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Wishing you all,  
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Happy New Year**



The Presidents Desk -  
Lee Gerber



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I sincerely hope each and every one of you and your families have had a joyous and safe holiday season. My wife and I spent Christmas with our daughters in the Washington D.C. area. That area is very busy and crowded but also a great place for dining and entertainment. "Auntie Emm, there's no place like home".

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## The Presidents Desk - (Cont.)

Lee Gerber

Time for a New Year's resolution? After the 'going on a diet' and 'starting to exercise' resolution, why not put some effort into becoming computer safe. There's a lot of information regarding computer security on the Internet. Just a quick search has reaffirmed my contention that you can be pretty secure for minimal or no cost. If you happen to try anything new and different please email a quick note to Dave Vydra so that he may put that information in the next newsletter.

Did any of you receive a new electronic "toy" for Christmas? How about writing a quick review of what you think about the device to share with Club members. I'm sure Dave would appreciate anything news-worthy to publish in our great newsletter.

## Webmaster Bulletin -

Dick Rose



Have a Happy New Year Everyone. Lets make a resolution to visit the NEOPC web more often this year. Keep up to date by visiting the "Site Activities" page. And, of course, there are all of the other goodies.

## ***Through the Gates:***



### ***Enter to the Trove of Bills Treasures and Travails***

***A monthly column dedicated to revealing some of the unknown or lesser known features or foibles of the Microsoft line of products.***

***By: David A. Vydra***

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At our last General Meeting we ended up with a Q&A because the scheduled presenter was no longer available. At one point, we touched briefly on the upcoming version of IE8. As I have been beta testing IE8 I was able to add a few salient points with regard to what it will entail. There will be some very good additions as I have previously noted. When it is completed, this will be a well advised upgrade. However, at this point, IE8 is not ready for prime time. Once in awhile, I experience problems. Nothing I would call major in the way of faults. More like minor irritants. And, as if the IE8 developers were reading minds, the next day there was an update available. So far, I have not noted any discernable difference in performance from the update. If I have one complaint, it is that IE8 seems to hog an awful lot of the processor availability.

How would I know that IE8 is using a great deal of processor power? Because I can readily see what my processor is doing by using Process Explorer. I mentioned this Utility that is freely available from Microsoft in previous articles. It beats Task Manager hands down. I have used Process Explorer as well as the recently released Desktops Utility extensively.

I hope that all of you are aware of the latest bugs and code flaws that have recently been announced. If you have checked the BOLO page on the website, I have listed the latest and most prevalent problems. The biggie was one the involved Microsoft and IE7. I followed up the BOLO with a listing in my "Stuff is Happening section of the "Forum". I hope this was helpful. An out of band update was issued by Microsoft. If you did not get it or did not allow it to install, please do so at the first opportunity.

At our last Tuesday morning FUNSIG in December, several attendees mentioned that they had not installed the SP3 for Windows XP. This should be rectified by any that have yet to do so. And, speaking of service packs, there will be one for Vista. Just when SP2 will be released has not yet been determined.

That should suffice for the serious stuff. Why don't we begin this year with a smile..... 😊

## **Subject: Heaven (Win 98/XP) or Hell (Win ME/Vista)?**

Bill Gates died and met God, and God said;

"Well, Bill, I'm really confused on this one. I'm not sure whether to send you to Heaven or to Hell. After all, you enormously helped society by putting a computer in almost every home in the world, and yet you created that ghastly Windows.

I'm going to do something I've never done before. I'm going to let you decide where you want to go."

Bill Gates said, "What's the difference between the two?"

God said, "It might help you decide if you took a peek at both places.

Shall we look at Hell first?"

Bill was amazed. He saw a clean, white sandy beach with clear waters. There were thousands of beautiful men and women running around, playing in the water, laughing and frolicking about. The sun was shining and the temperature was perfect.

"This is great!" said Bill. "If this is Hell, I can't wait to see what is in Heaven."

God said, "Let's go!" and off they went to Heaven.

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Bill saw puffy white clouds in a beautiful blue sky, with angels drifting about playing harps and singing. It was nice, but surely not as enticing as Hell.

He thought for only a brief moment and rendered his decision

"God, I do believe I would prefer to go to Hell."

"As you wish," said God.

Two weeks later, God decided to check up on the late billionaire to see how things were going. He found Bill shackled to a wall, screaming amidst the hot flames in a dark cave. He was being tortured by demons with pitchforks.

"How ya doin', Bill?" asked God.

Bill responded with anguish and despair, "This is awful! This is not what I expected at all! What happened to the beach and the beautiful women playing in the water?"

Oh, that," said God. "That was the screen saver."

**I hope this will be the beginning of a great New Year for all of you!**

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Members Podium -



No Articles submitted for this month. Please submit your article to [info@neopc.org](mailto:info@neopc.org) and use "Members Podium" as the subject.

Thank you!



 Coming Events

*January 2009*

<b>01/13</b>	<p>*** Computer Fundamentals Open Forum *** MORNING session. Northeast Ohio PC Club (NEOPC) - 9:30am Fairview Park Senior Center -Fundamentals of computer use - Any and all topics discussed - Bring a question, bring a topic - Guests always welcome - Always coffee - Free and open to the public. Second Tuesday of the month.</p>
<b>01/14</b>	<p>Northeast Ohio PC Club (NEOPC) - General Meeting at Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Road, Westlake OH; 6:30pm Social (pastries and beverages); 7:00pm Club announcements; 7:15pm main program for the evening will be "2008 Income Tax Updates" by Ian Abbott. Ian's talk will help with our income tax preparation; 8:30pm Raffle and DOOR Prizes.</p>
<b>01/15</b>	<p>January 15, 2009 Happy New Year! Ladies Only Special Interest Group at Westlake Porter Public Library from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Library is located at 27333 Center Ridge Road, Westlake, Ohio. All ladies are invited, whether or not members of NEOPC. Come with your questions and/or comments about software you have.</p>
<b>01/27</b>	<p>NEOPC/CAGG Computer Class Orientation meeting - Tuesday, January 27th, 10:00 AM - if you think you might be interested in participating in any of the (FREE) classes we conduct at the Fairview Senior Center you need to attend one of these monthly meetings to determine which class you would like to be invited to.</p>
<b>01/27</b>	<p>Northeast Ohio PC Club ***Fundamentals Special Interest Group*** (SIG). Fairview Park Library (lower level) 7:00 - 8:30pm. Fundamentals of computer use - Any and all topics discussed - Bring a question, bring a topic - Guests always welcome - Free and open to the public. Fourth Tuesday of the month.</p>

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