

The V-2 & Apollo Guidance Systems Tuesday, October 25 T.J. Chump's in Huber Heights



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May Meeting: 7:00 P.M., Tuesday, the 31st No Driving—No Charge*

* This is a "hybrid" meeting: via ZOOM, but also in person. Come at 6 P.M. if you wish to join us in person for dinner at T. J. Chump's Restaurant in suburban Huber Heights, next door to the Meijer's Supermarket. Click <u>here</u> for a map. The restaurant has free parking. It is also accessible via RTA bus routes 18 and 19, but there is a short walk from the bus stop in the Meijer's department store parking lot to the restaurant.

Annual Business Meeting

The V2 and Apollo Guidance Systems

... Presented by Stephen FREY

OCTOBER HOLDS MANY FIRSTS FOR ROCKETRY. The Space Age began October 3RD 1942 with the first successful launch of the German A4 (aka V2) rocket. The V2 was the first manmade object to reach space. Stephen will talk about the guidance system and flight control computer used in the 1940s German V2 and how the concepts developed then evolved into the systems that got us to the moon in the 1960s.

Stephen will describe how gyroscopes are used in the inertial guidance system to sense attitude, how an Integrating Gyroscopic Accelerometer works and the information it provides. The mathematics of mixer functions and PID control were accomplished by the vacuum tube based analog flight control computer using 19402 technology. He will show his Estes V2 model, complete with an inertial guidance system, and show it "flying" in a wind tunnel. Stephen will also give an overview of the guidance systems and computers used on the Saturn V launch vehicle and the Apollo Spacecraft developed during the 1960s.

On October 4TH 1957, the Soviets sent the first artificial satellite, Sputnik, into orbit. *October Sky* is the name of a book and movie about a real-life group of young men known as the Rocket Boys. Homer Hickam and a group of his friends from a coal mining town in West Virginia, were Inspired by the launch of Sputnik. The boys began building their own model rockets and fought their way out of the mining town. All the boys went on to higher education and technical careers, with Homer landing a position at NASA.

The meeting starts at 7:00 P.M. DMA members will receive an invitation by e-mail for the ZOOM meeting. Others may request an invitation by using:

http://www.dma1.org/contact-us/



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inutes are normally published almost two months late, because the Minutes for, say, the September Board meeting must be approved by the Trustees at the following month's meeting. They would then appear in the October issue — this one — of THE DATABUS, published toward the end of the month.

Trustees' meetings are usually on the *first Monday of each month*, except when that day is a legal holiday, for example: Labor Day in September.

During the epidemic, Trustees began meeting via ZOOM. This was so successful that they decided to continue the practice indefinitely. Meetings begin at 7 P.M. and are open to all DMA members. Request ZOOM credentials (that's a fancy way of saying "an invitation") from Secretary GLADY CAMPION at Tuesday's General Membership meeting.

MINUTES – DMA Board of Trustees Meeting of Monday, September 12, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 P.M. by Gary Coy, via ZOOM.

Trustees present: Glady Campion, Gary Coy, Edwin Davidson, Peter Hess, Chester Howes, Ken Phelps, and Dave Schwab. Excused: Gary Turner. Absent: Ed Skuya. Guests: Mark Camden, Suzette de Guzman, Stephen Frey, Pat Flynn, Roy Smith, Monica Snow, and Mike Stock.

SPECIAL GUEST: Monica Snow from Preservation Davton

Monica provided the board with background information about issues Peter Hess is bringing before the board related to the Computer Museum project.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

President – Gary Coy

Gary thanked the Trustees for putting up with recent absences while he completed the next level of EMT training.

Gary is convinced that use of a hot spot for the ZOOM connection at our general membership meetings has allowed us to avoid connection drops. He has also been trying out a microphone lent to us by Ed Skuva for these meetings and suggests we purchase something similar for continued use.

Vice President – Edwin Davidson

Edwin is trying to attend some of the SIG meetings.

Secretary - Pat Flynn, Glady Campion

Glady presented minutes for the August board meeting. Peter Hess moved the minutes be accepted as corrected. Dave Schwab seconded, and

the motion passed with Glady and Gary Coy abstaining.

Treasurer – Glady Campion, Pat Flynn

Pat presented a report for August.



-Notice-

Because of confidentiality concerns (for example, anyone could readily discover the financial institutions in which DMA holds its assets), Treasurer's Reports are not pub-lished. However, Treasurer's Reports are available to any DMA member on request.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

APCUG Representative – Peter Hess

Peter forwarded an e-mail from Judy Taylour about free webinars.

Audit – Glady Campion

In progress

Computer Museum – Peter Hess

Gary Ganger donated much of his collection of computer equipment to the museum workshop. Stephen Frey and Mark Camden provided the muscle and transported the equipment to the workshop.

Stephen Frey demonstrated his relay computer at the Riverside Historical Society Museum Ice Cream Social on Saturday, September 17. Stephen is next scheduled to do a presentation at Edison State Community College for their Women in STEMM Expo on Friday, November 4. Affiliate Societies Council (ASC) of Dayton is planning an in-person Techfest event at Sinclair for February 18-19 of 2023. Stephen and Gary Ganger plan to put together an impressive museum display.

Peter emphasized the need for a security system with cameras for the museum workshop. Stephen Frey agreed. Peter asked Pat Flynn to segregate the museum workshop expenses when he delivers the Treasurer's report and asked that Pat create a budget for the museum workshop.

Peter moved we accept an offer from Roy Smith to provide a petty cash fund for the museum workshop, initially set at \$100, to be replenished up to a total of \$500, until the end of 2022. Dave Schwab seconded, and the motion passed.

Peter moved the address of the museum workshop be kept confidential and provided only to those with a need to know. Edwin Davidson seconded, and the motion passed.

Peter moved that we create a separate fund at The Dayton Foundation for the future computer museum. The motion was discussed but not voted on. Fund Raising – Peter Hess

Peter repeated his request for a separate fund at The Dayton Foundation solely for the future museum.

Marketing – Peter Hess, Edwin Davidson, Pat Flynn, Debra McFall, Catherine Devlin

Peter placed an acrylic stand with a DMA flier and pack of DMA business cards at Digital Cowboy Computers in Vandalia. He is asking for more DMA business cards.

Membership – Glady Campion

The membership numbers for August are: 48 Regular, 4 Associate, 0 Student, and 5 Lifetime members for a total of 57. Attendance for June was 25, with 16 in person at TJ Chumps.

Door Prizes: Gary Coy chose the Epson Expression Home Inkjet printer. Chester Howes picked up the Roku Express. Eric Ottoson snatched the PNY 128GB 3.0 flash drive.

Net Administration Team – Ken Phelps, Gary Turner, Pat Flynn, Brent Kerlin, Mark Camden

DataYard announced it is no longer offering domain name service and domain name registrations. Mark Camden recommended we start using Dreamhost instead and offered to handle the transfer.

Dreamhost recently sent us a bill, charging fees for PHP extended support and for storage overage. Mark Camden updated PHP installations on our account and Mike Stock will work

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on a solution for the storage overage issue.

Mark Camden also updated the primary contact for Dreamhost from Mike Carr to Pat Flynn.

Programs – OPEN!

Thank you to Mark Camden for presenting "Intro to WordPress" at our August meeting.

September – DMA Annual Meeting & Trustee Elections, plus a talk from Gary Coy on Windows 11 22H2

Suggestions for future meetings:

The Tarnished Side of Cryptocurrency; Fiber Internet; Touchless security from Evolv Technology and how they spot threats such as concealed weapons using digital sensors. Also suggested were Installing Linux on a Google Chromebook, or running Linux on the Windows subsystem for Linux (WSL), or installing Windows on a Linux Virtual Machine.

Publications – Martin Arbagi

No DATABUS for August. The editor suffered a major hardware crash. We wish him a speedy recovery.

ÚNFÍNISHED BUSINESS

Wright State Archives – Martin Arbagi, Glady Campion

Still in progress

Next Board Meeting

Next Board Meeting will be 7:00 P.M, on Monday, October 3, 2022. We shall continue to use ZOOM.

List of DMA accounts – Glady Campion

Still in progress

Summer Picnic – Glady Campion

Our picnic was held Saturday, August 27, at Shellabarger Park in Riverside. The weather was perfect. A big thank you goes to Dave Schwab and Gary Turner for manning the grills. The spread of carry-in dishes was impressive. Many people commented on the variety of foods.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH/QUARTER/YEAR

Dave Schwab & Gary Turner were nominated for their skills as grill-masters at the picnic. Thank you both!

ADJOURNMENT

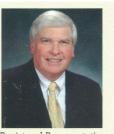
Peter Hess moved to adjourn at 9:45 P.M. Edwin Davidson seconded, and the motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted, Glady Oampion, ... Secretary

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Have you heard....? by Glady CAMPION October 2022

Digital License Plates

Digital license plates have become legal for all cars in California, after a trial that's lasted almost four years with a select number of drivers, according to a new report from the Los Angeles Times. Why? Users can change the messaging at the bottom of their plates through a phone app, and even give safety notices and alerts, such as marking the car as stolen. There's currently just one company, a firm called Reviver, authorized to offer these plates. The plates come in two models: battery-powered or hard-wired. The cost is tied up in a minimum 2-year subscription, which can be paid as \$20 per month for two years or \$215 per year for four years if you want the battery-powered option. The hard-wired version is even more expensive, at \$25 per month for two years or \$275 per year for four years, and is cur-

rently only available to commercial businesses. Only Arizona and Michigan allow digital license plates for personal vehicles, but Texas does allow digital plates for commercial vehicles. *Gizmodo.com*

Microsoft Office is Retiring

After more than 30 years, "Microsoft Office" is retiring. Not the product, just the name. The suite will now be called "Microsoft 365". Microsoft Office was first released in 1990. Over the next few months, Office.com, the Office mobile application, and the Office app for Windows will adopt the Microsoft 365 branding and get new looks and icons. The key difference between the old and the new is the price and access to upgrades. Microsoft 365 is a monthly subscription service and Microsoft Office is a one-time purchase. People who subscribe to Microsoft 365 have the latest updates included in their plan, while those with Microsoft Office have to buy the latest version of the software. *Gizmodo.com*

40 Years of Emoticons and Emogi

At 11:44 A.M. on September 19, 1982, Scott Fahlman, a computer science professor at Carnegie Mellon University, posted ": -)" on the school's online bulletin board, and made Internet history. It was dubbed the "first digital emoticon". In the 40 years since, emoticons and later emoji became central to our conversations online and sometimes offline. They offer deeper meaning to the words used (Continued on page 9)

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in our messages. While Fahlman continues to work at Carnegie Mellon as a Professor Emeritus, researching artificial intelligence and its applications, he has given talks around the world on his emoticon creation. He says, "It's fun to be a little bit famous for something".

CNN.com/business

Drones finding dogs

The founder of a Facebook group which has helped to return thousands of lost dogs to their owners using drones is being honored. Former newspaper photographer Graham Burton will receive the International Fund for Animal Welfare Award. The 66-year-old set up Drone SAR for Lost Dogs UK, which uses a network of volunteers and drones to find animals. Mr. Burton said: "You can cover areas where people can't walk — cliff faces, or large areas of fields that would normally take hours to search by foot can be done in 20 or 30 minutes by using a drone." The group is responsible for reuniting more than 2,750 dogs with their distressed owners. It uses a volunteer network of more than 3,000 drone pilots and more than 2,500 ground searchers across the UK and Ireland. **BBC.com**

Beware of robot dog

The nearly 2,000-year-old remains of the city of Pompeii now has a robot guard dog. Boston Dynamics' Spot is patrolling the ancient ruins to keep an eye out for grave robbers and relic hunters, all while gathering data for useful studies.

Mashable.com

Do you have an interesting news item related to digital technology you'd like to include in future columns? E-mail it to <u>Editor@DMA1.org</u>.

Monitor and Protect Your Precious Data with Hard Disk Sentinel

By Gabe GOLDBERG / Potomac Area Technology and Computer Society

S TORAGE DEVICES ARE UNAPPRECIATED WORKHORSES: spinning hard drives and immobile memory chips reliably and rapidly save and fetch your data, year after year. Until -- uh oh, something's wrong, and where's my data?!

I've been running HD Sentinel (HDS -- http://www.hdsentinel.com/) for about four years on two computers -- my desktop system and my wife's laptop. It's a powerful tool for monitoring storage device health and learning more about how they work than you likely imagined possible. While the tool's website focuses on simple hard drives, HD Sentinel also supports other storage devices: SSDs, SSHD (hybrid drives), memory cards and thumb drives (where available), tape drives, RAID controllers, and NAS (network attached storage).

On both my systems, I've configured it to show icons for each connected hard drive: one on the laptop and three (one internal, two external) on my system. By default, the icon shows the current disk temperature (with green/orange/red visually indicating status); mousing over icons displays a summary of disk health, and clicking opens the comprehensive display.

HD Sentinel can be used for maintaining one's at-a-glance comfort level (I like all my drives described, "The hard disk status is PERFECT. Problematic or weak sectors were not found, and there are no spin up or data transfer errors. No actions needed.") and for drilling into drive history (temperature patterns, various sorts of errors, performance information, and more.

For many years, hard drives have included S.M.A.R.T. technology — https:// en.wikipedia .org/wiki/S.M.A.R.T. — described as "a monitoring system included in computer hard disk drives (HDDs) and solid-state drives that detects and reports on various indicators of drive reliability, with the intent of enabling the anticipation of hardware failures." But most operating systems don't easily make that information — or recommendations/warnings available. At least twice, based on such warnings, I've been able to replace drives in the process of failing before any data were at risk. So I'm a firm believer in having software running to disclose drive information while there's time to act on it.

HDS is developed, maintained, and supported by a dedicated developer who's passionate about his product and brilliant at both tech support and answering questions about product usage. As a result, it's available at a bargain price for a lifetime license (no renewal or subscription costs, free version upgrades) and a worthwhile investment in both knowledge and comfort.

List prices are \$29.95 for a single-system license and \$54 for a five-system "family" license.The vendor is again providing discounted prices to members of APCUG member groups. These are good until October 31; please *do not* share these links outside your group or in a public forum. With 40% discount:

https://order.mycommerce.com/cart/add?vendorid=200020088&PRODUCT[300113447] =1&COUPON1=XYZZY

Hard Disk Sentinel Pro Family (5 PC lifetime license with free updates) with 40% discount: https://order.mycommerce.com/cart/add?vendorid=200020088&PRODUCT[300431980] =1&COUPON1=XYZZY

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The prices are a bargain considering the comprehensive nature of HDS reporting and (especially) the friendly/comprehensive support provided. ...тов

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DMA Calendar of Events, 16 October through 19 November 2022.

(Click anywhere on the calendar, then scroll down for the fully updated version at our Web site.)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Oct 16	Oct 17	Oct 18	Oct 19	Oct 20	Oct 21	Oct 22
			Computer	Linux SIG	Python Self-Study	
			Museum	7:00pm 348 Russ Eng	2:00pm, Online	
			Committee	Wright State Univ. Colonel Glenn Hwy	PyFri Discord See http://d8ndl.org	
			7:00pm Onlline	Beavercreek	See http://dollal.org	
Oct 23 Oc	Oct 24	Oct 25	Oct 26	Oct 27	Oct 28	Oct 29
		MAIN MEETING			Python Self-Study	
		7:00pm Online -AND-			2:00pm, Online	
		TJ Chumps			PyFri Discord	
	A	7050 Executive Blvd			See http://d8ndl.org	
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Oct 30	it is	Nov 1	Nov 2	Nov 3	Nov 4	Nov 5
	HALLOWEEN			Genealogy SIG	Python Self-Study	Classic Computers
	200			6:30pm Online	2:00pm, Online	3:00pm
		VOTE		gen-sig@dma1.org	PyFri Discord See http://d8ndl.org	By phone
Nov 6 DaylightSavings		Nov 8 Election Day	Nov 9	Nov 10	Nov 11	Nov 12
Lath 4	DMA Trustees	Investment SIG	Dayton Dynamic	NASAC	Python Self-Study	SBC SIG
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			http://d8ndl.org	Springfield		Huber Heights
Nov 13	Nov 14	Nov 15	Nov 16	Nov 17	Nov 18	Nov 19
	Network SIG		Computer	Linux SIG	Python Self-Study	Classic Computers
	6:00pm Conf Rm		Museum	7:00pm 348 Russ Eng	2:00pm, Online	3:00pm
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DMA Events for Oct 16 - Nov 19, 2022

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ABOUT THE DAYTON MICROCOMPUTER ASSOCIATION, INC. (DMA)

By Peter HESS, DMA President, 2018-2020

A LMOST FIFTY YEARS AGO, a small group of computer enthusiasts from the Dayton, Ohio area gathered around a kitchen table looking at, and playing with, an early personal computer called the Altair 680 that one of them had purchased. This computer had been featured

earlier on the cover of the January 1975 issue of *Popular Electronics* magazine. Paul Allen had shown the selfsame article about the Altair to Bill Gates, and later, they wrote software together for that computer. Still later — and still together — Allen and Gates founded the Microsoft Corporation.



Shortly thereafter, those Dayton-area computer enthusiasts joined with many others to form THE DAYTON MICROCOMPUTER ASSOCIATION (DMA), now one of the oldest (if not *the* oldest) continuously operating computer user groups in the world. Typically, computer user groups, and the newer iteration, technology user groups, are volunteer-run operations. The DMA is an all-volunteer led, organized, and run 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Now, there are hundreds of computer (or technology) user groups in the world, all of which continue to foster improved communication between technological equipment and software publishers, and users of their products. User groups (both computer and technology) provide an environment where more experienced technology users introduce additional and advanced techniques to novices.

DMA offers both monthly General Membership Meetings, which cover new and innovative topics including a wide range of generic technological topics, and its Special Interest Groups (SIGs) which address concerns about specific technology interests. There are eight different SIGs sponsored by the DMA, covering such topics as the Linux operating system, various programming languages such as Python, the use of technology to investigate genealogy, and digital aids to investing. Neither SIG members nor attendees at DMA General Meetings need be members of the parent organization, though they are encouraged to join so DMA can continue providing its services to the public.

Annual dues for DMA membership, which have not been raised for decades, are \$25 for Regular Members, and \$12.50 for Family/Associate Members (someone living at the same address as a Regular Member). Nonvoting Student Memberships are *free* to students through age 22. Door prizes at General Meetings, picnics, banquets, and other DMA events, and both product and service discounts are available to all DMA members.

Dayton Microcomputer Association Membership Form

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