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Its been 30 years! With more to come!

By Joe Durham

My, how times flies! Our club has experienced and witnessed many manifold electronic changes in 30 years. The dawning of the Internet and its blockbuster use has certainly changed our lifestyles and how we use and see computing. The QCS even has a Facebook page.

We will be gathering together for a picnic on September 12th at the Riverside park to celebrate our club, those changes and the cool electronic horizons to come: Windows 8, new iPhones, new tablets, cloud computing, webinars, plus some good old fashioned conversation, games and food.

Take a moment to sit back and scan the many inventions and then consider the newborns of today. If the past is prologue, we certainly have no idea of the marvelous gadgets that computing will envelope in the years ahead. It is the QCS's role to explain, help and share those

many new computing paths as they come along.

For example, I can recall when AOL first began to add the Internet to its service, Bill Burrows talked about downloading a file from Australia over the Internet. It was a new thing to do. We didn't quite understand what to make of it or its potential, but as with all new electronic things it gradually drew us and the world into its power for sharing ideas, and communicating worldwide.

My first exposure to the Quad Cities Computer Society was in 1993 at the Duck Creek Mall. The QCS had exposition space there with various SIG groups sharing their ideas. I had just recently purchased a copy of Ensemble from Best Buy. It just so happened that there was a group of people present who used Ensemble. Once I saw the connection and the friendly help available, my membership in the club followed forthwith :) !

As with all of our members I learned new ideas, tried to help out others where I could, and volunteered to assist: that spirit remains. Certainly the Internet has changed the complexion of QCS's impact, but our helpful spirit and volunteerism remain. We all like computing and electronics and are willing to share with one another.

In the near term we will face the onslaught, blizzard of tablets,

social media, 3D phone, 3D TV's. As Dr. Snowball mentioned earlier this year, new technology will be despised, hated, a bane to civilization. Eventually the new becomes the known and old. In the 21st Century, we humans (ie. QCS) will have to keep plodding along, sharing our inside tips, and helps and keep rafting down that big, fast moving river named : Technology. It is clubs like ours that will help put a human face on these changes.

Some of the upcoming main QCS meeting topics later this year include: Gary Stanley, ebooks in the library, holiday electronic goodies to feast our eyes upon,

This month's issue has a copy of the front page of *QBITS* (page 4) as it was published in August 1991 Look it over and see if it sparks some memories or insights you would like to share with everyone. You can send an email to either of us:

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Corel *Videostudio Pro X4*

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Having a new video camera is really exciting. Having new software to work with the video files is also exciting as well as frustrating. So much to learn! I know what the program is capable of doing because I have read all of the information on the internet prior to the release of VideoStudio Pro X4 and was excited to start the process of loading and learning.

When I opened the box I was pleasantly surprised to see a User Guide. There are so few programs that come with only online manuals. I really like when I have a manual that I can page through as I go and use as a ready reference. Although the Guide is small, it is packed full of content which starts with explaining the complete interface of the program and pointing out where everything is and what it does. Then it moves on to actually creating your first video and how easy it can be.

One of the neat things that are a feature of this program is the Instant Templates section that has some video templates you can im-

port into the time line and then substitute your own content and it is already to view with the preset features including transitions, audio and editable text. When you do make your own video from scratch and use all of the different transitions and other effects available, you can also save that work as a template that you can later import and have all the work that you did on your project available to just add new content and save a lot of the work that you did on the original effort.

There is a Corel Guide button on the top right that opens a window with lots of helpful information.

There are tutorials available that show how to use the various tools available under a “Learn” tab. The “Do More” section allows you to download new styles, fonts, music and templates. Some of the content that is available is a free download and some are offerings by other companies that work well with Corel VideoStudio Pro. You can also check for updates in this area to make sure that you always have the most current version of the program.

The interface of the program is completely customizable and you can resize the various areas of the workspace to suit your needs. The preview window is on the upper left as in other programs that I have used. Next to that is an area that lists folders that you have created with the video and picture information so that you can keep everything organized. The files aren’t actually moved to these folders, just information as to the path to the actual content. I find this so much better than having everything all bunched together

from various projects that you have worked on.

There are many new features in this version of Corel VideoStudio Pro including “stop motion animation”, “time lapse photography”, the ability to create high definition projects and even 3D movies which you can view with the included glasses that come in the box of the version that I have. I have not had an opportunity to try that out yet but think it sounds like a lot of fun.

After you have your project completed using all of the help and guides available, you are ready to share it with others. There are lots of ways to create your project including CD, DVD and Blu-Ray. You can also create a file that can be uploaded to sites such as YouTube, Facebook or Flickr. There are a lot of menu templates that will make moving through your show easy and fun. I felt that the rendering time was much faster than other programs that I have used and soon I was able to burn my finished project and share with others. Corel is one of the few large companies that continue to support user groups like ours. I was fortunate to see a presentation of the previous version of this software at the FACUG conference earlier this year and the presenter did such a good job it made us want to run out immediately and get a copy. Corel provides a large variety of software at very reasonable prices. The street price for this software is \$99 and well worth the price. I know it will be my choice for creating lots of fun and interesting videos to share with family and friends.

Two Great Conferences in two Months

by Patty Lowry

The Southwest Computer Conference

This was the 4th year I attended the Southwest Computer Conference at the Town and Country Resort and Convention Center in San Diego held June 3rd -5th..

Friday, our friend Abby Stokes kicked off the conference with a keynote on Social Networking. After supper the first presentation came to us from Florida via Skype.

Throughout the weekend there were several workshops. There was something for everyone. Some of the workshops I attended were:

- * “Sing2Learn” where children learn a foreign language set to music.

- * “Good Computer Habits-Ergonomics, Netiquette and How to Make a Difference” presented by Abby Stokes.

- * “Security Myths, Internet Do's and Don't, the Evolution of Computer Threats & Myths” told by Bob Gosticha, an evangelist for the free anti virus program, Avast.

Meal presenters were Matt Mardine, President of Wolverine Data, a company with hardware to convert slides to digital images and a portable page scanner, offering discounts to user groups and Evelyn Watts from Corel, who gave us the wonderful discount on a Corel product after a very informative demonstration. The internet search engine, Opera was reintroduced. It had been some time since the program was brought to light. It was a reminder to us that there are alternative internet browsers available.

One of the highlight of the of the conference was the Vendor Fair. It is an opportunity to speak individually with the many vendors.

This is just a brief description of some of the events. It was a weekend full of information. Judy Taylor and the conference committee put a lot of work into this weekend and it showed. It was very well organized.

Cleveland Regional APCUG Annual Meeting

July 15th -17th I was in Cleveland, Ohio for the APCUG Regional Conference and Annual Meeting. This was another chance to meet some computer enthusiasts and renew some acquaintances. Friday night was a Meet and Greet with pizza provided for the attendees. It was this informal session the kicked off the weekend.

There was a large selection of workshops available on Saturday and Sunday morning, that included Skype, OneNote, How to do a Webinar, Mr. Excel, Social Media, Digital Photography, and Windows Tips and Tech. Bob Gosticha from Avast was also at this conference. It is always nice to see vendors from other conferences.

Social Media seems to be a coming thing in the future. Skype, Facebook, Twitter are some of the more popular Social Media applications.

These conferences have a wealth of information to be had. They are a place to meet and make new friends who have the same interests as you.

Also while there, I attended a Face2Face meeting of the Board of Directors and Board of Advisors. This was the first time many of us met. Our board meetings are usually held online.

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MEETING NOTES

JULY...

Seventy-one members and guests attended. Probably would have been more if your editor pro-tem (Bob Lay) had remembered to put the meeting location and/or telephone contact number in the July newsletter! Geez - sorry about that.

Delores and Bob Lay presented the program about PIMs (Personal Information Managers). Focused on InfoSelect, the one they use. Like it best because it's simple to make work your way, easy to learn and requires minimal system overhead (i.e., ram).

Summed up: There are lots of PIMs available guaranteeing a "size" to fit anyone. Simple note trackers to full-blown applications including calendars, schedulers, and critical path planners. ShareWare and proprietary, from \$20 to \$795. Define your need, then check 'em out. Start using one and find out why computers were invented!

AUGUST...

Bill Burrows has arranged to have Dr. N. V. Orlandea demonstrate a program for the dynamic analysis of mechanisms.

Engineers must analyze mechanisms to determine motion, forces, torques,

velocities and etc. Of several programs available for such work, the best known is ADAMS, a three dimensional analysis program for main-frame use. Two dimensional versions are also available for personal computers.

These have been used to model engine components, vehicle suspension systems, milling machines, gun recoil mechanisms, and even a golf ball.

Dr. Orlandea, author of the original ADAMS, will show how easily two dimensional analysis of a simple mechanism may be done. Then he'll show a 3D analysis of a Mercedes front suspension using a personal computer and a program he has written. Previously such analysis required, at the least, a mini computer.

Following the program, we'll draw for several door prizes from our grab bag.

THIS FALL...

A program demonstrating the Macintosh computer, and it's compatibility with MS/PC-DOS systems.

A demonstration of Windows 3.0, Microsoft's attempt to bring the popular MAC interface to the PC.

And more, including a few surprises. Don't forget . . . mark the second Wednesday on your calendar now. See you there! ■

Is There a Tablet PC in Your Future?

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Apple's iPad tablets are flying off the shelves and many competitors are introducing similar tablets. Here's a brief synopsis of the tablet situation and what it means to you.

In just nine months in 2010, Apple sold more than 15 million iPads. In the first month of sales, the iPad 2 sold millions more. According to some industry experts the iPad is the fastest growing new product in history. Perhaps, though, the most important thing about the iPad is that it has ushered in a new era in computing. Steve Jobs calls it the Post PC age. Although I agree that this is a new era in computing, there is nothing Post PC about it. The iPods, iPhones, and iPads that Mr. Jobs is talking about, all run on computer processor chips. They all perform functions that are similar to those performed by computers. No, this is not the Post PC era. Rather, it is the era of ubiquitous computing. If you look up the word "ubiquitous," you will find that it means omnipresent, pervasive, permeating, universal, and ever-present. This is what mobile devices like the iPhone and especially the iPad bring to us.

I expect that tablet PCs like the iPad will continue to grow in popularity. Although as of this moment, no other manufacturer has yet been able to equal the design, implementation, and price point that Apple has set, the march of the tablets has only just begun. There is plenty of competition in the making. Apple boasted 9.5 billion in

revenue from the iPad in the last nine months of 2010, so everyone else is hurrying to get their version of the tablet PC to market.

Motorola recently released the Xoom, an Android tablet that is a competitive but pricey alternative to the iPad. Research in Motion, the creators of the BlackBerry, released their tablet called the Playbook in April. This will, of course, be based on their own BlackBerry operating system. Asus, Dell and LG Electronics will be introducing new tablets based on the Android operating system in the next few months. Samsung has announced that they will revamp their Android Galaxy Tab tablet and introduce two updated versions soon. HP is scheduled to roll out its first tablet based on the webOS operating system sometime in June. So within the next few months, we will have at least eight tablets from major manufacturers running four different operating systems.

If you are wondering why you should care about this, here's the scoop. Tablets are an entirely new category of computers. In most cases, they will not replace personal computers, but will augment them. There will still be computers running infrastructure, businesses, and hospitals, but both professionals and home users will find tablets extremely useful for their day-to-day living.

Since tablets have touch screens. You don't need a keyboard, mouse, or stylus. This makes them extremely portable. Also most tablets have very long battery lives, so you aren't tethered to the wall by a cable. Because tablets use apps rather than traditional software programs, they are much easier to use and more stress-free than com-

puters.

App stores like Apple's iTunes store and Android's Marketplace have hundreds of thousands of apps available, so a tablet PC can be quickly and easily personalized to perform only the functions that the user needs or wants. This gives users a more intimate relationship with their devices.

In fact, this relationship is not only revolutionary, it is often somewhat magical. I recently watched my three-year-old granddaughter play with a Disney fairy app on an iPad. She gently moved the iPad to and fro to make Tinkerbell and her friends fly over the breathtaking scenery sprinkling fairy dust over the land. She was thoroughly enchanted. I also watched a 70-year-old man who was equally mesmerized by the interactive audio and video of a magazine site that he was viewing on his iPad. These devices are engaging for everyone. People from three to 103 can use and enjoy them.

Tablets are so empowering that I predict that they will become indispensable to everyday living. Who wants to walk into another room to get over to the computer when they need a recipe or want to look up a word. It is much easier to just grab a tablet PC off the coffee table. You can use it to watch television when you are on the go, to check the weather in the morning, or to read a book or listen to music as you endure the wait in the doctor's office.

Teachers are using tablets with great success because they are enthralling to children. Doctors are using them as a point-of-care device that can not only document the patient's progress, but can also

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help doctors explain procedures to patients. Artists are using them to create new masterpieces.

More and more applications are being found for tablets every day. With the new tablets that will be appearing in the next few months, this will be a very interesting category of devices to watch. Keep your eyes open, there may be a tablet PC in your future.

Keep iPads and Tablets Clean With SideKick™ from LensPen®

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I saw this company at CES and was impressed with their product. iPads and tablets are great, stylish products. But the touch-screen action leaves a trail of oily fingerprints that soon cover the whole surface. A cloth isn't effective and some sprays and tissues can make the fingerprint mess even worse. In reality you should not use a glass

cleaner on your monitor or tablets, because they have a special coating on them. While I did find a wet paper towel works pretty good on the iPad the SideKick works the best.

SideKick's carbon compound is similar to the one found in printer's ink; why newspapers have been an effective way to clean windows for generations.

The cost for SideKick is \$19.95. A package of two replacement cleaning pads is \$14.95. Each pad gives 150 cleanings.
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My iPad

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Yes, I brought an iPad. But there is a reason or rational behind it. While at CES I won an Apple iPhone 4. As it turned out though they sent me an Apple Store card worth \$199 which would purchase the iPhone 4, but was good for anything. I did think about selling it, but I started to see the iPad as something the grandkids could use to play educational programs.

This is kind of like when my son some years back bought us a good set of speakers for \$200 for our TV. My wife went out and brought a \$450 hutch to hold them. Not quite equaling out. So I'm getting \$199 off, but still have to spend about \$350 to get the iPad.

After hearing about the iPad 2 coming out I was really interested. Like many others I was disappointed to see it did not come

out with the predicted USB port or media reader. Some were even saying wait for the iPad 3, but I decided to go ahead and get the iPad 2.

There was a four week wait for it at the Apple Online store so I put the order in and got \$199 taken off. After it arrived I had to set up an iTunes account. My first impression was -- looks cool, but not really ergonomic. The top is very smooth like glass. At least in my personal opinion I would like something like a rubberized strip. I want something to stop it from slipping out of my hands. This is especially true when the grandson starts playing with it. I did buy a case to hold it.

So far I've installed a number of educational apps (programs) and a few games. I have bought about \$50 worth of apps. I'm also trying many of the free educational apps. They are lite versions; that is, they show you a small portion of what it will look like to get you to buy the full version. My grandson is four so most of them are ones that help kids learn the alphabet, or how to count.

The one game that is addicting to all of us is Angry Birds. Even my non-computing wife likes playing it. With my grandson I have to set a limit with him so he also plays the educational games.

One I thought would be really cool is the Time Warner app. If you have them as a TV and Internet provider you can download the app for free. With it you can watch a number of their channels on the iPad. Only problem is Wi-Fi connection is poor for the iPad. I can be sitting in my living room and not get a connection and it is especially evident with the Time Warner app. I can catch the Wi-Fi signal very easily with my

notebook. I have sat right in front of the router and it still has to buffer the video to the iPad or it simply loses it.

While fun I do still consider it to be a luxury item, but grandparents have been know to spend lots of money on their grandkids.

The Killer App of the 21st Century

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Over the years, and more than once, my wife has said “Until computers work the way they do on Star Trek, they are not ready for prime time”. She has a point. While computers, smart phones, laptops, tablets, and other close relatives of PCs have certainly become ubiquitous in our society, they are among the most complex devices ever developed by human beings. Their internal complexity rivals that of the most advanced F-22 fighter planes. No one expects grandma to climb into the cockpit of one of these things and be an expert after a few lessons because no one expects an F-22 fighter to be easy to use.

Despite what you have been hearing for years, computers are not easy to use, and they are anything but intuitive. If Isaac Newton were suddenly transported from the 17th century to the present and handed a smart phone, he would have no idea what to do with it. The ability to make a computer do something useful has nothing to do with intelli-

gence and everything to do with familiarity. Twelve year olds have no problems with smart phones or other devices controlled by microchips because these objects have always been a part of their young lives. Most adults have not enjoyed a similar advantage, and many feel that technology often works against them.

The problem is that people have had to adjust to the needs of technology rather than the other way around. That is the basis of my wife’s complaint about computers. She thinks they should adjust to her, and I believe she is right. In the 1982 movie “Firefox”, Clint Eastwood played a character sent on a covert mission to the Soviet Union to steal an advanced aircraft that could be controlled by the pilot’s thoughts through a neural link. This was and still is science fiction, but it’s also a good example of digital technology adjusting to the needs of analog beings like us.

The “Killer App” of the 21st century will be a tool that makes computers and other complex devices adapt to us. It already exists, but it’s still in its infancy or perhaps even its embryonic stage. Wherever it is on the evolutionary scale, it has not yet moved much beyond the multi-cellular level. We’re talking about present day speech recognition, a considerable distance from Star Trek where machines understand natural language and react to it as another person would.

Windows 7 has speech recognition built-in. You don’t have to pay extra for it. Using it can be quite entertaining as well as educational. Set it up on your computer with a three step process accessed within Windows Control Panel. You will need either a stand-alone micro-

phone or one attached to a headset. The headset-microphone combination is the better option. It’s comfortable, and the headset filters out extraneous noise better than most standalone mikes.

It’s tempting to get started quickly, but to get the best results you need to setup your microphone properly. Access the Configure Your Speech Recognition dialog box, and select Set up Microphone. Tell Windows what kind of microphone you’re using and the Setup Wizard will tell you how to position your equipment and set your audio level.

Now comes the hard part. Bring up the Configure Your Speech Recognition dialog box again and select Train Your Computer to Understand You. The Wizard will now guide you through some phrases which give Windows the information it needs to understand how to interpret and execute your commands. Training the computer may be annoying, but it is nowhere near as irritating as trying to get your dog to fetch, heel, roll over, and play dead.

Microsoft has thoughtfully provided a reference card which explains how you tell Windows to handle common speech recognition commands, keyboard shortcuts, punctuation marks, and other special characters. You can print it out from the Control Panel’s Speech Recognition dialog box. Windows will not respond to “Go jump in the Lake”, nor will it attempt to perform any anatomically impossible acts. Keep your requests reasonable, and Windows will get along with you just fine.

Smart phones are also getting into

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the voice activation business. Newer Android models have a neat application that does some very useful things. Google Voice Search is nothing short of amazing. I spoke into my recently purchased Android driven HTC Thunderbolt "Pictures of Ringling Causeway Bridge" and the result was four pictures of the bridge, including a map of how to get there from my Sarasota location.

I then tried "How far from the earth is the Moon?" This brought up a selection of web sites, one informing me of the distance in miles, and a second of the distance in kilometers. There were loads of additional astronomical information about our nearest planetary neighbor, far too much to explore in one session, but lots of reasons for a return visit for the curious.

Next was "Directions to Starbucks". I instantly knew the location of all the Starbucks in Sarasota, and I had my choice of getting directions by public or private transportation. The application even offered directions by bicycle or foot.

In an effort to stump it I asked "How can we get rid of Khadafi?" Incredibly, the thing gave me an answer that might actually work. The Pentagon should be informed.

It effortlessly translated units of measurement from one system to another such as miles to kilometers, and yards to centimeters. It told me a gallon of water weighs approximately 8.35 pounds, and on and on. I finally stopped it cold when I asked it to change miles per hour into furlongs per fortnight, but that was probably unfair.

Google is doing a great job with getting technology to adapt to us. There is still a long way to go, but

the future looks promising which brings us back to Star Trek. Whenever Captain Picard wants tea, he always asks for it the same way. He says "Tea, Earl, Grey, hot." Why can't he say something like "Tea, my usual?" I suspect the computer is smart enough, and the fault lies in the scriptwriter's lack of imagination.

youSENDit

A Program to Send Large Files

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Have you ever had a large file you wanted to send someone? For example, you are a proud new grandparent and want to share the digital video of the baby with all your family and friends. You could try attaching the file to an email and send it that way. But most email programs have a limit on how many megabytes of files you can send in a single email message (typically ten megabytes).

This is where the website, youSENDit comes in handy. You can upload the large file to their website, and they will send an email to the lucky recipient(s) with a download link. The recipient downloads the file, and you receive accolades of how the new grandchild looks just like you. Here's how to navigate the program the first time.

Open your favorite web browser and go to <http://www.yousendit.com>. Go to "Compare Plans" and select the "Lite" account. This type of account is free. It limits you to uploading one file at a time, and the

file size is limited to 100 megabytes. Hey, it's a free account, you have to accept some limitations. Sign on up.

You will have to confirm your new account via a confirmation email sent to the email address you used. Click on the link in the email, and your new account will be verified.

Once your free account has been created, locate that large file you want to send someone. If you have multiple files to send, zip them into a single big zip file. Go to the "Overview" tab in the youSENDit browser window. Click on the green "Send It Now" button.

Type in the email address of the person to whom you wish to send the large file. Fill in the subject and include a message telling the recipient what you are sending them.

Now click on the "Select File" button, and pick the file you want to upload. It's your choice. I just click on "No thanks." You can also click on "Don't show this message again."

At this point you have three choices. You can 1) Set an expiration date for the file (one week is the default); 2) Set the file to be downloaded a certain number of times, or 3) Never have the file expire and always be available to download. Pick your option and click on the green "Send it" button at the bottom.

Again, you get another pop-up window—hey, they need to make a living! You are being asked if you want your files tracked (free 14-day trial). Just click on "No Thanks" and "Don't Show This Message Again."

Now, your file will be uploaded. When uploading is finished, the recipient will get an email telling him

or her there is a file waiting. The recipient can click on the link in the email and download the file.

Finally, you get a "File Sent Successfully" message. You can also share the download link on Facebook or on Twitter by clicking on the appropriate button. Then all the world could see that beautiful grandchild!

A few caveats—never click on an unknown link in an email. You may want to warn your recipients that you are sending them a large file via youSENDit. Also, sharing copyrighted music and movies is illegal. But I am sure you all knew that!



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The next Microsoft Operating System is code named Windows 8. The name may or may not be the same when it is released in final form rumored next April. This new OS will be as revolutionary as Windows 95. Here's a sneak peak tinyurl.com/4x9rl4x at what your computer screen will look like next year.

You have a good chance of being scammed on your computer. There are so many ways to fall victim of computer scams. One of the most common is a message that you have x number of viruses and to push this button to run a scan. After the scan it advises you to push another button to rid your machine of all those nasty critters, but it should become very obvious that this is a scam, when they ask you to pay \$49.95 or some other amount. Stop

right there and run Malwarebytes and that should do away with the culprit. Another scam that has become popular in the last year is someone calling you on the phone. He or she knows just enough about you as to sound legitimate, but they are after you. Read all about it here.

tinyurl.com/3epbcmq



We love technology, but people who constantly text

can be annoying. Statistics show that texting while driving is worse than drunk driving. We followed a car recently, driven by a young girl in heavy Phoenix traffic, who was all over the road. It was a risk to try to pass her because she was kept going over the line and when we finally did we saw her busily texting away. This is what could happen if you text and drive. (Do not click on this link tinyurl.com/3olrexo if you have a weak stomach as it will be the most graphic photo you have ever seen!) Think about that the next time you drive and text.

We watched a couple and their 3 year old son at a restaurant. Almost the entire time we were eating, he was texting, she was texting, and the small child played an electronic game. Family social interaction is disappearing from our culture. Who, pray tell, would be more important than your family during a meal? A good percentage of people can't even leave their phones turned off during church. Why bother going when your mind is in another place for that hour? Cell phones, for a lot of people, have become a serious addiction!

A lot of people are becoming disillusioned with Facebook, and over 6 million folks in the U.S. have

dropped their account recently. I come close to that everyday but like most, keep hanging on hoping something better will happen. I believe the intent of FB is to have a close knit circle of friends with whom you can communicate. If you have 20 friends you can leave a comment or photo instead of sending out 20 emails, and that's great. One problem is, for a lot of people, it's a contest to see how many friends they can accumulate. What's the point? I understand if they are a celebrity, but for the average person why have a list of friends that you have never heard of? Then there are those persons who think they have to post every move they make throughout the day. "I'm at the airport now, waiting for my flight." "We just had sliced tomatoes and corn on the cob for dinner." Come on, who cares? And how about those persons who like to change their profile picture every week. What's up with that? There are those photos that are fun to look at and comments that are interesting and informative but do we need all the nonsense? Another person's view on the same subject. tinyurl.com/3pppwn

Remember, pressing F1 at any time, in any program, will bring you instant help. Also, don't forget CTRL-Z. That will undo the last thing you did in most applications.

iPhone 5 and iPad3 arriving in October? Not a lot of details so far, but the new iPhone will have a faster processor, and it looks like it will have an 8 megapixel camera. That's exciting because the iPhone 4 takes great photos with its 5MP. Let's hope they improve the camera for the iPad3. More from CNN. tinyurl.com/3ux3c3u

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Mission Juno

NASA



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On August 5th NASA will launch a spacecraft Juno on a journey to Jupiter. It has developed a wonderful multimedia exploration of the project and the reasons for its creation. Since Galileo first charted the sky we have been puzzled, dazzled and intrigued by the mysteries of space. This flight is another continuation of our search bound curiosity.

This flash based site, depending on your broadband speed may take some time to load, be patient and you will be rewarded for your wait as it has many points of reference and audio guides along the way. Jupiter's scale and influence in our Solar system is writ large. Juno will add another scientific page in that journal of discovery.

Membership Corner

Any New Members joining and Members renewing in the month of **July 2011**, your dues are
Individual : \$ 30.00
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The QCS board has changed dues payments :

Dues are annual and due on July 1st.

**Anyone who joins in January or after Individual will pay \$15
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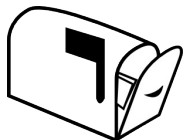
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QCS Meeting Dates – August 2011

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| | <p style="text-align: center;">5:30 PM Beginners SIG Jim Kristan 309-755-8277 jmkris@gmail.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:00 PM Recycling Ink Cartridge World Karrie Holland</p> | | <p>Notice! <i>In August we return to the Butterworth Education Center on 7th St. and 12th Ave Moline</i> for all of our main meetings and SIG meetings!</p> | | | |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
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| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| | <p style="text-align: center;">5:30 PM Genealogy SIG Len Stevens 563-359-9672 judylenstevens@msn.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:00 PM Internet SIG Ted Huberts 309-792-9470 slowhand54@sbcglobal.net</p> | | | | | |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
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