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**FROM THE PRESIDENT:** Happy New Year! I know it's too cold to be outside and everyone has the winter blahs. I do suggest you take time to work on cleaning your computer. Just like needing a broom to sweep you can get tools for finding duplicate file names as well as pictures. Even if you don't use tools, be on the lookout for out of date files. Can the files you found be placed on a CD or DVD for an archive copy. You can reclaim disk space that way.



Reorganize your computer information much like you would clean a closet. Have you used the file in the last two years? Does it match or belong to a group of files? What will you use it for in the future? How will you find the file? (Folder name, file name, or by accident? The newer computers have file-searching capabilities but I still like to have the file name mean something to me!

Speaking of cleaning up, Paula Niece and Jerry Gillette have been plowing through the old records of BGAMUG. They said that they were very disorganized. If anyone has old photos or other files to contribute let our historian, Paula Niece, know.

## January Program

This Month's Meeting Presentation:  
**Ray Eddy** will show how to get internet on your TV  
**Internet TV**



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# JANUARY 2012

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## Happy Birthday



Kathy Jill Johnson 1/6  
 Lou Travelsted 1/16  
 John Walker 1/17  
 Edwin Phelps 1/20  
 Elizabeth Rose 1/25



Shirley Sublett 2/5  
 Jerry Phelps 2/11  
 Jeri Steele 2/16  
 Gary Wickliff 2/24

## Happy Anniversary



No Anniversaries in January



No Anniversaries in February



### BGAMUG January Treasurer's Report 2011



Paula Niece, Treasurer

December period: 12/1/11 – 12/30/11

Starting Balance.....	\$	1,308.02
Income.....	\$	120.05
Expenses.....	\$	244.60
Ending Balance.....	\$	1,183.47

## BGAMUG DOOR PRIZE WINNERS



\$

\$\$\$Door Dollar\$ Winner\$\$\$

The November \$10.00 Winner

was NOT Present

(Sorry Phyllis Siddens)

The pot is \$20.00 for January.

Remember you must be present to win.

\$

### KROGER REPORT

Hello everyone, We just received a check for \$225.11. Thanks for your reloads.

Thank you,  
 Paula Niece, Kroger Card Representative



Gift Card



**BGAMUG General Meetings are on the 4th Tuesday of each month.** These meetings are at the Bowling Green Technical College, Bldg F, at 6:30 PM. See the map. The entrance to the BGTC campus on Loop Drive is clearly marked. Building 5 is the last building on the left, down the road through the campus.

**BGAMUG Board Meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month.** The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, **February 7th.** The location will be at the Guadalajara Grill. The business meeting will begin at 6:30pm.

**The January meeting will be in the F Building.....**

**Need to advertise your business???**  
 ADVERTISING RATES are listed on page 8.

**From the Vice President of Protocol**

My new job as Vice President of Protocol will focus on our following the rules as described in our Constitution and Bylaws. I will also be chairperson of the Rules Committee to review and recommend amendments to our guidelines.

There are several sections requiring our immediate attention and I am seeking members for the Rules Committee. It will require collaboration by email and occasional meetings to identify sections for amendment and properly wording them for presentation for adoption.

If you would consider volunteering to serve on the Rules Committee, please contact me, Jerry Gillette, 779-9645, [jagky@insightbb.com](mailto:jagky@insightbb.com).



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## January GEN-SIG Notes

There will be a discussion on Linkpendium.com. Linkpendium's goal is to index every genealogy, family history, family tree, surname, vital records, biography, or otherwise genealogically-related site on the Internet. This is truly an index whereas Cyndi's list is like a card catalog.

Also to be discussed is how to methodically approach examining a new source of online documents. Monographs for New York research accessible at Cornell.edu. (<http://ebooks.library.cornell.edu/c/cdl/>), "Ansearchin News" from the Tennessee State Genealogy (<http://www.tngs.org/ansearchin/>) and GenealogyTrails (<http://genealogytrails.com/>).

Come join us at 5:30 PM on Jan 24<sup>th</sup> just before our regular meeting night. Everyone is welcome, there are no fees. If you attend I ask that you pay dues to BGAMUG to show support.

## Utah Virtual Meetings

Utah Genealogical Society's Virtual Meetings are free and open. Recordings of previous webinars are only available to members but this is exciting news for anyone to attend these online!

### 2012 Scheduled Presentations:

Date	Title	Presenter
19 Jan	<a href="#">The FamilySearch Wiki: Exploring Its Treasurers</a>	Wilma Adkins
16 Feb	US Immigration 1820 - 1954	Beth Taylor
15 Mar	<a href="#">Getting Started With Fold 3</a>	Peter Drinkwater

See <http://www.ugagenealogy.com/cpage.php?pt=11> for complete details.

Of course if you enjoy this supporting the organization is only \$35 per year for dues. I belong to this group because they have so many activities for the virtual chapter.

I made the offer that I would 1 hr of research in Salt Lake city if you would put together a research plan. The plan should include a Family Group Sheet and a Pedigree chart as well as a goal (what you're trying to find). Then look in the Family History Library Catalog for books that might help in that goal. If you choose microfilm keep in mind original handwriting takes a long time to read. I need any research plans submitted to me by Jan 21 so that I can review them with you before I go to Salt Lake.

See you on the 24th.

Jeri

## ICE Your Cell Phone - Save Your Life

By Sandy Berger, CompuKISS  
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You may have never heard of the ACEP, American College of Emergency Physicians, but their new consumer website is one you might want to visit. With the number of emergency room visits growing rapidly, this organization has put together a website where patients can access health information, share stories, and get involved in advocacy efforts. [www.acep.org](http://www.acep.org)

Visits to the emergency department hit a new high in 2006. A record 119.2 million people, up from 115 million, were recorded by the Centers for Disease Control, with an average of 227 visits per minute. The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) predicts those numbers will only keep rising.



According to the report, age groups with the highest visit rates were infants under 12 months of age and those over the age of 75. In fact, people aged 65 and older are the fastest growing segment of the U.S. population and are the most likely to be admitted to the hospital of all emergency patients.

Researchers conclude that visits for patients between 65 and 74 could nearly double from 64 million in 2003 to 111.7 million by 2013. Despite these numbers, emergency departments continue to close - causing delays for people with serious medical conditions like heart attacks.

In honor of its 40th anniversary, ACEP will be making available video clips featuring emergency medicine pioneers, vintage photographs and radio public service announcements. In addition, the organization is launching a new consumer website, EmergencyCareForYou.org, which features extensive public information. The year-long campaign is sponsored in part by General Motors OnStar, UltraSonix and ZOLL Medical Corporation.



The EmergencyCareForYou website is a comprehensive site that you will want to visit. It has information on everything from "how to tell if it is an emergency" to "family disaster preparedness".

One important section of this website talks about how "ICE" and Your Cell Phone Can Help Save Your Life.

The website states, "Emergency physicians are recommending that people with cellular phones add "ICE" entries into their cell phone address books. This stands for "In Case of Emergency," and medical professionals are using it to notify the person's emergency contacts and to obtain critical medical information when a patient arrives unconscious or unable to answer questions."



I didn't know about this, yet it sounds like a great idea! Check it out. It may save your life.

More information can be found at the ICEforHelp website. [www.iceforhelp.com](http://www.iceforhelp.com)

# Too Many Choices

By Wil Wakely, President, Seniors Computer Group, California  
December 2011 issue, Bits and Bytes

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Choosing a computer used to be relatively easy: Do you want a desktop with a tower or a flat unit that fits under your monitor? This is no longer true. Now we have a plethora of choices: Desktop, Laptop, Notebook, Tablet, Smart Phone, and smart e-Book Reader. Perhaps I have missed a late comer; if so, forgive me. Let's review the features, pros and cons of each.



## Desktop

For a fixed location, non-portable computer a Desktop is the best choice. It is the least expensive computer and can be easily customized to whatever your computing needs might be. It is a necessity for gamers and heavy-duty

computing such as photo and video processing, CAD (computer-aided design), and data processing. There are wide choices of software and hardware which results in lower costs and greater availability of these items. Larger displays, multiple ones if desired, are available along with specialty multi-function keyboards and a variety of mice, all of which can be easily attached. More powerful computer chips, memory chips, video processors, large, multiple hard drives and powerful wireless adaptors are choices only available with Desktops.

The choice between proprietary brands such as Dell or HP vs. a "plain vanilla" custom machine depends upon your budget and how much technical support you may need.

## Laptop

Portable laptop computers come in a variety of sizes, prices and features. Many of the more expensive ones rival some Desktop machines in capability. The display screens are smaller than Desktops and the keyboards with the integrated touchpad mouse are not as user friendly as those on Desktops. Newer models have built-in Wi-Fi for connection to the Internet, whereas older models required a USB Wi-Fi adapter. Most



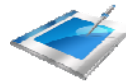
Laptops have a built-in video camera for video messaging with friends via Skype. For equivalent features, Laptops are always more expensive than Desktops as are any repairs or upgrades. However, if portability of a powerful computer is a requirement, a Laptop is a good choice. An auxiliary USB external hard drive or large thumb drive (flash drive) is useful for backup and storage for Laptops.



## Notebook

The Notebook is just a smaller, lighter version of a Laptop with a smaller screen and keyboard. It is not recommended for heavy duty use, but is fine for travel and is less expensive than Laptops,

Tablets or Smart Phones. Most of the Laptop features are also found in Notebooks. Some Notebooks come with electronic memory instead of hard drives. This memory is faster and lighter, but holds much less data than hard drives. The Chrome by Google is a Notebook that utilizes the Cloud for much of its power and capability.



## Tablet

A Tablet has no external keyboard, but the screen is touch sensitive so a virtual keyboard on the screen is provided instead. However, the touch-screen eliminates much of the standard keyboard activity. The availability of software for Tablets is growing rapidly, but there is nowhere near the number of titles available for the computers described above. For casual use, Tablets are fine for email, Web browsing, limited word processing and spreadsheet work. Most Tablets are less expensive than Laptops, but often cost more than Notebooks. Tablets also have e-Book reading capability. They have no hard drive but Cloud storage via the Internet somewhat replaces this function. The iPad by Apple seems to be the leader in Tablets, but many competitors are coming on-line with similar features at lower prices.

## Smart Phone

There are two major varieties of Smart Phones: iPhone and Android. The iPhone is a proprietary operating system by Apple and is more expensive than other Smart Phones, but is claimed to be more user friendly. The Android phone is an "open source" operating system developed by Google and as such has many more Apps, (software applications). The major drawback to these phones is the small display screen. They have touch screens in lieu of a keyboard. However, they are cell phones, which none of the above are. They are also connected to the Internet for email and Web browsing and can play music and video. The phones can be quite inexpensive because the carriers (Verizon, ATT, etc.) require signing a two year contract for the reduced cost. Breaking the contract early can be very expensive. There is a basic cost for the phone service and an equivalent monthly charge for Internet service. There also can be an additional service charge for data usage. Look for unlimited data-use contracts, if available.



## Smart e-Book

Older e-Book readers were just that — monochrome digital book readers, e.g., early models of the Amazon Kindle. Newer Readers such as the Amazon Fire and Barnes & Noble Nook have full color touch screens with Wi-Fi along with their e-Book reader function. The Fire also has free Internet connectivity via Sprint. So the e-Books are now competing with the Tablets, having similar features but with a display size intermediate between Tablets and Smart Phones. Look for e-Book Readers to become even smarter in the near future.

So what's next? I predict expanded speech recognition and generation will soon be incorporated in most computers, as an alternate to touch-screen, mouse and keyboard. A larger selection of Apps will become available as software programmers jump on this lucrative bandwagon. Faster Internet connections are already available in selected locations and will come to your area soon. Look for LTE, 4G, 5G and even faster connections. Better displays that don't wash out in sunlight are being developed and we should see them soon. Lower prices and enhanced features due to competition favor the consumer and should happen very quickly. Decisions, decisions...

Stay tuned!





Betsy Sheppard  
Webmaster

# The BGAMUG Webmaster Corner January 2012

## How to discover and read the BGAMUG Computer Club blog and Facebook page

I have been posting to these new sites for awhile. I think you will like them. Our new President, Jeri Steele, suggested that I might want to write this article for BGAMUG members. So here is how to sign up and follow each one. Following these BGAMUG sites will help you get connected and use social networking.

### #1. The BGAMUG Blog

The BGAMUG Blog is located here: <http://bgamugbg.blogspot.com/>. It is a Blogger blog. That means that I created it as a free blog using the Blogger service at <http://www.blogspot.com>. Anyone can have a blog here. (hint, hint...) People who love writing may have fun doing this. You can also make money doing it, but that's another article.

Here is a picture of the top of the BGAMUG blog site:



Email me (I am [webmaster@bgamug.com](mailto:webmaster@bgamug.com)) if you would like to have access to make some postings as an Administrator. I personally would love to read what you have to say. This blog is a public blog, so things you write anyone can read. Just saying. That also goes for Facebook. Just saying.

You can subscribe via email, which will bring each posting to your inbox. See the upper left of the blog to do that.

Leave a comment, too! You can do this at the bottom of each article. I would love that too, plus it may start a conversation.

## #2. BGAMUG on Facebook

Do you use Facebook? It's fun. Just so you know too, BGAMUG has a Facebook page. Here it is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/238044399188/>.

I share BGAMUG news there and funny cartoons too. I would love to have you come by and join the page. If you are signed up as a Fan ("Like" the page), then you will be signed up and can see all the postings (and post also). Here is a screen shot of the top of the BGAMUG Facebook page:



Write something on the Facebook wall when you join if you want. To "Like" the page, just click the "Like" button at the top of the page. You can post about computers, new programs, your new phone, what sites you like, let us know how things are going, etc. etc.

If you decide to "Like" this BGAMUG page, you probably also want to have your own page on Facebook (if you already don't have one). You can adjust your privacy settings to how you want here: <http://www.facebook.com/help/privacy>.

You can learn Facebook basics here too: <https://www.facebook.com/help/basics>.

Any questions? Need some free help? Just email me. I am [WebMaster@bgamug.com](mailto:WebMaster@bgamug.com). Thanks!

And make sure to visit and join both of these BGAMUG sites next. I can't wait to see you all there!

Betsy Sheppard  
Webmaster  
The [BGAMUG Computer Club](#)

Also (via [computerjokes.net](http://computerjokes.net)) here are two Jokes of the Day.

#1: The other day I realized I haven't been having dreams anymore, I've been having IM's.

#2: You know you're too high-tech when your reason for not staying in touch with family is that they do not have email addresses. (Hey, that's too close to home for comfort!)

See you all next time!  
Betsy

PS You can be my friend on Facebook at my regular Facebook page or my fan page too. The address is <http://www.facebook.com/betsyanne> if you know me already and I know you. My fan page is here: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Elizabeth-Sheppard/129545265981>.

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**BGAMUG** holds regular presentation/membership meetings the fourth Tuesday of each month (except December) at the Bowling Green Technical College (BGTC) on Loop Drive in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

The public is invited to attend our regular presentation meetings. To join, our annual membership dues are \$25 for an individual and \$35 for a family.

Loop drive intersects Morgantown Road just West of Warren Central High School. There is a stoplight at the intersection. The access road to BGTC from Loop is clearly marked with a sign. The meeting building is Building F .

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**Don't forget our next meeting at  
the B G Technical College,  
F Building, January 24th, 6:30 PM**