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9 Remember, our new meeting time is 7:00 PM. We  
will start the meeting promptly. Those members  
and guests arriving before 7:00 PM will receive a  
10 raffle ticket for the door prize drawings.



## Are you ready for Southwest 2010?

Do you enjoy brain games? Would you like help organizing your digital photos? Want to learn about Picasa? How about listening to a panel discussion on creating videos? Want to learn about an iPod? iPhone? iPad? Want to meet other computer enthusiasts and share experiences? Then the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual SW Computer Conference is the place you want to be on June 4, 5 & 6, 20 10. These are but a sample of the workshops and tech sessions scheduled for this year's SW Computer Conference.

The conference is held at the beautiful Town and Country Resort & Convention Center, <http://tinyurl.com/ydp3reb>, in San Diego. Room rates have been reduced to \$99.00, single or double occupancy. That's per room - not per person! What a deal! Simply call the resort at 800.772.8527 or use the URL above to make your reservation. Tell them you're with the SW Computer Conference in order to receive our special rate. By staying at the host hotel, your name will be entered in a contest to receive one night FREE. Discounted parking is \$4 per day. The room rate is valid from May 30 through June 8, so grab your family and add some vacation time. **The special room rate expires May 1.**

You can register for the conference through the web site, [www.theswcc.org](http://www.theswcc.org). **The \$75 early bird registrations must be postmarked by May 15** and includes two meals. As additional sponsors are confirmed, more meals will be added. Registration from May 16 through the conference is \$100.

Did you take what you're sure is a prize-winning photo? Then be sure to enter the Digital Photo Contest. There are four categories: Animals, Digital Art, Nature/Landscape & People. There will be some great prizes. The rules and entry form are on the conference web site, [www.theswcc.org](http://www.theswcc.org).

The Computer Booters' Board of Directors agreed to pay the \$75 early bird registration fee for the first 10 members who wish to attend the conference. If you decide to attend, go to the conference web site, fill out and print the form. Mail it to me before May 10 at 10925 East Chestnut Drive. I'll gather them together; the Booters will pay the fee and send them in before May 15. I'll also keep track of the Booter registrations and let you know if you're one of the lucky 10. Questions? E-mail me at [bouterpat@aol.com](mailto:bouterpat@aol.com), or give me a call at 895-2196.

Join your fellow computer club members in sunny San Diego for a weekend of fun, camaraderie and education! Hope to see you there.

Patricia Hill

## 2010 SIG Schedule

by *Ralph Ilsen*, SIG COORDINATOR



The March SIG schedule is listed below. SIG meetings are held at Sun Lakes 1 in the Arts and Crafts Room. **(Please ask the front desk guard for directions to this location)**. All evening SIG meetings start at 7 PM.

Be sure to wear your Computer Booters name tag to gain admittance to all SIG meetings. If you have any questions about any of the SIGs, you can contact me at [Ralph@Ilsen.net](mailto:Ralph@Ilsen.net) or 895-1166. The SIG schedule can change after the newsletter is published so, for the latest information, look for our weekly broadcast e-mail messages. If you're not receiving our broadcasts, contact Sue Klein 480-895-3528 [simoodles@live.com](mailto:simoodles@live.com) to be added to the distribution list.

<u>SIG NAME</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>MEETING DATE</u>
Computer Beginnings Sue Klein	7:00 PM	1st Monday	March 1
Digital Photography Jim Rahilly	7:00 PM	1st Wednesday	March 3
eBay <> How to use it! Arch & Linda Ward	7:00 PM	2nd Monday	March 8
DVD Producing /ProShow Gold Ralph Ilsen	7:00 PM	2nd Tuesday	March 9
Photoshop Elements John Durrett	7:00 PM	2nd Wednesday	March 10
Microsoft Windows 7 Guy Laroche	7:00 PM	3rd Monday	March 15
Basic Computers & Beyond Ben Thompson	7:00 PM	3rd Wednesday	March 17
Quicken Ben Thompson	7:00 PM	4th Tuesday	March 23
Microsoft Word Colette McNally	7:00 PM	4th Wednesday	March 24

Jim Ivey is available to Computer Booters members for one-on-one help with Word Perfect. You can reach Jim via e-mail at [jimivaz@wbhsi.net](mailto:jimivaz@wbhsi.net).

Ed Ryczek will answer any Computer Booters member's spreadsheet questions. Contact Ed at [edry01@earthlink.net](mailto:edry01@earthlink.net).



# From the President's Desk

by *George Rodriguez*, PRESIDENT

**T**he problems that we have been encountering with our sound system have now been corrected thanks to Al Hill's efforts. He has reset our amplifier and aligned all our microphones and we tested them this week, the previous annoying problems with our sound should now be corrected once and for all. We do apologize for the difficulty, we know it has been irritating but hopefully we can enjoy our future presentations without the "HUM & SQUELCH" and sound levels we have been enduring.

At the last meeting we had 108 attendees and asked about the starting times of our

monthly meeting. Though a show of hands almost everyone agreed that we should start our future meeting at 7:00 PM (Instead of 6:30). This will afford ample time for our business meeting, guest speakers and in house presentations and be able to wrap up the meeting no later than 8:30 PM. We hope that this is a workable solution and that it will give everyone ample time to enjoy their dinner before the meeting.

Please be sure to check the website for any last minute changes to our scheduled programs.

See you at the meeting.

## Having a bad day?

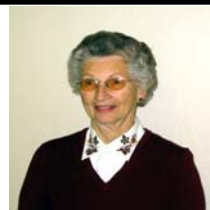
Things got you down? Well then, consider these...In a hospital's Intensive Care Unit, patients always died in the same bed, on Sunday morning, at about 11:00 a.m., regardless of their medical condition. This puzzled the doctors and some even thought it had something to do with the super natural. No one could solve the mystery as to why the deaths occurred around 11:00 A.M. Sunday, so a worldwide team of experts was assembled to investigate the cause of the incidents. The next Sunday morning, a few minutes before 11:00 A.M. all of the doctors and nurses nervously waited outside the ward to see for themselves what the terrible phenomenon was all about. Some were holding wooden crosses, prayer books, and other holy objects to ward off the evil spirits. Just when the clock struck 11:00, Pookie Johnson, the part-time Sunday sweeper, entered the ward and unplugged the life support system so he could use the vacuum cleaner.

*Still having a bad day???* The average cost of rehabilitating a seal after the Exxon Valdez Oil spill in Alaska was \$80,000.00. At a special ceremony, two of the most expensively saved animals were being released back into the wild amid cheers and applause from onlookers. A minute later, in full view, a killer whale ate them both.

*Are you OK now? - No?* Two animal rights defenders were protesting the cruelty of sending pigs to a slaughterhouse in Bonn, Germany.. Suddenly, all two thousand pigs broke loose and escaped through a broken fence, stampeding madly. The two helpless protesters were trampled to death.

*What!?! STILL having a Bad Day???* Iraqi terrorist Khay Rahnajet did not pay enough postage on a letter bomb. It came back with 'Return to Sender' stamped on it. Forgetting it was the bomb, he opened it and was blown to bits. God is Good!

## Look Who's Volunteering *by Darlene Herring, VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR*



**T**he Sun Lakes Computer Booters Club held their general monthly meeting on February 2, 2010, with a total of 106 members and guests. All our snow bird members may not be home yet but we wish them a safe return.

Our dependable volunteers setting up the equipment were Rollie Baumann, Shadow Wrage, Jim Gatesman, Ed Craze and others.

Eddie Schweitzer, our Members Director, greets all our members and guests. Guy LaRoche, Membership Director, and Vivian Berman were present to provide name badges, information regarding dues, etc. Ann Armbruster was our distributor of red ticket door prizes. The microphone was in the capable hands of Hans Naumann for the question and answer session. Ziggy Wirganowicz was responsible for our lights.

Our "up close and personal" volunteer this month is our SIG Coordinator, Ralph Ilsen.

Ralph Ilsen was born in Hamburg, Germany in September of 1932, Ralph Ilsen came to America with his family in 1939. The family settled in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He attended elementary and junior high school near his home and graduated from Bok Technical High School in 1951, where he majored in watch repairing. He then attained a job with a major downtown Philadelphia jeweler.

Shortly thereafter he enlisted in the United States Air Force. Ralph served for four years in the military during the Korean Conflict and was trained as an Instrument Specialist. After his second year of service he married Sandra Olshan of Philadelphia. Ralph was honorably discharged in 1955.

After his discharge, Ralph decided to pursue a career in technology. He attended Temple Technical College for a while and held various positions in major companies, such as Philco/Ford

and Kulicke and Soffa. During much of his career he installed technical equipment, provided training to the users, and was required to travel around the United States.

During the Bicentennial in 1976 Ralph found himself between jobs. He met Marshall Stoltz, the Curator of the Norman Rockwell Museum in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and was hired as Public Relations Director. In that capacity, Ralph conducted tours of the museum and promoted the museum through various media. He developed a keen interest in the artist's works.

In 1979 Ralph obtained a position at the Arizona sales office of the Swiss Company, ESEC Corporation, a manufacturer of high tech capital equipment for the semiconductor industry. The company moved Ralph and his family to Arizona where they took up permanent residence. In his new position, as Sales Engineer, he was required to travel nationwide, as well as to Switzerland. He held sales positions for other manufacturing companies, such as ASM and Kras, until his retirement in the latter part of 1994. Ralph and his wife have been living in Sun Lakes, Arizona since 1997.

During the years since Ralph worked for the Norman Rockwell Museum Ralph kept close contact with his former employer, Marshall Stoltz. Though the museum is no longer in existence, Marshall operates the Rockwell Gallery Collection website, through which Rockwell prints, posters, and collectibles are still available.

Ralph Ilsen is a tireless worker for our Club. Not only does he coordinate all of the SIG classes, he teaches the DVD Producing/Proshow Gold SIG. Ralph serves on our Board of Directors. He coordinates our CB booths at SL shows and is always there to make things run more smoothly.

Thank you Ralph Ilsen; we are proud and very fortunate to have you on our team.



## Membership Report

by Guy Laroche, CLUB RECORDS DIRECTOR

**C**ongratulations, New and Renewed Computer Booters members. I am confident you will appreciate our new General Meeting format as well as the new start time of 7:00 pm. You should find interest in one or more of the nine SIGs available throughout the month. Now, for those who have not renewed yet and are undecided, there is still time to send your membership application. As soon as we receive it, you will be able to attend any or all SIGs. We hope you will do just that.

Renewal forms are available on our website [www.computerbooters.org](http://www.computerbooters.org) found in the left column of the online newsletter under membership. All new and renewing members must fill out a membership form. This is to ensure the data is up to date and correct. Please make sure the data is legible, especially the e-mail address. Filling the form on-line is the best way to ensure the data is readable. However the form cannot be sent on-line, it has to be printed. You can also pick up a form at the front desk before the general meeting of the Computer Booters of Sun Lakes.

Please check the appropriate category (Individual or Family New, or Individual or Family Renewal). The membership rates are still a bargain. Individual membership is \$24.00 and Family membership is \$36.00 per calendar year. Your membership status allows you to attend the general meetings, which in-

cludes presentations and door prizes. You are also entitled to attend any or all SIGs (Special Interest Group) meetings during the month. Check for details on the Computer Booters Web site. Other benefits are: discounted subscription to the very popular magazine Smart Computer (plain English computer information), and discounted software programs purchases.

Attach (do not staple or tape) your check to the form and bring it to the meeting or snail mail it to the address on the form.

If you change your email and/or home address, please let the membership Director know so our records will be correct, and we will be able to send you SIGs and General meeting announcements.

Membership badges will be ready to be picked up, at the membership desk, before the general meeting following the receipt of your application.

Please note: General meetings on the first Tuesday of each month (except summer time). Doors close when the meeting starts. If you arrive late, you are still welcome, but will not receive a raffle ticket for the door prize drawings. SIGs also start at 7:00 pm according to the schedule found on the Computer Booters Web site.

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## TIPS AND TRICKS

By Rollie Baumann

The "Tips & Tricks" presentation for the March Computer Booter meeting will deal with Worms, Adware, Spyware, Malware, Trojan Horses, and Anti-Virus software. Our own Bob D'Evelyn will present the program. This will

be of interest and benefit to everyone in the club.

See you at the meeting on March 2.

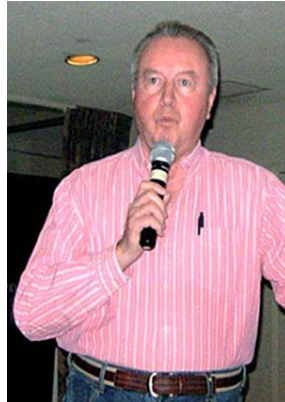
# Program Update

by John Durrett, VICE PRESIDENT

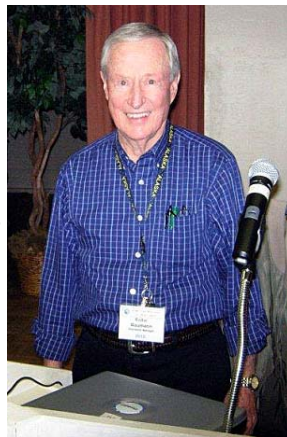


## February 2010 Meeting

Gene Barlow of User Group Relations returned to present an overview of how to back up your computer, and why you should do it often. Gene is a frequent visitor to Computer Booters, and it is always nice to see what he has from Acronis Software. This year he showed us the latest in Acronis True Imaging software (version 2010), which he assured us handles Windows 7. Earlier versions of the Acronis True Imaging do not necessarily work with Windows 7 (although our club president assures me he is running an earlier version with his new Eon 7 operating system). Gene offers a discount on the software because we are a User Group. Those of you who might have missed the meeting can go to Gene's web site at [www.ugr.com](http://www.ugr.com) and buy a copy of the latest software at his User Group discount pricing.



Rollie Baumann was the second presenter of the evening during the Tips & Tricks portion of the meeting. Rollie gave an excellent presentation on "Speeding Up Your Computer". He explained how our Start Up programs can be reviewed and taken offline (if desired) to speed up things.



He also talked about adding Ram and defragging your hard drive. All this is explained in his online write up, which may be found at [www.computerbooters.org](http://www.computerbooters.org) and looking under the Tips and Tricks link in the left column. Tips & Tricks will be a recurring agenda item at our club meetings and will feature helpful tips for computer users.

## March 2010 Meeting

### ***NEW START TIME FOR THE MARCH MEETING:***

The March meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 2, 2010, in the Sun Lakes 1 Clubhouse.

Data Doctors will present an overview of Windows 7, and a talk about the services their company can offer to the community. Todd Wagley, one of the principals of Data Doctors in the East Valley, will return for another visit to our club. The Data Doctors laptop is set up to run XP, Vista or Win 7. They will show some of the major differences between these three operating systems. This should help people who are thinking about upgrading to newer computers and/or operating systems.

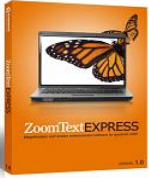
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## Treasurer's Report *by Jim Rahilly, TREASURER*

**Balance as of February 10, 2010**

**\$3,640.56**





# ZoomText Express, v1.0

[www.aisquared.com](http://www.aisquared.com)

<http://aisquared.com/zoomtextexpress> (video)

\$49.99 (download)

A review by:

Patricia Hill,

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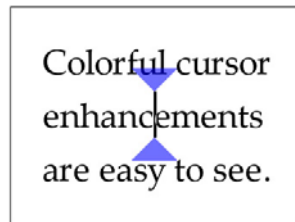
Ai Squared has been in business for over 20 years, focusing on software for the visually impaired. For years, their primary customers were corporations, schools, agencies and the government. They have finally entered the mass market and – I, for one, am glad.

ZoomText software magnifies and enhances everything you see on your computer monitor. It magnifies, enhances the cursor, changes background color and reverse video, and adjusts pointer size and color. I think you'll find some of these features helpful, even if you aren't squinting at your monitor.

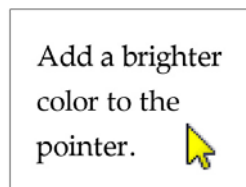
Magnification has three viewing options – Full View, Large Lens and Small Lens. Full View is just what it says – a full view of what's showing on your monitor. It magnifies your screen from 1 to 2X (see graphic). The text remains surprisingly clear. Large Lens and Small Lens are magnifying lenses that you move around your monitor with your mouse, magnifying smaller areas of text.



If you've ever had a problem seeing the cursor, use the Cursor Enhancement feature. It enlarges the triangles at the top and bottom and thickens the vertical bar. You can select from many different colors to whatever suits your mood that day.

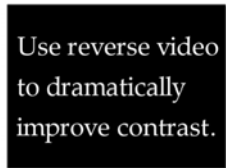


If the pointer is getting hard to see, enlarge it and add a high-contrast color using the Pointer Enhancement capability.



Sometimes we older folks have problems reading

our monitors because of the Background Color or screen glare. Change the background color from many different choices or use reverse video.



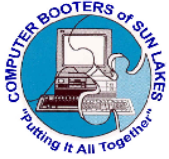
To download a ZoomText Express trial, go to [www.ZoomTextExpress.com](http://www.ZoomTextExpress.com). On the left menu, click the Download icon. You can try ZoomText out in 10-minute increments. After the ten minutes expire, you can refresh your trial by rebooting your computer.

I couldn't find ZoomText Express anywhere on the Internet for less than \$49.95 for a download. If you want the boxed version, it's \$59.95 from several distributors, including Amazon.com. If you place an order online at [www.ZoomTextExpress.com](http://www.ZoomTextExpress.com), and enter the code APCUG10, you will receive \$10 off your order! Yea!

Ai Squared also has two large print keyboards for \$99 each. One has yellow letters on black keys and the other has white on black.

As I mentioned at the beginning of this article, the company has been in business for a long time. They know what they're doing and they do it well. Even if you think you don't need a product such as this one, tuck this review away for the future. When you start having vision problems . . . and you will . . . this review should be the first thing you check out.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** There will be one copy of ZoomText Express in March's door prize drawing. However, because this is such a specialized product, it will go to someone who needs it. Special tickets will be available for this special drawing.



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The COMPUTER BOOTERS meet the first Tuesday of each month, except in July and August when we do not meet, and in March when the date and/or location changes due to the Sun Lakes One homeowners meeting. Call for the date and location of the March meeting. All other meetings are held in the Arizona Room of the Sun Lakes One Country Club at 7:00 PM, which is south of Riggs Road on Sun Lakes Blvd. CB Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 2:30 PM in the Arts and Crafts Room at the Sun Lakes One Country Club.

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## 2010 CALENDAR CORNER

### Meeting 7:00 PM Tuesday March 2, 2010

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**Tips and Tricks:** Bob D'Evelyn will be talking about Adware, Spyware, Malware, Trojan Horses, Worms and Anti-Virus.

### 2010 Monthly Meeting Dates

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**2010**

**March 2\***

**April 6**

**May 4**

**June 1**

\* Meeting place will change due to HOA 1 Annual Meeting.