

General Meeting February 9, 2010

Palm Ridge Recreation Center

Summit Room A

12:15 - Coffee and Cookies

1:00 - Business Meeting

1:30 - Program



Our presenter this month is Gene Barlow of User Group Relations. He will describe for us the best way to backup your computer. Making regular backups of your computer's hard drive is the most important thing you should be doing to protect and maintain your computer. Gene is very knowledgeable on the many backup approaches available to PC Users today. Gene represents Acronis Software to the user group community. His products will be available at the meeting to purchase at Special User Group Discount Prices for those that wish to do so.

Dr. Herbert A Goldstein, Editor of the Sarasota PC Monitor, describes the importance of backing up your computer's hard drive in this way: "Let's start with a horror story. You get up one morning, turn your computer on, get the usual few welcoming screens, and it all ends there. Your computer refuses to boot. Or maybe for similarly unknown reasons all your email messages are gone or your banking records have disappeared. There are dozens of disasters in the world of computers waiting to ambush you. That little electronic box of yours has a multitude of ways of making your life unbearable unless you have prepared for the inevitable catastrophe that will separate you from whatever exists on your computer. If it hasn't happened to you at least once (or commonly more frequently), you can bet your bottom buck that it will. In all these and more situations, your only salvation will be your most recent backup. What? You don't have one? Tough luck and sheer insanity on your part.

The very first thing you need to put into your computer after its operating system is a good manageable backup software program. My choice and statistically that of the majority of users today is Acronis True Image (TI) Home. I choose it for some very good reasons: Use it only once and the software much more than paid for its self. True Image is not only easy to use, it is completely dependable. It will work reliably exactly as you have set it to function.

If you are already using TI 2009, an upgrade to 2010 is well worth the money. The latest version adds considerable polish and new features to 2009. In particular, the Restore feature has been completely changed to make restoring a simpler, faster easy to use essential feature. It is no longer necessary to go through the obtuse procedure of mounting an image in the restore process."

This will be a very interesting and informative session. You won't want to miss it!



Please make sure that you scan your membership card through the reader on the window of the Computer Club office, and don't forget to pick up your raffle ticket on the way into Summit A. While we are at it, tour the tables before the meeting.

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