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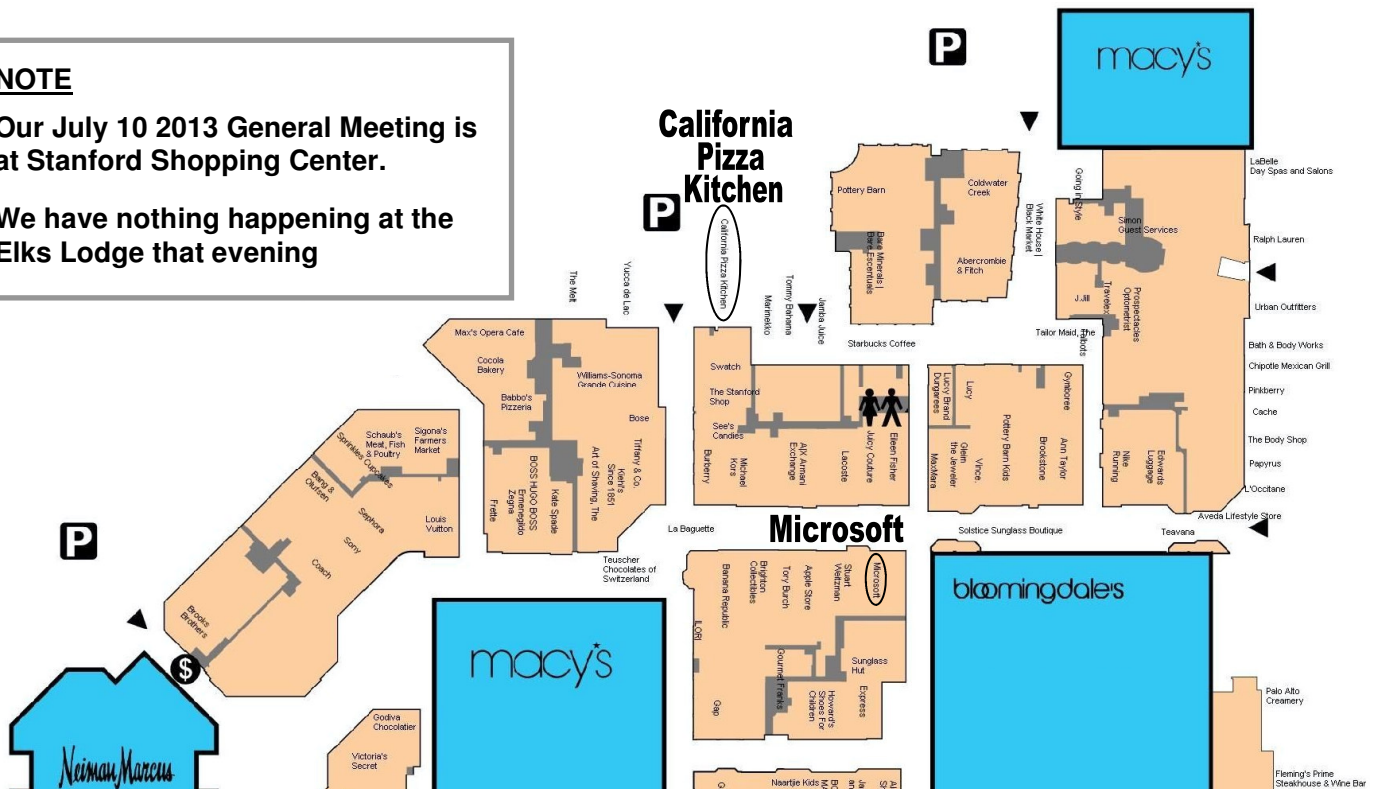| WEDNESDAY	July 10	7:15 PM

Microsoft Store at Stanford Shopping Center
Hosted by: SPAUG (Stanford Palo Alto User Group for PC)

NOTE

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We have nothing happening at the Elks Lodge that evening

You are invited to join us for an optional no-host dinner
before our meeting, at **5:45 pm**, at
California Pizza Kitchen at Stanford Shopping Center

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by John Buck

THE JUNE 26, 2013 PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING— MY PERSONAL REFLECTIONS

Elsewhere you may read the minutes of our June 26 Planning Meeting; what follows are my personal observations and comments.

- Maury Green will run for President in November.
- Christie Bilikam will run for Program Chair in November
- Bev would like some assistance as Membership Chair.
- Other officers present are willing to continue serving if re-elected in November.

I think it is good that Maury and Christie are willing to accept election to the offices of President and Program Chair, respectively.

I think it is important for the health of SPAUG that our officers should not be re-elected simply because they are incumbents, and that we should have one or more contenders for every position on the board. Also, for the health of SPAUG, all our officers— now and in the future—need people to back them up in their work; even if you don't want to hold an elected position right now, please offer your help to the board.

I think there was strong general agreement among those present at the meeting that we want to and need to take SPAUG in new directions, to places that didn't exist at the time of our founding 30-years-ago, and that we need new people to help with that work.

I will not run for the office of SPAUG President, and will gladly turn the office over to my successor. I will not be President after November.

General Meeting @ Microsoft Store, Stanford Shopping Center—Wed. July 10 @ 7:15 PM
(directions on page 3)

Optional Dinner at California Pizza Kitchen
Stanford Shopping Center, next to Pottery Barn 5:45 pm (see page 3)

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Since there are now only four months until our scheduled election, I urge those of you who are interested in (or can be talked into) holding any SPAUG office to make your-selves known to us a soon as possible so we can have smooth transitions. Possibly one or more of you will work on forming a slate of candidates and become a "shadow gov-ernment" ready to step in in November.

I encourage you to attend and participate in our upcoming Planning Meetings—they should be very interesting.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE PROGRESS

I'm happy to write that Maury Green and Christie Bilikam have volunteered to work on the Program Committee. Help them. Join the committee. Contribute program ideas. Con-tribute contact info.

We have over 100 members. If each member would contribute a program idea, we'd have enough for nearly ten years.

PRINT SCREEN FILE DELIVERY

Board members had quite an exchange of emails after the June *Print Screen* was pub-lished, discussing how the *Print Screen* file should be distributed.

Here's the plan. As soon as possible, a copy of the *Print Screen* file that is sent to the printer will be posted on our website. After that has happened, an email announcing the file's availability—and without the file at-tached—will be sent to spaug-list, so you will be able to access it when you choose to do so.

TAKE NOTHING FOR GRANTED

Volunteer for SPAUG.

June 12, 2013 General Meeting— Some Personal Comments
by John Buck

Our usual note-taker (Stan Hutchings) was away for this meeting, so this will be rela-tively short.

The meeting seemed to go well, thanks to Maury's work in getting our speaker (Bob Gostischa) and the active participation by those in the audience.

As with our May 2013 meeting (on Linux), so much info was presented that I recom-mend that you get a copy of the Avast Meeting disc from Robert Mitchell.

In preparation for the June meeting I searched to find a (video) site where I could hear (Norbert) "Bob" Gostischa's last name pronounced, but found none. However, I found many videos of his with details be-yond what he covered in our meeting. Check 'em out via—http://tinyurl.com/k7thflj

Door Prize Tickets

Free
You get one ticket for free when you sign in at a general meeting.

Buy a Ticket
$1 each

Buy More Tickets
Quantity discount: Six tickets for $5

Must be present to win

Meeting Day: Wednesday, July 10

General Meeting

**Microsoft Store,
Stanford Shopping Center**

Meeting time is 7:15 pm
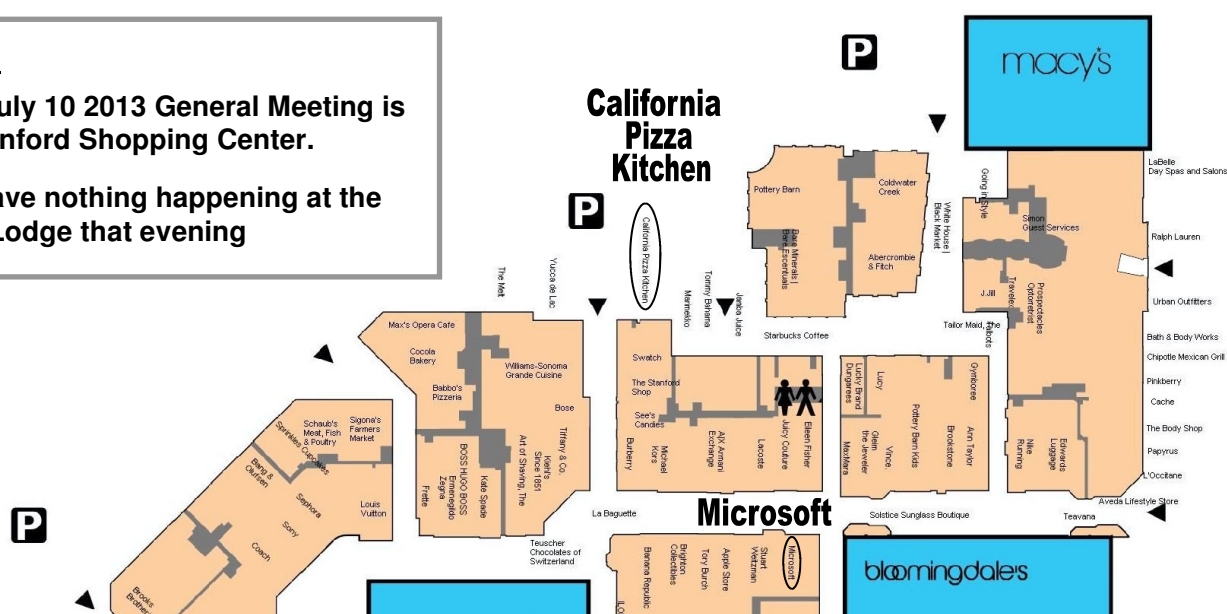
What's Coming From Microsoft

Featuring

Microsoft Store Staff

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Optional pre-meeting dinner

Join us for dinner before our General Meeting at —

*California Pizza Kitchen
Stanford Shopping Center*

Note the **place** for this month's dinner.

Directions: Stanford Shopping Center—**Next to Pottery Barn (See Map Above)**

Menu: http://m.cpk.com/california-pizza-kitchen/menu/

Review: http://www.yelp.com/biz/california-pizza-kitchen-palo-alto-3

Dinner time is 5:45 pm

Filler
by John Buck

ROBOTS.TXT

A friend asked me about something she'd never seen before — a Google-search summary blocked by something called "robots.txt". See the example at the bottom of this page.

In my early SPAUG years, at WebSIG meetings at Stan Hutchings' home, I'd heard about such search-blocking technology but was never aware of encountering it.

The site in the example seems to have changed since my original search (May 29, 2013), because a recent search (June 10, 2013) brings up no similar result. However, if you want to learn more about "robots.txt", here are links to:

- Google site internal info pages—
  http://tinyurl.com/kq5mljf
- Google search page—
  http://tinyurl.com/l9m6gkz
- robots.txt example—
  http://tinyurl.com/n8onupr

ONE PROBLEM AFTER ANOTHER— AN UNEXPECTED LEARNING EXPERIENCE

1. My machine was running r..e...a...l...l..y s...l...o...w...l...y one morning, so I re-booted.

2. While my machine was rebooting, I saw an unfamiliar "Common Program Manager" (CPM) icon in my Systray

   a. I Google-searched for "Common Program Manager", and found it related to Nuance and FlexNet. I had recently installed Nuance, a PDF-reader program.

   b. I used "Everything" to find FlexNet on my machine. It showed up in many places.

   c. I disabled Nuance starting-at system-startup

   d. Rebooting, I still had the CPM icon, so I decided to uninstall Nuance.

3. When I set about removing Nuance, Add/Remove didn't populate. I know A/R can take a while to populate, but 30 minutes is way too long.

   a. I Google-searched for [Add/Remove doesn't populate]. Early hits pointed to registry problems, which I didn't want to deal with—which I've never dealt with alone.

   b. I looked up when I'd downloaded/installed Nuance (5/22/13)

CROCKER: Iraq on the brink, again - Washington Post
www.washingtonpost.com/.../iraq-on-the-brink/.../144b9274-b0f0-11e2-bb...
A description for this result is not available because of this site's robots.txt – learn more.

   c. In the Start/Help/Restore. list of Restore Points, I found one for the Nuance installation.

   d. I picked the last restore point before Nuance installation and restored. Things looked good

4. After the restoration, PaleMoon (PM) didn't start

   a. I tried several times to start PM, with no luck

   b. I Google-searched for [Palemoon doesn't start]. Suggestions were of the nature uninstall/reinstall. I didn't want to do that and possibly lose my addons, tabs, etc.

   c. Remembering that I'd recently updated Palemoon I checked on the update date. It was after the Restore Point I'd used.

   d. I did a simple reinstall of the latest PM version. Success!

The moral of this?

● Note unexpected changes in what is displayed.

● Search for answers to the problem. Hopefully, someone else will have already had it, fixed it, and documented it.

● There may be workarounds for problems where the majority of answers seem involve the registry.

● One problem solved can cause a different one to appear.

● Don't be afraid to do a restore to an earlier time.

● Install the "Everything" program—http://tinyurl.com/6eqt9nm—on your machine, to find all occurrences of a string in a filename.

I HATE INFINITE/ETERNAL SCROLLING

A while back Google changed its Image-search results format to "Infinite" or "Endless" scroll. For me, dealing with it is like taking a long trip without a rest stop. I wanted to avoid it, if I could.

The first thing I had to do was find out the correct terminology to use for my problem. In this case it turned out to be things like [disable infinite OR eternal scroll]—http://tinyurl.com/l9ep7z2. This search shows that there are places other than Google that have endless scroll problems that people want to avoid. So, to get Google-oriented results add [Google] to your search string—http://tinyurl.com/lxpgq8x.

Early on, I learned that I could get back to the traditional paged results pages by scrolling down to the bottom of the results page and clicking on "Switch to basic version".

While that works, it's not particularly elegant, so I dug deeper. This search—http://tinyurl.com/l5whphb—led me to this page—http://tinyurl.com/mo8sq9b—that provided a solution I liked better—adding the string **sout=1&** immediately after **search?** url, so

http://www.google.com/search?q= . . .

      becomes

http://www.google.com/
          search?**sout=1&**q= . . .

The Firefox addon **Google Images Basic**—http://tinyurl.com/mxw5zmt—adds a "traditional;" image search to your FF search bar.

The FF addon **Anti Tumblr Infinite Scroll**—http://tinyurl.com/l76qomm**—**adds a similar search for Tumblr.

(David) Einstein's Comments on Linux— *SF Chronicle, 6/3/13*

"**Q:** I have been wondering about the Linux operating system. I have found several free versions of it online. What are the advantages of Linux, and would you recommend it as a replacement for Windows XP on an older computer?

A: Linux is the operating system for many if not most large-scale networks run by corporations and government agencies. It's also the system Android is based on. So it's had great success at the biggest and smallest ends of the computing market. However, it has failed as a system for PCs, largely because of a dearth of mainstream programs and device drivers designed for it. Also, downloading and installing programs, as well as the Linux system itself, can demand more tech savvy and patience than most consumers can muster.

The emergence of cloud computing, which eliminates the need to have programs on a computer, could give Linux a boost, but with PC sales on the wane, the battlefront for Linux probably will shift to tablets - where Android and Apple already are entrenched.

All that said, Linux demands less computing power than Windows, so it can be a great choice for breathing new life into an older PC.

Solving my Thunderbird ID107 Problem

I wanted to delete files from my Thunderbird's Trash folder, but when I went there, no files were displayed. Files were displayed in most of my other folders, but nothing was shown in trash—and I was certain I hadn't emptied my Trash area.

I Google-searched. I re-installed. I rebooted. But the problem of the missing files was still with me.

My top-level Trash folder has several sub folders, and I saw files in one of them. So I "hmmm'ed". Then I decided to Mark one of those subfolder files as unread. When I went back to the top-level folder, I saw that file, but only that one. That was a good sign.

"Hmmmm"ing" again, I pondered how this might be, and found that somehow the "Show only unread messages" button in the "Quick Filter:" bar had been activated in the top-level folder. Since most of the files in my "Trash" folder had been read, unselecting the "Show only unread messages" button restored my file listings in that folder.

YOUR BROWSING EXPERIENCE MAY VARY

Visiting http://get.adobe.com/reader/ about 9 pm on Thu June 13, 2003—
- In Opera, Adobe offered me Google Chrome.
- In IE7, they offered Chrome and Google Toolbar.
- In PaleMoon (and FF), they offered McAfee Security Scan Plus.

Compare the gray boxes in the screen captures at right.

Remember that whatever any site is offering, you most likely don't want it, so uncheck the check box they've checked for you by default.
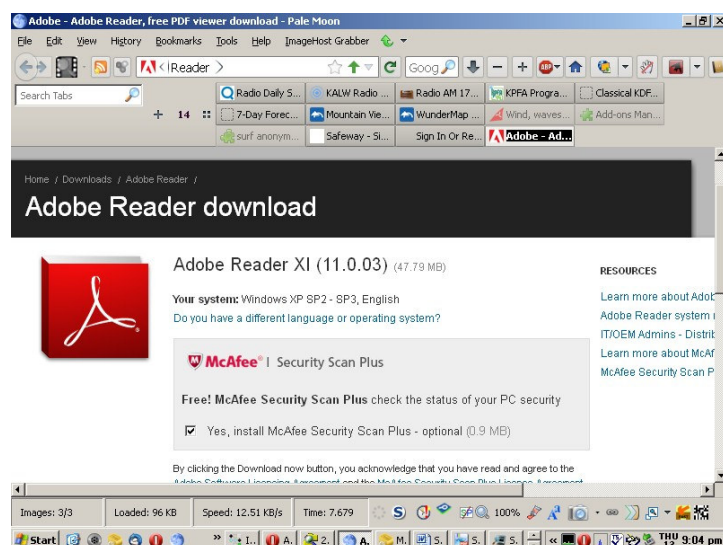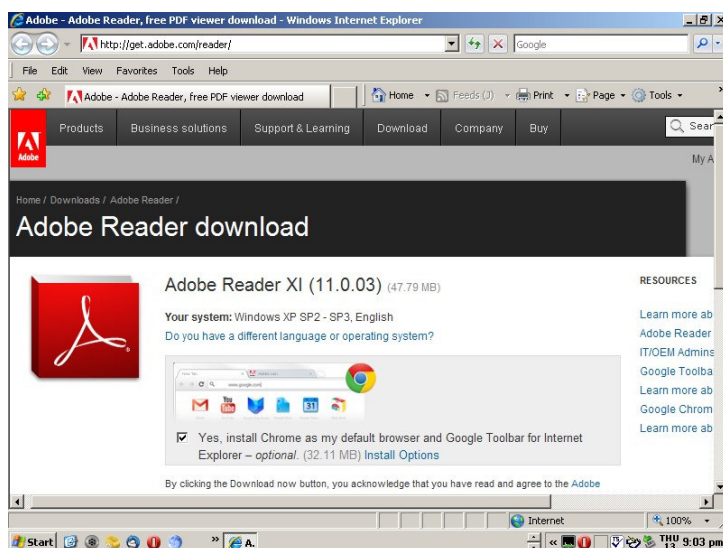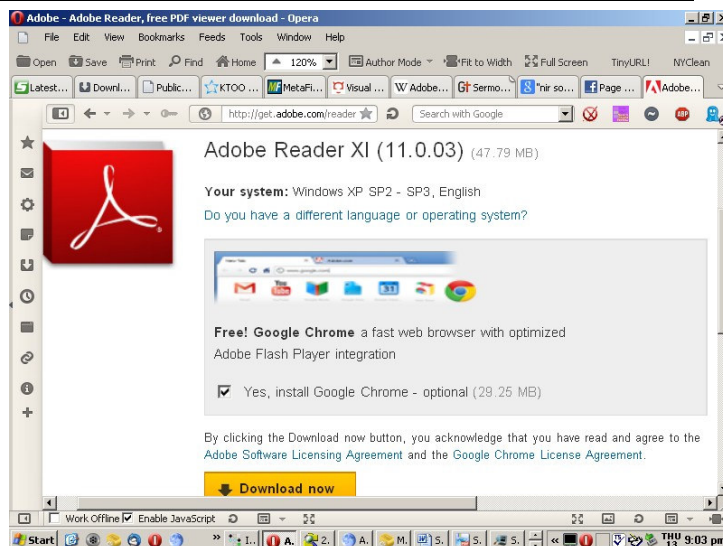
Also, be aware that if you and someone else are looking at the same page in different browsers, it's quite possible you truly may be seeing different things.

BROWSER WARS HEATING UP AGAIN?

Browsers, Operating Systems (OS), Search Engines, File Managers—we know perhaps three of any in each group, but there are many other offerings besides any "Big Three".

Browsers are an interesting group to start with. For the Windows OS, we mostly hear of IE, and Firefox. My mainstays are Opera and Pale Moon. Wikipedia is one place to get an idea of

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the many other browsers that are available, and some of their properties. Some pages to visit are listed below—

- Web browser
  —http://tinyurl.com/4o968
- List of web browsers
  —http://tinyurl.com/eed8b
- Web browser history
  —http://tinyurl.com/neljjhv
- Web browser engine
  —http://tinyurl.com/7jf6qf2
- Comparison of web browser engines
  —http://tinyurl.com/23s5fgh
- List of layout engines
  —http://tinyurl.com/2c7x8w

Some technology-oriented websites and publications occasionally fill space by presenting comparisons of some browsers—usually the most popular and possibly some up-and-comers. Their usual criteria seem to be one or more of—

- Speed
- Computer memory load—particularly with multiple pages open
- Security (Malware resistance)
- Features
- Popularity
- Support
- Extensions/Addons/Applications (Apps)/ Customization
- Ease of use
- Stability/Frequency of Updates
- Privacy/Anonymity/Tracking/Cookies
- Price

Here's a Google-search for [browser comparison]—http://tinyurl.com/qgeuq2u

PC Advisor has a list of some (recommended by them) alternative browsers you may not have heard of (I hadn't).
—http://tinyurl.com/ch6ll3f

The *PC Advisor* article mentioned something I'd forgotten—there are some browsers that let you use different rendering engines without having to switch browsers.

- The Google search [browser multiple engine] mostly mentions Lunascape and Avant on its first page.
  —http://tinyurl.com/nozdx4u
- Makeuseof has an interesting article touting Lunascape, and a brief description of rendering engines.
  —http://tinyurl.com/pqknw7b

Here's my Google search for a list of lesser-known browsers [browser list qupzilla lunacape avant maxthon] in hopes it might turn up others.
—http://tinyurl.com/o3werln

Web browsers listing for Windows
—http://tinyurl.com/aze7f4

Favorite browser[s] - 2013
—http://tinyurl.com/q85vra5

Competitor browsers list, including the pre-installed. Sorted by engine used.
—http://tinyurl.com/q3mnugo

This "UA [User Agent] database includes detailed information about every single user agent and operating system."
—http://tinyurl.com/njshnq8

What's a "User Agent"?
—Wikipedia—http://tinyurl.com/dwtkn
—Goog-search—http://tinyurl.com/peqo4yz

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SPAUG CALENDAR Always subject to change; verify event with host or Jim Dinkey						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 **7–9 pm** BIYSIGv Central Computers		**3** Independence Day	**4** ☆		**6**—Clinic, by appointment only

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	7–9 pm WinSIG
	    Central Computers
			10
			5:45 pm Dinner (Optional),
			    Cal. Pizza Kit., Stanf Shop Ctr
			7:15 pm General Meeting
			    Microsoft Store, Stanf Shop Ctr
			Speaker: Microsoft Store Staff
						13—Clinic, by appointment only

	15 **7–9 pm** DISIG Central Computers		**17** **Planning Meeting Moved To** **July 24**			**20**—Clinic, by appointment only

	22
	7–9 pm WebSIG
	    Central Computers
			24
			7:15 pm Planning Meeting,
			    Bev Altman's
						27—Clinic, by appointment only

	29		**31**			**3**—Clinic, by appointment only

Saturday Clinic   Clinics usually are held when needed. **Call Jim Dinkey** to make a reservation. The clinics are to help you unscrew your Windows XP and Windows 7.

Email: jimdinkey at jimdinkey.com or call 650-493-9307 for an appointment.

Planning Meeting   **NOTE: The Planning Meeting Schedule is changing.** Planning meetings are usually each month at Beverly Altman's home at 7:15 pm. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. **Please contact John Buck or Bev Altman to confirm venue.**

Next meeting: Wednesday, **July 24**, 2013 at **7:15 pm,** at **Bev Altman's home**.

SIGS   _NOTE: SPAUG-member participation in any of these SIGS requires membership in SVCS, currently $12/yr. SVCS is not a part of SPAUG._

- **Build It Yourself SIG—1st Monday** each month
- **WinSIG—2nd Monday** of the month
- **DISIG—3rd Monday** of the month
- **WebSIG—4th Monday** of the month

For more info about these SIGs, go to svuga.org

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> Central Computers
> 3777 Stevens Creek Boulevard
> Santa Clara
> —http://tinyurl.com/bu5mlcl

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