

# THE PRINTER

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

### March Meeting

At the March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, there will be two demonstrations. First, Mike Delucia will demonstrate a very good training web site called Lynda.com. Here is a brief summary about the site:

*Helping media designers & communicators understand how to use professional tools and design to enhance visual communication through web, print, and motion graphics.*

Also on the bill, Mike Regimenti will show a few tips and tricks to cleaning your computers registry. This is very important, as a dirty registry can really affect your computer's performance.

### April Meeting

There seems to be a lot of interest in a free program that Microsoft is giving away called **Photo Story v.3**. In the past, brief demonstrations of the program were given, but at the April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, Fran Damratowski will present a more in depth demonstration.

Also at the April meeting we will discuss Web Logs, also known as Blogs. This is very popular on the Internet and we will show you what all the ruckus is about.

### May Meeting

The meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup> (hopefully it will warm up by then) will feature our investment guru, Len Lindenmeyer, discussing investing using the latest on-line strategy. This meeting will definitely be one at which to take good notes.

See You at a Meeting!

*Michael Young*

## Abbreviations, Acronyms, and Emoticons (Smilies)

by

Fran Damratowski

As I said in previous issues of **The Printer**, because there are thousands of abbreviations used, only selected abbreviations and symbols will be presented here. For those who haven't seen earlier issues, an emoticon is a way of expressing emotions when sending e-mail - an emotional icon (look at them sideways). If I missed an important or favorite abbreviation, acronym, or emoticon between A and U, email me at [fdamratowski@comcast.net](mailto:fdamratowski@comcast.net). I will include it in the final list. We will continue with the letter:

## W

**W**: Watt: Word

**W2K**: Windows 2000

**W3**: World Wide Web

**W4**: What-Works-With-What

**WAIS**: Wide Area Information Server

**WAP**: Wireless Access Point

**WASP**: Wireless Application Service Provider

**WATS**: Wide Area Telephone Service

**WB**: Wide Band

**WBI**: Web Browsing Intelligence

**WBT**: Web-Based Training

**WD**: Western Digital

**WELL**: Whole Earth eLectronic Link

# emailSTRIPPER

**emailStripper** is a free program for cleaning the “>” and other formatting characters out of your emails. It will restore “forwarded” or “replied” emails back to their original state so they’re easier to read.

**It’s simple to use, and best of all it’s FREE!**

Download the executable at :

[www.papercut.biz/anonftp/pub/emailstripper/emailstripper.exe](http://www.papercut.biz/anonftp/pub/emailstripper/emailstripper.exe)

Note: Please save the file on your hard-drive in an easy to remember location.

## Some Common Questions:

**Q.** Is this spyware or something nasty?  
**A.** No. We are a reputable company that produces software for the education market. emailStripper was a side project we put together on a rainy afternoon. It’s a tool we felt the Internet was missing.

**Q.** Will it work on Mac or Web TV?  
**A.** No. Only Microsoft Windows (all versions) and Linux (under WINE) are supported.

**Q.** Do I have to download emailStripper each time I use it?  
**A.** No. Just save the emailstripper.exe to your Desktop and execute it from there.

**Q.** How do I paste the cleaned mail back into the mail message?  
**A.** You can’t. You must paste the text back into a NEW message.

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# from the Secretary's Desk

## Minutes of CHPCUG Board meeting on February 16, 2005

Attendees: David Cunningham, Karl Richmond, Jim Quinn, Mike Regimenti, Margaret Duggan, Fran Damratowski, Len Lindenmeyer, Jerry Moskowitz, Mike DeLucia and Chris Johnson.

**Please note:** *Margaret Duggan and Mike Regimenti are Membership Chairpersons. Chris Johnson is assisting the Membership Chairpersons. If you would like to pay your dues or have any other questions relative to membership please contact them.*

The **INTERNET SIG** has a name change and it is now called the **TECHNOLOGY SIG**.

The **CRSIG** has been renamed the **COMPUTER REFURBISHING SIG**. (see photos of the workshop)

In the absence of our president, Dave Cunningham conducted the meeting.

The December board meeting minutes were reviewed.

There was no activity noted for education

Mike Regimenti, editor of **The Printer**, wants to thank everyone who has sent in items and want you to keep those cards and letters coming. Mike stated he has pictures of the children in the CONGO who were the recipients of computers from us last year. The pictures will be published in the March issue of **The Printer**.

Agendas for our up coming meetings were discussed, with the following agreed to:

**March 9<sup>th</sup>**- Mike DeLucia will discuss "Lynda.com" which is an online educational site. It also has a subscription service for Video Training. Mike Regimenti will discuss "*Cleaning the Registry*"

**April 13<sup>th</sup>** - Fran Damratowski will give a presentation on "*Photo Story #3*" and Mike Young will discuss "Blogs and Blogging".

**May 11<sup>th</sup>** - Len Lindenmeyer will discuss "*What Your Money is Doing*".

Fran Damratowski has obtained more copies of our brochure thanks to Mike Regimenti and has put them in various libraries around the county including; Hillsmere, Annapolis, Glen Burnie, Odenton and Crofton.

Jerry Moskowitz stated that we have sent out 880 computers and we have 75 which will be sent out in the near future. The Workshop is in good shape and they are in the process of converting the electric system from a single phase system to a 3 phase system. As everyone is aware, the Crownsville property is in a state of transition which could create some problems for us. The board asked Jerry to keep us informed, so that action can be taken if required.

Karl gave us a financial report which shows that we could use more money. The club is financed through dues, so it is important that everyone pay their dues in a timely manner.

Karl also led a discussion on possible ways to increase our membership, which would result in additional funds for our treasury. The board asked Karl to continue his efforts and get back to us.

Mike DeLucia has redesigned the web site and everyone should take a look at it. He has put a lot of effort into it and it really looks great.

Thanks Mike and Mike for your efforts.

**Jim Quinn**

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**WEP:** Windows Entertainment Pack; Wireless Encryption Protocol; Wired Equivalent Privacy  
**WFP:** Windows File Protection  
**WfW:** Windows For Workgroups  
**WG:** Working Group  
**WHISPER:** Windows Highly Intelligent SPEech Recognition  
**Wi-Fi:** Wireless Fidelity  
**! - ) :** Winking Smiley  
**WIMP:** Windows, Icons, Menus, Pointing Devices  
**WIN:** Wireless Information Network  
**WINE:** Wine Is Not an Emulator  
**WLAN:** Wireless Local Area Network  
**WM:** Windows Messenger  
**WMA:** Windows Media Audio  
**WMF:** Windows Metafile Format  
**WML:** Wireless Markup Language  
**WMRM:** Write Many, Read Many  
**WMV:** Windows Media Video  
**WOM:** Write-Only Memory  
**WOR:** Wake On Ring  
**WORM:** Write Once Read Many  
**WOS:** Workstation Operating System  
**WOSA:** Windows Open Systems Architecture  
**WOW:** Windows on Win32  
**WOW:** WithOut Worry  
**WP:** Word Processor; WordPerfec; Write Protected  
**WPA:** Wi-fi Protected Access  
**WPAN:** Wireless Personal Area Network  
**WPD:** WordPerfect Document  
**WPHD:** Write-Protected Hard Disk  
**wpm:** Words Per Minute  
**WPOS:** WorkPlace Operating System  
**WPW:** WordPerfect for Windows  
**WRAM:** Window Random Access Memory  
**WSML:** Web Services Markup Language  
**WSXGA:** Wide Super eXtended Graphics Array (1680 X 1050)  
**WUI:** Web User Interface  
**WUXGA:** Wide Ultra eXtended Graphics Array (1920 X 1200)  
**WV:** Working Voltage

**WVGA:** Wide Video Graphic Array (852 X 480)  
**WMFSDK:** Windows Media Format Software Development Kit  
**WWD:** Wireless Web Display  
**WWIS:** World Wide Information System  
**WWW:** World Wide Web  
**WWWV:** World Wide Web Worm  
**WXGA:** Wide eXtended Graphics Array (1280 X 768)  
**WYSBYGI:** What You See Before You Get It  
**WYSIWYG:** What You See Is What You Get

<http://www.acronyms.ch/>  
<http://www.steves-digicams.com/dictionary.html>  
Toshiba Glossary  
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**Abbreviations, Acronyms,  
and Emoticons (Smilies)**



# CRSIG GOES TO THE CONGO

At the request of Msgr. Gilbert Kalumbu, of the Archdiocese of Bidia-Kananga in the Congo, the Chesapeake PC Users Group provided 34 computers to the Archdiocese in November 2002. These computers were shipped to the Congo in a container which also held donated books. The books were to augment existing and establish new libraries in the Archdiocese. The computers were set up in computer labs to provide an opportunity for the children and adults of the Archdiocese to begin their experience in using computers for school activities and in their daily lives. This was a small step toward challenging the digital divide. The pictures show their computer lab and members of the community, as they start their computer training.

In late 2004, Msgr. Gilbert contacted ChPCUG and requested that we provide additional computers to upgrade the technology and permit further expansion of their training capability. Currently, the CRSIG is preparing 100 computer systems to be shipped to the Congo with another load of books in the March/April time frame. The CRSIG will achieve its milestone of refurbishing 1000 PCs during this same period.



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# CRSIG Has a New Name and a New Sign

As of the last Board of Directors meeting, the CRSIG will no longer be the Computer Recycling and Refurnishing SIG (wouldn't that have been the CRRSIG), but is now the **Computer Refurnishing SIG**.



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# Finding Stocks through Sector Analysis

by  
Len Lindenmeyer

One of the ways to improve your investment performance, is to analyze the various sectors of the market and then invest in those sectors. You can do that by investing in sector index funds or you can analyze stocks and mutual funds in the sectors that are expected to perform best in the next year.

We will take a look at first analyzing sectors, to find the best. There are several sources for finding rankings on industry sectors. One of these is, *Value Line*, which divides companies into 100 different sectors. The other, *Investors Business Daily*, divides companies into 197 different sectors.

A visit to the local library will give you access to the *Value Line* information. Use the computers at the library to get the best and latest information. *Value Line* updates this information each quarter. First pick the best sectors; then pick the best stocks within these sectors. A review of the latest *Value Line* information, shows the following industries rated best in performance for the next 12 months. This is a forward looking ranking, not one based necessarily on past performance. *Value Line* provides its top ten rankings to the following:

1. Chemical
2. Homebuilding
3. Steel (General)
4. Retail Building Supply
5. Coal
6. Trucking
7. Petroleum (Producing)

8. Internet
9. Computer Software/Services
10. Steel (Integrated)

Several of these industries do not normally come to mind when investing. Steel, Coal, and Trucking would be three that you might have trouble naming companies for investment. A review of several of these, shows surprisingly strong performance over the last year because of demand from India and China. Some steel producers have risen 200-400 % in the last year. So, industry rankings might be a subject of some interest. Homebuilding has been very strong for many homebuilders over the last 3 to 4 years.

If individual stock investing makes you nervous, you might consider investing in sector mutual funds. A visit to *Morningstar* ([www.morningstar.com](http://www.morningstar.com)), will provide information on a wide variety of index funds that are industry sector related. For short term performance ( stock performance in the 6 month to 1 year time frame ), investing based on hot sectors can provide excellent results.

For information on sectors tracked by *Investors Business Daily*, pick up an IBD paper which is published Monday through Friday. Several stores in the local area carry the paper if you do not want to subscribe. You can also read the paper at the County Public Libraries. The Severna Park branch has IBD, the current issue as well as back issues.

***Happy Investing!***



# Learning with Lynda

by  
Mike DeLucia



lynda.com

I will be making one of the featured presentations at the March ChPCUG main meeting. My subject will be an on-line educational resource for software and technology training, Lynda.COM ([www.lynda.com](http://www.lynda.com)). This article is intended to introduce the site and to wet your appetite.

Bert Monroy ([www.bertmonroy.com](http://www.bertmonroy.com)) first exposed me to Lynda.COM. He is an exceptional digital photo-realist artist and teacher. He would visit the old TechTV studio to demonstrate amazing Photoshop techniques. Bert mentioned that his instructional videos were available on-line at Lynda.COM. I checked the site and was amazed at the breath and depth of its scope, and after a few learning experiences, became a believer.

Basically, Lynda.COM is a combination software and technology training book / CD, store and library combined. It offers non-biased training courses from hand-chosen teachers (like Bert). Their slogan is "Learning @ Your Own Pace"™ and their site offers three basic services: a "Books" area on the right side of the home page; a "CD ROM" area in the center ;and my favorite the "On-Line Learning Library" on the left. I will briefly cover each of these areas.

The *Books* section currently offers 24 books on some of the latest technology. Examples include, Final Cut Pro, Dreamweaver MX, Macromedia Flash, Illustrator and Photoshop CS. All titles present the full Table of Contents and a sample chapter for on-line viewing to get a flavor for the instructional style. They feature "HOT" (i.e. Hands-On-Training) books. Most books include a CD containing sample files and instructional video. Prices are comparable to bookstores with the advantage of being non-biased (highlighting "bugs" and "workarounds") and allowing you to "try" before you buy.

The *CD-ROM* section currently offers 111 training CD's on multiple versions of popular software and technology topics (like Scanning Principles). Each CD provides hours of video training lessons similar to the Movie Library section (below) but these you own and can view off-line.

Finally, my favorite section is the *Training Movie Library* section. Here you can view about 4,000 on-line video clips from over 150 courses (2 to 20 hours each), 24/7 for a subscription fee of \$25 per month with no long-term commitment. Even if you do not choose to join, you can learn much in this section. Each course presents many free sample lessons. For example, if you were interested in setting up a home office network, you could select the "Home and Small Office Networking" course and view the entire first section (Networking Basics). It contains 8 video clips (over 40 minutes) for free. This is true of every course so you can learn the basics of Cold Fusion, Dreamweaver, HTML or Bert Monroy's Photoshop tricks whenever you wish at no cost. This is great for inquisitive minds.

As a real life example, a few months ago I was re-introduced to Adobe's latest version of GoLive CS web authoring software. I went to Lynda.COM and viewed the sample movies on the software. I was sold and subscribed to the full Library service. I eventually enjoyed one course so much that I bought the CD-ROM. The newly revised ChPCUG website is a direct result of my **Learning with Lynda**.

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You say you're not interested in web authoring? Are you curious about digital photography, video editing, the internet, blogging, JASC Paint Shop, MS Office or Front Page? They're all there and some offer multiple courses and instructors to choose from. Photoshop leads the way with twenty-two courses including two by Bert Monroy.

Well, that's Lynda in a nutshell. In preparation for my presentation, I contacted Lynda.COM to see if they could supply any giveaway "goodies". They made it clear to me that they value Users Groups and all I can say is that they were very generous. Sorry, you'll have to attend the meeting to see what I mean. Did that wet your appetite enough?



**lynda.com**

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## Some New and Interesting Web Sites

*by*

*Fran Damratowski*

Did you know that Albert Einstein was born 14 March 1879 in Ulm, Germany and that he died from heart failure on April 18, 1955? This information plus a great deal more, such as information directly from other sources, can be obtained from a single web site. Try it <http://www.answers.com>.

The site <http://scholar.google.com/> is still in the beta stage, but it is interesting, because it is a site that will take you to articles that are usually blocked to search engines. Some articles may be restricted or require a subscription fee. In that case an abstract will be provided. One problem that I noticed, was that the references cited are not in order by date, so the first one may be 10 years old. They are ordered

by relevancy (as determined by the Google staff). In addition, we don't know who Google is working with, so we don't know how complete a listing Google is publishing.

Another interesting Google project, is the plan to organize the "world's information" by working with various libraries to digitize public domain material and provide brief excerpts from copyrighted material. The libraries are: the New York Public library, libraries at Harvard, Stanford, U of Michigan and Oxford. Check out <http://print.google.com/googleprint/library.html>. The project is estimate to take at least 10 years.

## CRSIG's New Name & Sign - Cont'd



**The Next Regular Meeting will be at  
The Severn River Middle School**

**Wednesday,  
March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

**Meeting will be held in the large meeting  
room.**

**It starts at 7:00 PM with club business  
and a short discussion period.**

**There will be a Presentation on**

## **Learning with Lynda & Registry Cleaning**

**Members and their friends are welcome to  
come, ask questions and become enlightened.**

### **How to Find: Severn River Middle School**

SRMS is close to the Arnold, MD campus of the Anne Arundel Community College. From Annapolis and parts south, take Rte 2 (Ritchie Highway) north about 3 miles from the intersection of Rt. 50, **turn right on College Parkway**. At the first light, turn left on Peninsula Farm Road. (Of course, if you are coming from points North, you would turn left on to College Parkway) about a half-mile down the road the large SRMS school building, set back off a large two level parking lot, will be visible on your right. Park here and go to the main entrance. Signs will be posted to direct you to the **Large Group Room** where we will be meeting.

**How to find: The Technology SIG, A ChPCUG Special Interest Group\*\***

**The meetings are held at the SRMS in the Library.**



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**FIRST CLASS**

**Note:** *The date above your name on the mailing label is the expiration date of your membership. Contact the Membership Chairman (see page 2, column 2) to update.*