

High Vista Computer Club Minutes

For Thursday November 3, 2011

Best Buy put on an excellent presentation on the latest technology available today. Carlos Serrano was very knowledgeable about all products. Supporting him was James Simmons and Adelle Va'zquez. He not only talked about the products but had the products to pass around and demonstrate. Since there was so much covered, I put together a summary of the topics discussed and a picture and price from the Best Buy website. Hopefully this will help clarify the topics discussed. Best Buy gave out 10 - \$10 gift certificates for door prizes.

1. **Mobil Hotspots** (So called hockey pucks) Used with tablets, e-readers and laptops to access the cell towers for access to the internet anywhere. A fee will be charged by the provider. (Verizon, Sprint and Virgin etc.)
2. **Cell Phones as Hotspots** - Most smartphones have this capability. The term used is called 'Tethering'. Up to 5 devices can be connected at the same time. Check your cellular phone provider for additional charges.
3. **Connect your laptop to your TV using a wireless connection (WiDi)**. Highly recommended Netgear - Push2TV HDTV adapter. (Laptop must be using an Intel Core I3, I5 or I7 - 2nd generation processor) If you bought a laptop in the last six months or so, you probably have this feature. Also, older Intel processors will work with newer adapters.
4. **Anti-Virus programs**- Four programs were mentioned. Each program will get the job done but some are more efficient than others which slows your PC down. The top of the list is Webroot, followed by Kaspersky, Norton and then the **free** Microsoft Security Essentials.
5. **Screen Protectors for Cell Phones and Tablets** - The brand name of **ZAGG** was mentioned as a very good product to protect your screen from scratches.
6. **HP Touch Pad tablet for Free** - **Correction** The Touch Pad is **not free** but if you purchase a HP or Compaq laptop, desktop or all-in-one PC you can buy the Touch Pad for \$ 149.99.
7. **E-Readers and Tablets** - Several Tablets and E-readers were mentioned. Such as, iPad 2, Kindle Touch, Kindle Fire (**New** - available Nov. 15th) , Toshiba Thrive, Pandigital and NOOK Color. A new NOOK will be announced, Monday Nov. 7th.
8. **Operating Systems - Tablet / E-readers /Cell - Phones** - Android, iOS(Apple) BlackBerry and Windows 7
9. **Keyboards for Tablets** - There are several manufacturers of keyboards. Logitech was mentioned as a good keyboard with bluetooth compatibility. Logitech makes a variety of keyboards for different tablets.
10. **Stylus** - A stylus can be used instead of your fingers as another way to interact with your tablet. Allows you to turn pages, draw or use handwriting.

1. Mobil Hotpots (So called hockey pucks)



Samsung - 4G Mobile Hotspot (Verizon Wireless) (Verizon Wireless)

Model: SCH-LC11

\$49.99*

Reg. Price: \$399.99

*With new 2-year contract



Virgin Mobile - MiFi 2200 Mobile Hotspot

Model: VM220NTKIT SKU: 9919286

Connect up to 5 mobile devices; provides 3G wireless Internet connection; PC and Mac compatible

\$149.99

- Free Shipping
- [6 Month Financing](#)
- [Get Reward Certificates](#)

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Sierra Wireless - Overdrive Pro Mobile Wi-Fi Hotspot (Sprint)

Model: SWAC802

SKU: 2329467

\$49.99*

Reg. Price: \$349.99

*With new 2-year contract

2. Cell phones as mobile Hotspots

Most smartphones have this capability. The term used is called 'Tethering'. Up to 5 devices can be connected at the same time. Check your cellular phone provider for additional charges.

Sample Smartphone



Apple® - iPhone® 4S with 16GB Memory Mobile Phone - Black (Verizon Wireless)

Model: MD276LL/A

SKU: 3562379

- iOS 5 operating system
- Siri voice assistance
- iCloud content storage
- iSight 8.0MP camera with 1080p HD video
- Dual-core A5 chip

Requires a voice plan with a data pack \$30 or higher

Early termination fee of \$350.

\$199.99*

Reg. Price: \$699.99

*With new 2-year contract

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3. Wireless Connection to TV - Laptops with Intel Wireless Display Technology

(I3, I5 and I7 Processors)



NETGEAR - Push2TV HDTV Adapter

Model: PTV2000-100NAS SKU: 2103213

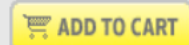
Compatible with laptops with Intel® Wireless Display technology; for connecting your laptop to your HDTV; small and lightweight design

Customer Reviews: ★★★★★ 4.4 of 5 (26 reviews)

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\$99.99

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4. Anti-Virus Programs



Webroot SecureAnywhere Antivirus 2012 (1-Year Subscription)

SKU: 3214154

Platform: Windows Rating: Release Date: 10/16/2011

Customer Reviews: ★★★★★ 5 of 5 (1 reviews)

\$39.99



Special Offers:

- Free Shipping
- 1-Year Antivirus for



Kaspersky Anti-Virus 2012

SKU: 3116339

Platform: Windows Rating: Release Date: 8/28/2011

Customer Reviews: ★★★★★ 4.5 of 5 (2 reviews)

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\$59.99



Special Offers:

- Free Shipping
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Norton AntiVirus 2011 (1-Year Subscription)

SKU: 1520158

Platform: Windows Release Date: 10/15/2010

Customer Reviews: ★★★★★ 5 of 5 (2 reviews)

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\$39.99

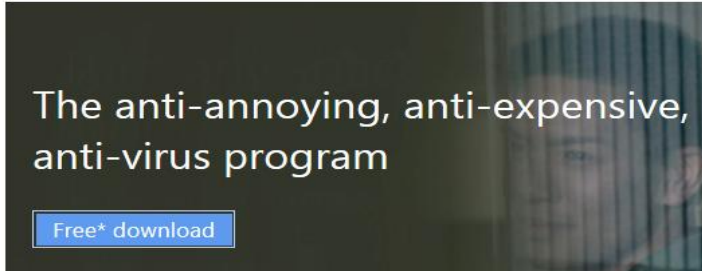


Special Offers:

- Free Shipping
- 1-Year Antivirus for \$19.99: See How

Free Anti-Virus from Microsoft

Microsoft Security Essentials



The anti-annoying, anti-expensive,
anti-virus program

Free* download

5. Screen Protectors for Cell Phones and Tablets

Example



ZAGG - Smudge-Proof InvisibleSHIELD for Apple® iPad® 2

Model: SMAPPIPADTWOS SKU: 2352252


Compatible with Apple iPad 2; smudge-resistant; reduces glare; Nano-Memory technology protects against scratches

Customer Reviews: ★★☆☆☆ 2.1 of 5 (180 reviews)

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\$34.99

- Free Shipping
- Get Reward Certificates Faster: See How

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6. HP Touch Pad tablet for Free - **Correction**

HP TouchPad for \$149.99 with purchase of HP or Compaq laptop, desktop or all-in-one computer

Stay connected wherever you go with an HP TouchPad tablet at an unbeatable price! When you purchase a TouchPad along with a qualifying HP or Compaq laptop, desktop or all-in-one computer, you'll have an opportunity to get it for just \$149.99.



7. E-Readers and Tablets



Amazon - Kindle Fire

Model: B0051VVO5S SKU: 2506173

7" color multi-touch display; Wi-Fi capability, multi-touch display supports Kindle (AZW), TXT, PDF, unprotected MOBI, PRC natively, Audible, DOC, DOCX, JPG, GIF, PNG, BMP, non-DRM AAC, MP3, MIDI, OGG, WAV, MP4, VP8 formats

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\$199.99

- 6 Month Financing
- Get Reward Certificates Faster: See How

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Amazon - Kindle Touch with Special Offers

Model: B005890G84 SKU: 2506155

6" display with E Ink technology; Wi-Fi connectivity; supports Kindle (AZW), PDF, HTML, TXT, PDF, unprotected MOBI, PRC natively, HTML, DOC, JPEG, GIF, PNG, BMP, MP3; 4GB built-in memory (3GB available for user content)

\$99.99

- Get Reward Certificates Faster: See How

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Apple® - iPad® 2 with Wi-Fi - 16GB - Black

Model: MC769LL/A SKU: 1945531

9.7" widescreen display; 802.11a/b/g/n Wi-Fi; Bluetooth; iBooks support; measures just 0.34" thin and weighs only 1.35 lbs.

Customer Reviews: ★★★★★ 4.4 of 5 (201 reviews)

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\$499.99

- Free Shipping
- \$20 Off Networking Made Simple: See How
- 1-Year Tech Support for \$99.99: See How



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Toshiba - Thrive Tablet with 16GB Hard Drive - Black Tie

Model: AT105-T1016 SKU: 2769576

- Android Honeycomb
- 10.1" LED-backlit high-definition touch screen
- Wi-Fi
- 1GB memory

\$399.99

- 1-Year Tech Support for \$99.99: See How
- \$20 Off Networking Made Simple: See How
- Free Shipping



Pandigital - Super Nova Digital Reader - Black

Model: R80B452 SKU: 3016109

8" capacitive touch screen; 4GB internal memory; microSD card slot; 802.11b/g/n wireless connectivity

Customer Reviews: ★★★★★ 4 of 5 (2 reviews)

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Sale: \$199.99

Reg. Price: \$219.99
You Save: \$20.00

- On Sale
- Free Shipping
- 6 Month Financing



Barnes & Noble - NOOK Color eReader

Model: BNRV200 SKU: 1517163

7" color touch-screen display with VividView technology; supports ePub, PDF, XLS, DOC, PPT, TXT formats; 8GB built-in memory; microSD media card slot; built-in Wi-Fi

Customer Reviews: ★★★★★ 4.3 of 5 (285 reviews)

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- Free Shipping
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Barnes & Noble - NOOK The Simple Touch Reader™

Model: BNRV300 SKU: 2836702

6" E-Ink Pearl touch-screen display; 2GB built-in memory; microSD media card slot; built-in Wi-Fi

Customer Reviews: ★★★★★ 4.5 of 5 (88 reviews)

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8. Operating Systems - Tablet / E-readers / Cell Phones

also iOS for Apple

TABLET OPERATING SYSTEMS: Which one is right for you?

A tablet's operating system is a big factor in determining which one is the best fit for your needs. See the table and bullets below to compare key features and see highlights of each operating system.

	Android 2.0-2.3	Android 3.0-3.2 Honeycomb	BlackBerry Tablet OS	Windows 7
				
Smartphone Sync	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Multitasking	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Adobe Flash support	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Skype	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Facebook Chat	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Official Application Store	Android Market	Android Market	App World	None
Overview Video		 Video	 Video	 Video
	Shop Android 2.0-2.3 Tablets >	Shop Android 3.0-3.2 Honeycomb Tablets >	Shop BlackBerry Tablets >	Shop Windows Tablets >

9. Keyboards for Tablets

Example



Tablet sold separately

Compare

Logitech - Tablet Keyboard for Apple® iPad®

Model: 920-003241 SKU: 2678269

Compatible with Apple iPad, iPhone and iPod touch; Bluetooth-compatible; convertible stand/carrying case

Customer Reviews:  4.7 of 5 (23 reviews)

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\$69.99

- Free Shipping
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SALE
2 DAYS ONLY

Logitech - Fold-Up Bluetooth Keyboard for Apple® iPad® 2

Model: 920-003544 SKU: 3437029

Compatible with Apple® iPad® 2; Bluetooth technology; 121 keys; foldable design; USB charging

Customer Reviews:  4 of 5 (1 reviews)

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Sale: \$79.99

Reg. Price: \$129.99
You Save: \$50.00

- On Sale
- Free Shipping
- Get Reward Certificates Faster: See How

10. Stylus for Tablets



Targus - Stylus for Most Touch-Screen Devices - Silver

Model: AMM0105US **SKU:** 1758246

Compatible with most touch-screen devices; allows you to turn pages, take notes or draw; durable rubber tip

Customer Reviews: ★★★★★ Be the first to write a review.

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\$19.99

- Free Shipping
- [Get Reward Certificates Faster: See How](#)

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