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To All SPAUG members

In a effort to save costs, we are asking our members to choose this new format for receiving your PrintScreen newsletter. But if you still wish to receive the printed paper version, just let us know and we'll mail it to you, as usual, each month.

Membership Dues Reminder

In January SPAUG adopted a new policy for membership dues, adjusting all membership terms to end on December 31st. Dues statements, including amounts owed for past years were sent to everyone. If you have not yet paid your annual SPAUG dues you will receive a reminder invoice shortly.



SPAUG Meeting July 8, 2015

Living Through the 20th Century Nat Landes

The 20th Century saw major breakthroughs in technology, from radio to television to computers, and multiple wars. Our former SPAUG Treasurer, Nat Landes, lived through it all. Come join with other SPAUG members as we help Nat celebrate his 97th birthday. He will regale us with stories of all the changes in technology and computers he has seen.

The meeting will be held at the Palo Alto Elks Lodge, 4249 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. Meeting registration starts at 7PM in the Lodge room on the second floor. The featured talks begins at 7:30PM.

All members and guests are invited to attend a NO-host dinner prior to our general meeting. Dinner will be at 5:45 PM at The Bistro located on the ground floor of the Elks Lodge.

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Digital Dark Age

"On this 'episode of On the Media, we're engaging in some chillingly informed speculation: what would happen if we, as a species, lost access to our electronic records? What if, either by the slow creep of technological obsolescence or sudden cosmic disaster, we no longer could draw from the well of of knowledge accrued through the ages? What if ...

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Remember the Etak Car Navigation System [1985]?

"Etak beat modern GPS systems to market by a decade and a half. It was so early that its inventors had to digitize their own maps and figure out how to get them into an automobile in an era before solid-state mass storage, optical discs, or wireless Internet was available to do the job. (The solution: special tape cassettes.) Everything ...

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The real voice of Siri

Sometimes it's hard to appreciate that the countless electronic voices we hear, from the prompt at the self-checkout to the disembodied tone coming from our phones, were provided by a real person. Where do those voices come from? To find out, asked the original voice of the iPhone assistant Siri. Talking to Susan Bennett is surreal — at one moment ...

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Samsung silently disabling Windows Update on some computers [Updated]

Original story Microsoft MVP Patrick Barker, who spends a large portion of his life analysing, debugging, and helping other people troubleshoot Windows, has discovered that Samsung is actively disabling Windows Update on some of its PCs. Barker stumbled across the issue while trying to assist a user who found that Windows Update "kept getting disabled randomly." By using Auditpol and

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It's time to go away, Sourceforge

That once king of app hosting, Sourceforge, has lost its crown and its way. Jack Wallen discusses why Sourceforge is now Scourgeforge. Read more...

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