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## RASCAL YEAR-IN-REVIEW of 2006 A Look Back at RASCAL's Sixteenth Year

*~ by Jane Frincke*

By February, the newly formed Illinois Valley membership was conducting weekly meetings at the Kerby Belt Building.

The month of May saw the RASCAL float once again appearing in both the Magical Merlin Parade and the Boatnik Parade.

In June, the membership approved amendments to update the RASCAL By-Laws and extend the term limits for officers.

The Annual Picnic in July, at Tom Pearce Park, was complete with bingo, a delicious broasted chicken barbecue, a dessert contest, a raffle with more than forty prizes, fun and fellowship.

In August, Vice President Lou Garrotto stepped in as President after health reasons necessitated Bill Rose's resignation.

A new Genealogy SIG (Special Interest Group) was formed.

Upon approval of the membership, RASCAL ordered a new, Vista-ready computer so that the club will be able to teach and keep members current with advancing technology.

In 2006 the club conducted 37 general meetings, which included presentations and beginners' programs. We welcomed 290 new members.

The popular 50/50 drawings generated a total of \$1,845.50 for the RASCAL treasury, with half of this total going to 37 lucky winners.

At the time of this publication, we were looking forward to our Annual Christmas Party at The Wild River Publick House and toward a

*HAPPY NEW YEAR!*

For last year's words belong to last year's language  
And next year's words await another voice.  
And to make an end is to make a beginning.

*~ T.S. Eliot*

**YOUR RASCAL OFFICERS for 2007**

**Wish You All a  
VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



**Bill Porter,  
President**

Many of you know Bill Porter very well. He has been teaching with our club since 1998 and has left a heritage of his knowledge of Photo-shop with nearly 900 students. Bill, like many RASCALs, has a fascinating and amazing history in his life before RASCAL, which this newsletter touched upon in June, 2002. We plan to explore his history a little more in depth in a subsequent issue. We are so fortunate to have Bill in our future in his new job as president of "The Greatest Little Club in the Valley."



**Bob Booth,  
Vice President**

Bob says "I was retired when I moved to Grants Pass. In order to further my insight into computer and to prevent the risk of being bored, I joined RASCAL in early 1997." Since then, Bob has made presentations at the weekly club meetings and posted many articles in the club newsletter with help and advice on many computer topics. He was instrumental in coordinating with VISIP to create Smartwire, our Internet Service Provider. He has become known to most RASCALs over the years for his many house calls, sometimes going as far as Cave Junction to render computer aid.

Bob was recently presented with a much deserved RASCAL Honorary Lifetime Membership for his generosity of service over the years. He says that he is now looking forward to the retirement of his wife, Jan, so that they may travel and fulfill their wanderlust.



**Judy Engel,  
Education Director**

Judy was born in New York state and became a west-coaster while living in San Diego for ten years prior to moving to Grants Pass in 1977. She worked as an ophthalmic technician while living in San Diego and continued in that occupation here in Grants Pass at Cascade Eye Care for 27 years. She and her husband are avid hikers, bikers and motorcyclists. They have also done a lot of traveling together in Germany and England.

Judy joined RASCAL in 2001 she says "because I needed to develop confidence to understand and use my first computer." Since then she has taken about every class offered and has started teaching and presenting at meetings.

Judy says, "Being a RASCAL has been a wonderful experience for me. I've learned so much and met so many nice people. I would like to see RASCAL continue to assist new computer users as well as to offer more advanced classes for those who are more experienced."



**Velma Gustafson,  
Secretary**

Velma Gustafson was born in Wallace, Idaho and raised in Southern California. She says that since 2001, everyone remembers her birthday of September 11. Velma has a son and a daughter, seven grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. She became a widow in 1980 and remarried four years later. She retired at that time from employment in Washington state and moved to Grants Pass about four years ago. Loves the weather here and the friendly town. Although she worked with computers in a special program on her job, she felt she had a lot to learn about them for personal use and came to RASCAL to further her education.

"When approached about the secretary position with RASCAL, I was, at first, very reluctant as I haven't worked as an executive secretary since my late twenties. However, I felt that the club has done so much for me, and for so many, that I wanted to try. I hope to do a good job."



**Naomi Carlson,  
Treasurer**

In January of 2000, Naomi Carlson needed help with her computer; "lots of it," she says, "like how to turn it on." She decided to join RASCAL. She sat through a lot of meetings with everything going over her head thinking, "If I had a cup of coffee maybe it would make this easier to understand." When RASCAL moved to the Fairgrounds Naomi volunteered to head a group that would try serving lunches there. This didn't work out, but it gave her the idea to at least have coffee to serve. She fetched the twenty-cup coffee pot out of her loft, bought sugar, creamer, and cups and started the Tuesday morning coffee and donuts ritual. She says "People were socializing outside of their own circles which made newcomers feel a little more comfortable. I had good helpers and soon other pots were donated and we had decaf coffee and tea, and even managed to make enough to pay the rent on our meeting room."

After knee injuries Naomi had to retire from the Coffee Corner but within a year was at the Membership Table and has been there for a couple of years. She brings to her job as Treasurer, years of experience in Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands where she established bookkeeping systems for businesses that had just come under the jurisdiction of the IRS. If the skill and courage of a race car driver would help Naomi in this Treasurer's job she has that to offer, since she has raced a Corvette with a Corvette Club at Laguna Seca and Sears Point.

To quote Naomi, "The people of RASCAL and the classes have been so helpful to me I want to repay that help if I can, because I can't pay it forward."



**Maggie Robson,  
Membership Director**

Maggie Robson & Wally Zittle have served previous terms and have been profiled in 2006 & 2005.



**Wally Zittle,  
Communications/  
Facilities Director**

**THE RASCAL SCHEDULE of  
EVENTS, MEETINGS, and  
CLOSURE DATES for 2007**

*~ compiled by Jane Frincke*

**BOARD MEETINGS**

The second Tuesday of each month  
except for December.  
The December 2007 Board Meeting will be held  
Tuesday, December 4.

**EVENTS**

- May 5 - Merlin Parade
- May 26 - Boatnik Parade
- July 17 - Annual RASCAL Picnic
- October 16 - Annual Business Meeting,  
Election of Officers &  
Volunteer Recognition Day
- December 11 - RASCAL Christmas Party

**RASCAL MEETING CLOSURE DATES**

- January 2 - New Year's Week
- May 29 - Day after Memorial Day
- June 19 - Fairgrounds Closed
- July 3 - Day before Independence Day
- July 17 - Annual RASCAL Picnic
- August 7, 14, 21 - County Fair
- September 4 - Day after Labor Day
- November 20 - Thanksgiving Week
- December 11 - RASCAL Christmas Party
- December 18, 25 - Holiday closures

**RCC BUILDING CLOSURE DATES**

(no classes)

- January 1 - Holiday Break
- January 15 - Martin Luther King Day
- February 19 - President's Day
- May 4 - College In-Service
- May 28 - Memorial Day
- July 4 - Independence Day
- July 6 - September 7 - every Friday
- September 3 - Labor Day
- November 12 - Veteran's Day
- November 22,23 - Thanksgiving Day
- December 21 - January 1, 2008 - Holiday Break

*Please note that this schedule  
may be subject to change.*



*Editor's Note: We have written previously about a number of good programs that serve to protect from the dangers you might find in surfing the web. One you may not have heard of is called **a-squared Anti-Malware**.*

*This program has been tested by Bob Booth and he gives it a high recommendation: "Greatest thing since the wheel," says he. However, as he points out, it is not free. The tips below are from this program's Help Menu.*

### Trojans, Backdoors, Rootkits

**Trojan Horses or Backdoors open your PC from the inside to attackers.** Once a Trojan is installed, someone can take full control of your computer. The term Trojan describes software that appears desirable but actually contains something harmful. In most cases Trojans contain Backdoors that are delivered via email attachments. The term Trojan usually also includes **Keyloggers** that invisibly log your keyboard inputs and **Rootkits** that hide themselves perfectly and manipulate system internal actions. **a-squared Anti-Malware** is a specialized program for detecting and removing this kind of Malware.

### Worms, Bots

**Worm-Viruses are the most wide spread hazard on the internet.** Worms arrive as emails with harmful attachments. If you open an attachment the worm will then copy and send itself to as many other computers as possible, damaging yours and your friend's systems. Newer network Worms and Bots infect the computer by using security leaks (exploits) and gain an enormous spreading speed. **a-squared Anti-Malware** detects worms on your PC and removes them before they can do any damage. The Malware-IDS also blocks attacks using security leaks for which no bugfixes are available.

### Dialers

**Dialers are small programs which reconfigure your dial-up number to a premium rate number.** If you use a dial-up modem to connect to your ISP you are at risk. Premium rate numbers can cost you hundreds in just a few days! **a-squared** detects and blocks dialers immediately when they try to dial.

### Spyware, Adware

**Your personal data and your habits are a goldmine for some advertising companies who seek to infiltrate your computer.** Often you are not aware that a spyware program has been downloaded. Spyware can collect personal information about you and your internet habits, change your home page and even prevent you from going to some websites. **a-squared Anti-Malware** removes Spyware and Adware programs from your computer, as well as Tracking Cookies and Traces of Spywares at the Registry.



*For those who use the popular, free, AVG virus protection program, these tips could be helpful.*

The support for AVG Free Version 7.1 will soon terminate, leaving subscribers without further protection. **To remain current you must update before January 15, 2007.** Following are instructions for obtaining the update to AVG Free Version 7.5.

Note that the download file for the update is large. If you are on dialup you may want to consider either beginning the download before retiring for the night; or having a friend on broadband download it to a thumb drive or CD for you. It is an executable file and will install when you click on it.

**(1) To get directly to the download site** you may access the **AVG Free Edition 7.5 Setup Program** by using the following in the IE (not the Google) address bar:

<http://free.grisoft.com/doc/5390/lnq/us/tp1/v5>

or you may ask Google for:

**AVG Free Edition 7.5 Setup Program**

There are specific instructions at this site for downloading.



## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

January 2007

February 2007



### Digital Camera, Beginning

(Pre-Req: Beginning Windows, Beginning E-mail & Internet.) Learn the four basics for a beginning digital camera user and much more. Step by step instructions on how to download your photos from the camera, how to e-mail, print out, enhance, and crop your photos. Includes instructions on how to use a portable hard drive for transporting your photos from one computer to another.

### E-Mail & Internet, Beginning

(Pre-Req: Introduction to Computers & Beginning Windows.) Very detailed, very basic class. Handouts will teach you how to get started in e-mail and the internet. Create, send and receive e-mail over the internet using Outlook Express. Search, surf, and download, using Internet Explorer.

### Genealogy, Internet

(Pre-Req: Be familiar with working on the computer and the internet.) This class explores genealogy on the internet, with tips on how to extract the information and how to look further.

### Introduction to Computers

*(Required for First-Time computer users.)* A fun class. Learn the proper method to turn a computer on and off. Learn to use the mouse and keyboard. Get acquainted with hardware, software, and computer vocabulary.

### Windows XP, Beginning

(Pre-Req: Introduction to Computers.) A continuation of basic computer skills. Identify and use parts of the newest Microsoft Operating System. Learn the difference between system software and application programs. Learn how to use the controls, menus, icons, and toolbars on various windows and the desktop.

### Word, Beginning

(Pre-Req: Beginning Windows.) Learn the names and locate elements of this Microsoft word-processing program. Emphasis on the Standard and Formatting tool-bar buttons. Work with documents, print, and save.

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### Graphics Solutions

(Pre-Req: Previous experience with any graphics program.) For beginning, intermediate and advanced students. The goal of this class is to seek a solution for each student's graphics project. The method is to teach graphics concepts and how solutions are arrived at, regardless of the software being used.

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### Spreadsheets, Beginning

(Pre-Req: Beginning Windows; ability to use a CD drive or diskette.) Learn to locate and name the elements of a spreadsheet program, with emphasis on the Standard, Formatting, and Formula bars. Apply basic number and cell formatting, simple formulas, open and close workbooks correctly, print and save to a floppy. Bring one blank CD-R disc or two 3.5 floppy disks.

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### Works, Beginning

(Pre-Req: Beginning Windows 98 or XP.) Works is a composite program that includes a word processor (WORD), spreadsheet (EXCEL), and a database. The student will learn how to manipulate each program, use them for communication, enhance the appearance of their output, develop skills at making labels and form letters, and import clip art and photographs.



# Need Help? - Dial-A-Helper

Just call or e-mail and an attempt will be made to solve the problem.



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Most Areas of Computing

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### EXCHANGE COMPUTER RELATED QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

For RASCAL members only. Limited to technical problems and responses. Subscribe to the **FREE Technical Help ListServe** e-mail forum for help with your computer problems at <http://mailman.userservices.net/mailman/listinfo/rascal-tech> or access through [www.rascal.cc](http://www.rascal.cc). Subscribers use [rascal-tech@mailman.userservices.net](mailto:rascal-tech@mailman.userservices.net) for discussion. The ListServe Moderator is reached at [rascal-tech.admin@mailman.userservices.net](mailto:rascal-tech.admin@mailman.userservices.net).

**A HANDY DANDY TIP  
FOUND ON THE RASCAL  
TECH LISTSERVR**

**Q:** My mouse isn't functioning. How can I shut down my computer without turning it off at the tower?

**A:** Just put the F4 key on your keyboard to work! First, close all open applications. To do this, if you have some programs minimized to your task bar, select a program and press **Alt + Tab**. That will maximize the application. From the application, press **Alt + F4**. You will get an option to save, Yes or No. Press your choice of the underlined first letter of your option (Y or N) on your keyboard. The program will then close.

After all open programs are closed, press **Alt + F4**. This will bring up the "Turn off computer" box and you can proceed with the normal shut down. Use the arrow keys (on the bottom/right of your keyboard) to select "shut down." If you wish to "cancel" out of this box/window just press the Esc (escape) key on the upper left of the keyboard.

**ARE YOU MAKING FULL USE of  
WHAT RASCAL HAS TO OFFER?**

If you haven't subscribed to **The RASCAL Tech ListServer** you are missing out on getting answers to your computer problems from some of our most helpful and knowledgeable members and also from receiving helpful tips such as the one above on how to close down programs and your computer by using simple strokes on your keyboard.

It's easy to sign up. Just go to our website at [www.rascal.cc](http://www.rascal.cc) and click on the **Help \* ISP** link; then click on **RASCALs Technical Support ListServer**. Under **Subscribing to RASCAL Tech**, list your name and e-mail address. Further down the page enter a password (two times) and then press **subscribe**. That's it!

To change your e-mail address for the TechList go to the bottom of the page under **Unsubscribe or Edit Options**.



**BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

for November 14, 2006

~ by Jane Frincke

Please see our web site at [www.rascal.cc](http://www.rascal.cc) for complete minutes of Board Meetings.

**President-Elect Bill Porter, Vice President-Elect Bob Booth, Secretary-Elect Velma Gustafson and Treasurer-Elect Naomi Carlson** sat with the current Board for this meeting. **Membership Director Maggie Robson** reported that 18 new members joined RASCAL during October 2006. Because of the lack of a Board quorum, a number of issues were discussed but voting was tabled. **Communications/Facility Director Wally Zittle** updated the Board on the transportation assistance program for members who do not have rides to weekly meetings. During his report, **President Lou Garrotto** spoke about ongoing efforts to make the Illinois Valley membership self-sustaining.

**SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP  
NOTICE**

There will be a meeting of the **Linux SIG**  
on

January 17, 2007,  
1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at  
RCC, 214 SW 4th St,  
the Lecture Room.

Anyone interested in learning about an alternate operating system for your PC is invited to attend. **Ubuntu** CDs will be available at the meeting.

For more information contact:  
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*"People are so worried about what they eat between Christmas and the New Year, but they really should be worried about what they eat between the New Year and Christmas."*

~ author unknown

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**KEEP in TOUCH**



Let RASCAL know when you change your e-mail address, your telephone number, or your residence address. Contact the Membership Manager at [rascalmembership@rascal.cc](mailto:rascalmembership@rascal.cc)

RASCAL meetings are held in the Floral Building at the Fairgrounds in Grants Pass. Weekly meetings are on Tuesdays, except holidays. The General Membership meets from 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. The Beginners' Meeting is held from 10:50 to 11:30. All members are welcome to attend both meetings. Come early for coffee and chat with friends.

We also invite you to visit our website:  
[www.rascal.cc](http://www.rascal.cc)  
for up-to-date information about our club, our members, classes, meetings, and links to other websites. Our website is managed by Ginny von Gal and hosted by Smartwire Internet.



**Are You Receiving NEWS DISPATCH?**

Every member of RASCAL is automatically entered, at the time of enrollment, into our database to receive the News Dispatches. These are sent out to inform you of urgent club news and, routinely, of General Meetings and Special Events. If you aren't receiving these announcements, most of which go out weekly, please let us know.

Contact our Data Base Managers at [rascalmembership@rascal.cc](mailto:rascalmembership@rascal.cc)

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