

Computer Club Minutes - 28 January, 2009

Maureen opened the meeting at 1:15 pm and welcomed new visitors. She noted the \$2.00 drop in fee which goes to the Seniors Centre and the \$5:00 annual fee to the Club for new and returning members.

She thanked members who had attended the round table session last week. A number of helpful suggestions/ideas were developed during the session and she explained that the Club would be looking into ways of implementing these suggestions.

Introductions

Dave Shipman introduced Dan Parlow, the founder of My Trip Journal Technologies Inc., a web based application that Dave has used on several family holidays as a convenient way of keeping in touch with friends during their trips.

Presentation

Dan outlined the origins of MyTripJournal (MTJ) which began as an idea in 2001 during one of his family trips to the Far East. He explained that since that time MTJ has been progressively enhanced in terms of versatility and ease of use. MTJ is headquartered in Vancouver and has development and support team of 4 - 6 including one member located in India. MTJ presently has a customer base of about 30,000.

Dan outlined the key features of MTJ and responded to a range of questions from the members. He suggested that anyone who can e-mail can successfully use MTJ. MTJ may be configured either as a private journal available only to those people invited by the owner – notification of the journal entries is via an e-mail distribution controlled by the owner of the journal or, as public site with access available to anyone

Key Features Include:

- Mapping access to illustrate the trip routes and itinerary
- Map links to journal entries
- Capture of still images and U-Tube type video clips
- Wizard assistance to unload journal entries
- Messaging facilities
- Guest book facilities
- Distribution options
- Links to popular travel sites – Good Sam; Lonely Planet etc

Dan explained that there two options for MTJ users:

A free version which is fully functional for basic use (which Dave uses)

A Premium version with enhanced services – increased memory capacity, archiving capability; high resolution photo storage etc. There are three price options for the premium version: - 60 day service option @ \$29.00; 6 month service option @ \$59.99 and a 12 month service option @ \$99.99

These are prices in Canadian funds. Purchase is online at www.mytripjournal.com and there is a promotional opportunity for Club members reference QER7FB

Dan noted that there is now opportunity to arrange to publish, through a secondary supplier, an individual high quality book based on the MTJ captured material

Dan, who had a second meeting commitment, was thanked for a very interesting presentation and left at about 2:15pm

After the coffee break, Dave opened up his Trip Journal and illustrated the material he had captured during a recent trip to Australia.

Next Meeting

Wednesday 4 February 2009 at 1:15 pm

Peter Thompson