



Greater Wheeling Chapter

April Meeting Announcement

This month's meeting of the Greater Wheeling Chapter of AITP will be held at the White Palace in Wheeling Park on Wednesday, April 9, 2008..

A representative from the Ohio Highway Patrol will speak about Technology and Law Enforcement..

John Parkinson will have a technical education session during the meal.

Social hour will start at 5:30. Dinner at 6:15. Meeting will follow dinner. Cost for the evening, which includes a buffet meal at Wheeling Park, is \$18.00 for AITP members, \$16.00 for AITP student members, and \$21.00 for guests.

2008 Region 18 Spring Conference

The 2008 Region 18 Spring Conference will be held in Asheville, NC on April 25 thru 27, 2008. Registration is currently \$140 thru February 29 when the cost will increase to \$160. Hotel accommodations can be made at the Sleep Inn, 115 Hendersonville Road, Asheville, NC. Please call 1-828-277-1800 and ask for the block of room reserved for AITP. The cost of the rooms is \$89 per night.

Activities for the conference include a tour of Historic Asheville and the Biltmore Estate and Winery, a golf outing and an outing on Friday the 25th.

A Student Chapter Competition will take place during the conference.

See the Region website for more information at www.aitp-region18.org.

At the end of the Wizard of Oz, Dorothy said "There's no place like <http://www.home.com>."

If you have any suggestions for the newsletter, please email to John at: jparkinson@belmontcountyengineer.com

Free MrEXCEL eBook

I had heard about Mr. EXCEL for a couple of years now but it wasn't until I heard Bill Jelen on a podcast that I visited his website. There is information available for all levels of EXCEL users. There is even a free eBook available for download. This 15 MB low res PDF book is called 'Learn Excel 2007' and is loaded with great tips.

MrEXCEL also offers a forum that answers 30,000 questions a year. Over 600 video podcast are available on the site as well as a 2 minute video podcast produced daily.



The screenshot shows the MrExcel.com website. On the left is a navigation menu with links: About MrExcel, Consulting Services, Learn Excel Resources, Challenge of the Month, MrExcel Seminars, Message Board, MrExcel Store, Podcast, Search, Media, Contact, Home, and a link for Excel Emergencies. The main content area features a 'Back' link, a title 'Bill Jelen Is Giving Away His Book For Free', and a link to get the book for free. Below this is a description of the 'Learn Excel 97-2007' eBook, a list of download options (free zip file or \$39.95 print version), and an image of the book cover. Further down, there is a goal statement, a thank you note, and a 'New!' announcement for a 6-minute video highlighting 12 tips from the book, with two video thumbnails labeled 'Excel 97-2003 Video' and 'Excel 2007 Video'.

The site offers over 20 book that range in price from \$19.95 to \$39.95 as well as CD's, bundled specials and EXCEL utilities for users.

Bill Jelen conducts seminars and offers consulting services as well. Links to his website are listed below:

Forums: <http://www.mrexcel.com/forum/index.php>

Daily Video Podcast: <http://www.mrexcel.com/podcast.shtml>

Previous Video Podcast: http://www.mrexcel.com/excel_video_training.html

Free eBook: <http://www.mrexcel.com/previewsig.html>



On a side note, many thanks to Bill Jelen for the information he provided for this article.

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Board meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of every month at The Health Plan in St. Clairsville. Meetings start at 5:30 P.M.

StumbleUpon

StumbleUpon is a web browser plugin that allows its users to discover and rate webpages, photos, videos, and news articles. These webpages are typically presented when the user—known within the community as a Stumbler—clicks the "Stumble!" button on the browser's toolbar. StumbleUpon chooses which new webpage to display based on the user's ratings of previous pages, ratings by his/her friends, and by the ratings of users with similar interests. i.e. it is a recommendation system which uses peer and social networking principles. There is also one-click blogging built in as well. Users can rate, or choose not to rate, any webpage with a thumbs up or thumbs down, and clicking the Stumble button resembles "channel-surfing" the web. Toolbar versions exist for Firefox, Mozilla Application Suite and Internet Explorer, but also works with some independent Mozilla-based browsers.

eBay acquired StumbleUpon in May of 2007 for \$75,000,000.

Information for this article was found at Wikipedia.com.

Go Green - Power Saving Tips

1. Dial down your screen brightness. The brighter your screen, the more power it uses.
2. Turn off your system completely at the end of the day, instead of putting it in sleep mode.
3. If you (still) have a CRT, consider upgrading to an LCD. An LCD uses about 1/3 of the power (and causes less eyestrain to boot).
4. Forgo the screen saver. Most monitors no longer are in danger of having images burned into them, and screen savers actually use up monitor power.
5. If you'll be away from your computer or other devices for a loag period of time (say, while on vacation), consider unplugging them completely.
6. Look for the Energy Star certification when purchasing new computer systems or electronic devices.
7. Enable any power-saving features on your computers, monitors, and peripherals such as printers.

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