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Monthly Spotlight on — The Town of Beaufort

Founded in 1709 Beaufort is the third oldest town in North Carolina and planning is currently underway for a celebration of our 300th year. Originally a Port of Entry and fishing village, Beaufort has a rich maritime history. Our historic waterfront district along Taylor's Creek offers citizens and visitors the opportunity to dine and shop while enjoying views of feral horses on Carrot Island as well as boats from all over the world at the Beaufort Docks. Beaufort-by-the-sea is truly delightfully different.



Recently the town upgraded their web site to offer citizens, business owners and visitors a widely expanded source for news and information. The site includes calendars of events, links to a large variety of services, online payment options, and even the opportunity to sign up for email news sent directly to you. Check it out at www.beaufortnc.org.

agendas and meeting minutes can all be found on the town's web site. Similar information can also be accessed for the Historic Preservation Commission, the Planning Board and the Board of Adjustment.



Beaufort operates under the Manager/Council form of government. The town government is composed of a Mayor and five Commissioners who meet the second Monday of each month in the historic train depot on the corner of Broad and Pollock Streets. Meeting schedules,

The town is rapidly expanding as people continue to discover the appeal of our unique town and all it has to offer. In order to maintain current infrastructure and improve expanding service needs the town has embarked on major water and sewer rehabilitation in recent years. Conscious efforts are being made to protect our fragile environment from any

inadequacies that could arise from aging systems. As you drive or walk through our town you will observe our staff hard at work making certain Beaufort has the best and most efficient facilities available for today and many years to come.

Annoying Emails

We all get the unsolicited or just the annoying e-mail from sources that we do not know or recognize. You look at the subject line and say "What is this"? Then you scroll down and see wordage that looks like:

"if you have received this e-mail without your request or have been sent unsolicited 'click here' to unsubscribe"

It seems very simple; click on a link and you are unsubscribed, however, 95% of the time that is not true. What happens when you click on the "click here" you are verifying to the senders of the e-mail that they have reached a working e-mail address. In this scenario, the sender of the e-mail records your submittal as a real e-mail and sells it to someone else, who then sends you another e-mail.

Other times when you click on the "click here" link you are transported to a site that just shows you a blank page. While you're trying to figure out why you have a blank page, the site has already downloaded a virus potentially going after your address book, financial records, e-mail tracking history...Etc.

To better keep your system safe, you should make sure your Anti-virus Software is kept up to date (most Anti-virus software will update itself), and run these up-date programs at least once a week.

We have found that Spy-Bot and Ad-Ware are some of the best programs to find and delete Spyware that can invite viruses into your system. Spy-Bot can be found at www.safer-networking.org and Ad-Ware can be found at www.lavasoft.de. Both Programs are free home use. Ad-Ware works on the honor system.



"Get some fresh air? Sure. Do you have it bookmarked?"



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NOTABLE QUOTES

"The world is a great book. He that never stirs from home reads only a page"

St. Augustine

"We should be too big to take offense and too noble to give it"

Abraham Lincoln

"Life is a compromise of what your ego wants to do, what experience tells you to do, and what your nerves let you do"

Bruce Cramptom

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Second career: The new joy in truck driving

Some early retirees have become the new freewheelers. And some baby boomers who were phased out of their jobs are discovering the joys of truck driving.

According to the American Trucking Association, the number of drivers who are over age 50 continues to increase steadily. In some companies, one-third of drivers fit into that category.

At GetTrucking.com, a recruiting Web site that targets minority drivers and drivers older than age 50, inquiries have gone from 500 to about 4,000 per week over recent months. That's good news for trucking companies.

A 2005 study showed the industry had a shortage of 20,000 drivers. That number will likely increase to 111,000 by 2014, out of about 3 million drivers total. Companies are tapping into the baby-boomer market where people's children have grown and left home.

A second source is second-career people who are tired of desk work or have been laid off. Employers say 50-plus drivers are more dependable and have better safety records.

Trucking companies are also recruiting couples. They can work as a team and see the country at the same time. Some individuals and couples say the big rigs have provided the most enjoyable experiences of their lives.

Remote IT Department

The concept of remotely controlling a computer has been around for a few years. What we don't see too much yet is the ability to remotely view and many times **repair a problem before it occurs while you are working on the computer.**

With the advent of faster computers with more memory, and exponential reliance on the computer, the equipment and the personnel responsible for it have a dire problem keeping up with the technology, the problems that continuously occur and the Owner's temper.

The wait is over. Check out our new remote IT department program. It will help your "IT" person and you with the day to day operation of your equipment by allowing us to monitor your equipment continuously and usually **making repairs BEFORE problems occur.** This will save you considerable lost time and money, reduce repair visits and lead to happier work environment.

Call ACS at 240-3399 for information.

Top Ten + Threats

The following listing highlights some of the major threats to computer systems during the month of October 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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| Bloodhound.Exploit.162 | JS.Harunaut |
| W32.Pajetbin | Trojan.Mdropper.Z |
| Trojan.Repall | W32.Sillyban.A |
| W32.Voterai | Backdoor.Zipint |
| W32.Debanpass | Infostealer.Banker.E |
| Trojan.Fakearalert | W32.Niuiu |

*Source symantec.com/enterprize/securityresponse/

ACS Welcomes New Carteret Chamber Members for October 2007

- Bluewater Supply, LLC
- Cape Carteret Family Medicine, PA
- Carteret Surgical Associates, P. A.
- Coldwell Banker First Realty—Ancil Jones
- Decorative Concrete and Tile
- The Flame Restaurant
- J. E. Edwards Electrical, Inc.
- The Masters Financial Services, LLC

ACS Welcomes New Havelock Chamber Members for October 2007

- ACS-ATM, Robert G. Bangle
- Saint Timothy Lutheran Church, ELCA
- The Harold H. Bate Foundation
- Aflac, Wendy Harvey

Starting January 2008 we will be changing our distribution method and will no longer be including the newsletter in the Chamber News. To get included on our e-mail or hard copy distribution list please send us an e-mail at Newsletter@acsit.biz or call us at 252-240-3399.

Prez Says — Multiple monitors, Multiple monitors

The ability to have more than one monitor hooked to your computers has been around for many years. Lately more and more computers are coming with this capability as a standard feature, but people either don't use it or don't realize they have it.

What is so great about having more than one monitor attached to your computer? Well, basically there is a great increase in productivity when the computer is used in a business environment. These monitors have desktops that act independently of each other; the user can move a window to a monitor and maximize it within that monitor. This can allow you



From the desk of:
Stefan Hellersperk
President of ACS Computers

to have a word document or excel spreadsheet open and working on one monitor while having the internet or email program open on the other monitor. Instead of maximizing and minimizing your windows each time you need them, they

both stay open and visible allowing ready reference between them saving you considerable accessing time.

The most common setup is to have 2 monitors, but many highly functional professionals find it helpful to have 3-4 monitors allowing them to keep all the programs they use often through workday open and visible all the time. Many different fields such as financial, construction, legal and many more can take advantage of these capabilities.

Should you have any questions about this kind of setup don't hesitate to contact me at Stefan@acsit.biz or 252-240-3399.