Lake County during the Civil War

Lake County Genealogical Society

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~illcgs/meetings.htm>

16 JUL 2005 - RICHMOND, IL

Pat Geyh - Irish Immigration Paths Into and Through North America

BIGWILL

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~wiilbig/meet.htm>

28 JUL 2005 - GENEVA

Russell Lewis - Genealogical Research at the Chicago Historical Society

Kane County Genealogical Society

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilkcgs/>

31 JUL 2005 - CHICAGO 1-3 P.M.

Irish American Heritage Center

Genealogy Committee Meeting

<http://www.irishamhc.com/programs.asp#history>

Workshops & Conferences

10-14 JUL 2005 - SPRINGFIELD, IL

11th Genealogical Institute of Mid-America

[http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilsgs/gima/
gima2005.html](http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilsgs/gima/gima2005.html)

19-20 AUG 2005 - INDIANAPOLIS

Midwestern Roots

FEATURING ELIZABETH SHOWN MILLS, TONY BURROUGHS, DIANE
GAGEL AND PROFESSOR JAMES H. MADISON

The Indiana Genealogical Society and the Indiana
Historical Society

<http://www.indgensoc.org/MR2005brochure.pdf>

19-21 AUG 2005 - ST. PAUL, MN

Dare to Discover: Exploring Central & Eastern European Ancestry

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~mnggs/FEEFHS.html>

07-10 SEP 2005 - SALT LAKE CITY

FGS/UGA Conference

<http://www.fgs.org/2005conf/FGS-2005.htm>

16-18 SEP 2005 - SCHAUMBURG, IL

Polish Genealogical Society of America Conference

<http://www.pgsa.org/>

17 SEP 2005 - STONE PARK, IL

Italian Genealogy Conference

<http://italianancestry.com/conference/>

24 SEP 2005 - NAPERVILLE, IL

JOHN PHILIP COLLETTA, PH.D.

More Excellent Adventures in Genealogy Fox Valley Genealogical Society

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilfvgs/worksh05.htm>

15 OCT 2005 - ITASCA, IL

Illinois State Genealogy Society Fall Conference

Featuring a CAGG-NI technology track

[http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilsgs/fallconf/
2005falconf.html](http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilsgs/fallconf/2005falconf.html)

22 APR 2006 - QUAD CITIES

32nd Annual Quad Cities Genealogical Conference

JAMES L. HANSON, REFERENCE LIBRARIAN, WISCONSIN HIS-
TORICAL SOCIETY

[http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilbgsrim/news/
2006GenConference.html](http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilbgsrim/news/2006GenConference.html)

Summer Festivals

JUNE 21- 26, 2005

Geneva (Illinois) 56th Annual Midsommar Festival - Swedish Days

Mon. - Fri.: 11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Sat.: 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Sun.: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

<http://www.genevachamber.com/swedishdays.html>

Other Group Events **May Meeting Notes**

Summer Festivals

(Continued)

General information on the Milwaukee Lakefront Festival grounds
<http://milwaukee.citysearch.com/profile/11358265/>

24-26 JUNE 2005 - MILWAUKEE, WI

Polish Fest

<http://www.polishfest.org/>

21-24 JULY 2005 - MILWAUKEE, WI

Festa Italiana

<http://www.festaitaliana.com/>

28-31 JULY 2005 - MILWAUKEE, WI

German Fest

<http://www.germanfest.com/>

18-21 AUG 2005 - MILWAUKEE, WI

Irish Fest

<http://www.irishfest.com/>

26 AUG 2005 - MILWAUKEE, WI

Mexican Fiesta

<http://www.mexicanfiesta.org/>

Google Desktop

Helpful File Search Capability: (a free download)

By Joe Feitler at j.feitler@ieee.org

For the past several months I have been using this special search function that will retrieve files with the aid of a user-selected keyword (or phrase). This new Google function will find files on your PC's desktop, either as stored email messages, as text files, or as MS Word files. You can retrieve this free download from <http://www.desktop.google.com> and then install it within a few minutes. Please note that the search of existing text and word file is normally readily available, but the ability to find relevant email files has become a welcome addition.

Keeping up with the Joneses (e-mail)

Presented by Larry Olson

Reported by Eleanor and Joe Feitler

This presentation outlined a system of useful techniques to help a user cope with incoming e-mail (other than those considered "SPAM" or unsolicited or unwelcome messages). Essentially, this system of "getting things done" as the "Art of Stress-Free Productivity" has been described by David Allen (www.davidco.com) as the following series of planned actions:

- § Funneling all incoming e-mail into in a (single) in-box
- § Deciding (on what should be) the next physical action
- § Making lists of things to do
- § Categorizing the intended next physical action into groups

Tackling the In-Box

- § Delete item
- § Do it
- § Defer it
- § (File it?)

The goals of this systematic approach are:

- § Empty the In-Box to create a "zero base"
- § The In-Box is not always empty, but should be at some time during the week
- § Review the In-Box on (at least) a weekly basis
- § "It is easier to keep up than to catch up!"
- § Respond to incoming e-mail within a week or less

Do It:

- § Do it now if it will take less than 2 to 5 minutes
- § What is the next action step?
- § File under @ Action

§ Put into Tasks (beyond the scope of this talk)

Read File:

- § Use the Rules/Alerts under the Tools (dropdown list)
- § Send "SPAM" messages to the Delete/Recycle bin
- § Set things aside that you do not want to read now, but want to keep organized

Delegate It:

- § Delegate if this will take 2 to 5 minutes
- § Make a cc: or bcc: copy to yourself (unless automated as a user option)
- § File in @Waiting-For

Defer It (e.g., reference files):

- § Organize by theme, project, person (or whatever makes sense)
- § Group by where you would expect to find it
- § Try to keep the number of items per folder small to that it is easier to find
 - By place (e.g., Tronder)
 - By surname (e.g., Solberg)
 - By Organization (e.g., CAGG-NI)

"Registrations" Files:

- § Welcome messages
- § UserNames and Passwords
- § Rename subject line of message to make it easier to find

Maintenance:

- § Clean out regularly: items in the Deleted, Sent, Unsent, and Draft folders
- § Review the @ Action and @Waiting-For files