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Monthly Spotlight on—Eddy Myers Real Estate

Just a little different than most real estate offices...**Eddy Myers Real Estate & Vacation Rentals** operates in a casually decorated, sunny office on the upper floor of an old house in historic downtown Beaufort.

With virtually no street visibility (or walk-in traffic), buyers and sellers seek out the Eddy Myers "crew" because of their excellent track record, and through word of mouth from an extensive history of satisfied customers and repeat customers.

Eddy Myers credits much of the company's popularity and success to his excellent **website** (www.eddymyers.com). The website makes a big impact on viewers due to the quantity and quality of photographs, wonderful links for area information, and a "sold gallery" which viewers find not only interesting, but also helpful in getting a good feel for recent sales. The website draws buyers from all over the country.

The agents at Eddy Myers Real Estate are a very small group of professional, experienced brokers



who produce an incredible volume of business each year. The agents are well known for their friendly and genuine approach, an important part of the exceptional service they provide to buyers and sellers.

Eddy Myers also offers **Vacation Rentals**, a carefully selected group of vacation properties available for weekly or nightly rental. After only two years in operation, the new vacation rental division has quickly become a popular service for vacationers (and locals who frequently need additional accommodations for their guests). To browse the rental properties, visit www.eddymyers.com.

Whether you seek a Beaufort-style cottage, waterfront estate, beach home, condo, vacation cottage or year-round

residence, Eddy Myers offers the best service and the best selection of properties, in the best destination – Beaufort and Carteret County.



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The Eddy Myers crew visits an extraordinary new

(near Intracoastal Waterway Marker # 13)

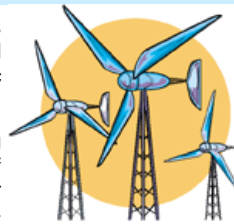
Wind: Energy picked out of the air

An old proverb warns "An ill wind blows no good." However, a frequent wind might save you money on your electric bill and offer a secondary energy source.

Residential wind turbines are becoming popular, especially for remote areas off the electrical grid, but they can work for properties with at least an acre of unobstructed land. Residential towers are 80- to 120-feet tall, according to the American Wind Energy Association, and cost from about \$10,000 to \$20,000 to install. Once installed, local utilities must, by federal law, purchase excess power the windmill generates. However, most residential windmills will not supply all power to a home.

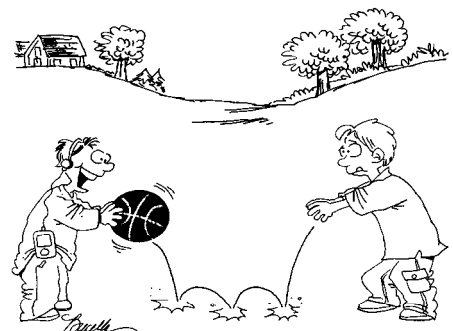
Wind power is also a large component of today's public effort to use renewal energy sources. One of the newest windmill farms is in Iowa where Warren Buffett's Mid American Energy has 257 wind turbines, generating 489 megawatts of energy. The huge project, involving 222-foot turbines with 100-foot rotors, generates just 9 percent of Iowa's energy needs.

Although hailed as a promising energy alternative, wind projects are not always greeted favorably. In Massachusetts, the Kennedy families fought wind farms, which would disrupt yachting and fishing routes. In New Jersey, wind power remains controversial since the enormous turbines will disrupt coastal views.



cell tower kills.

Other objections to wind farms are environmental. In Altamont, Calif., one of the oldest wind farms of 4,000 turbines spans 50 square miles, across a migratory bird route. The annual bird kill is put, conservatively, at 5,000, according to USA Today. Wind proponents say newer, taller turbines will kill fewer birds and that all tall man-made structures cause bird kills. They argue windmill bird kills are not nearly the problem as



"Cool! How long does it hold a charge?"



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NOTABLE QUOTES

"Adversity is another way to measure the greatness of individuals. I never had a crisis that didn't make me stronger"

Lou Holtz

"Fight for your opinions, but do not believe that they contain the whole truth or the only truth"

Charles Dana

"I think there is a world market for maybe five computers."

Thomas Watson, chairman of IBM, 1943

"Some people think it's holding on that makes one strong; sometimes it's letting go"

Sylvia Robinson

"Your chances of success in any undertaking can always be measured by your belief in yourself"

Robert Collier

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Smart Pop-ups – or How did it know I was Interested?

You go to an internet site looking for some information which you find. The next day you are looking for some other information and pop-ups magically appear with offers related to what you were looking at the day before. You click on that pop-up and you are directed to a site with something completely different to sell.

How did the computer know that you had been interested in that subject and why did your click take you to another place?

The answer is quite simple. There are companies that make their money selling on line ads. In order to know what to advertise, these companies hire other companies that have developed special codes that are inserted into the websites that you visit. These codes track what you do on other sites or web pages and send that information back to the companies via your internet connection. In that way the companies know what you are looking for and direct their advertisements with that and other things to you based on those patterns.

Is this clever marketing, yes. But these pop-up ads can be harmful. All pop-ads have a link to direct you where the advertiser wants you to visit. Whether or not that link actually takes you to where you were supposed to go

depends on the instructions that are in the codes implanted in the page. Most companies advertise properly, however, companies that do mass advertising can not look at every link and were it goes and the companies using the above links can take control of your web surfing. This is also a major potential source of spam and viruses.

The best protection is to never click on pup-ups, just "x" them out in the upper right corner. If you are looking for something, use the search function with the name of what you are looking for and click on the web site that contains your object. That direct method is the best way to avoid problems. Lately, some of the pop-ups will not allow you to "x" them out. To remove the pop-up, you will need to close the web page and reopen it.

Sunday Prayer

Dear Lord," the minister said, with arms extended toward heaven, "Without you, we are but dust."

The little girl turned to her dad and asked in her shrill 4-year-old voice, "Dad, what is butt dust?"

Top Ten + Threats of the Month

The following listing highlights some of the major threats to computer systems during the month of May 2007. If your anti-Virus program advises you that it cannot remove any of these threats, you should contact your IT department, or ACS Computer Systems for help in removal as serious damage can be done to your system and some threats can e-mail themselves to others in your address book.

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| W32.Rahiwi.A | W32.Validin |
| W32.Advegol | W32.Rinbot.BF |
| W32.Illsie@mm | W32.Rinbot.BC |
| W32.Almanahe.B | W32.Almanahe.A |
| Trojan.Peacomm.B | Trojan.Peacomm.A |
| W32.Feebs.DH@mm | Trajan.Zlob.N |

*Source symantec.com/enterprize/securityresponse/

ACS Welcomes New Carteret Chamber Members for March 2007

- Art Studio 500
- Best Buy
- Chefs 105
- Coastal Mulch
- E. C. Restoration, Inc.
- Edward Jones
- Hal Publishing
- Heartland Payment Systems
- McDonald-York, Inc.
- PNL Consulting Group
- York Properties

ACS Welcomes New Havelock Chamber

- Barney's Sports Bar Restaurant
- Class Act Catering, Inc.

The Prez Says — Power Protection, Power Protection

The recent occurrences of power outages and fluctuations have brought to light the need to protect your equipment from such surges and brownouts. Many people believe that surge strips are adequate protection for your computer equipment. While some higher end surge protectors will give you some protection for power that is not quite as clean as it should be, your best protection is an uninterruptible power supply (UPS or Battery Backup).

There are several advantages to these units and they all have built in surge protectors. If the power goes out you will have time to save any open documents or programs and shut down your computer properly. You also protect you computer and monitor because the power is coming from the battery which is supplying the proper voltage and frequency at a steady rate no matter how erratic it might be coming from your outlet.

When picking one of these units there are several values that you need to check to fit the back-up to



From the desk of:
Stefan Hellersperk
President of ACS Computers

your needs. The first is the VA rating of the unit. I would not go any lower than a 350VA unit for any regular sized computer. If you have a more powerful computer with extra components or a big monitor you will want to get a unit rated 750-1000VA. The higher the VA number the longer the unit will run without power.

The second number is the Joules rating. This tells you the amount of

surge protection the unit will give you; the higher the Joules rating, the better the protection. These two values should be the major things to look at when you look at one of these units. After that there are other extra features you might want to get as well. Some units offer advanced voltage regulation or power filtering. Some also offer software that will communicate with your computer and actually save your files and shut-down your computer if the power goes out when you are not around, as well as reporting on the state of your power. Our first recommendation for UPS brands is American Power Conversion (APC), with the second being Belkin.

If you need assistance getting the right unit, don't hesitate to contact us. Remember, if you got your "surge protector" for \$3.99 at the local hardware store, all you have is a place to plug 6 things into, don't expect any protection from it.

Finally my last piece of advice is to NEVER plug your printer into your battery backup; you will greatly reduce the life of the unit or just outright kill it if the printer is strong enough.