

APRIL 2009

I will talk about Live Station and the news networks.

Ken to talk about DVD Shrink.

Ken to show Brian's website to see if others are interested.

Mac to make a map.

For Mac and Windows and Linux users here is a few of URLs of interest:

Tools and resources for freelancers and web workers

<http://mashable.com/2009/03/03/freelance/>

open source web conferencing

<http://www.dimdim.com/>

what if you want to access the Internet from someplace in CR without an Internet Cafe?

[http://www.racsa.co.cr/english\\_site/services/residential\\_services/prepaid\\_internet/index.html](http://www.racsa.co.cr/english_site/services/residential_services/prepaid_internet/index.html)

better amazon search engine

<http://www.amazanian.com/index.cfm> better amazon search engine

Looking for a new camera?

<http://www.bestinclass.com/digital-cameras>

Portrait tips

<http://digital-photography-school.com/10-ways-to-take-stunning-portraits>

Ed: can you update/remove this info?

For anyone with the BSOD problem using the USB driver for the Intracom RDSI (ISDN terminal adapter)modem, Ed Reames has a solution. Email him at [popgoesweasel@gmail.com](mailto:popgoesweasel@gmail.com) if you need to solve this problem.

1. Combination meeting and party on Saturday, June 20, starting at 9:30 AM for coffee, meeting 10-12, then lunch and games

Location: Zamora Estate in Santa Ana (map to follow)

Price: C3000 per person (raised from C2700 to account for everything the place is giving us)

Reservations: Today's meeting and the next meeting, pay to reserve your place and tell Paula what you'll be bringing - boca, side dish or dessert.

<http://www.vengine.com/>

Firefox Extension WOT Web of Trust.

Talk about having a party in June.  
Ask for volunteers to organize.

I will demo the transportes de costa rica map site  
I will talk about this service.

Read it Later extension for Firefox

<https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/7661>

Might look at: <http://adblockplus.org/blog/anatomy-of-ads>

For many parts of the US, dial-up is the only game in town. Forget wireless or cellular internet or Hughes. There are still towns and counties where PPP is it. Period.

If you've ever tried to surf the modern internet on dial-up, it's impossible unless you disable the ads. Even simple pages get endlessly delayed by the ads downloading Flash-this and Java-that for a small eternity. Pages we broadbanders take for granted as fast take forrrrrrrrever! Until you disable the ads. Or Flash, Java, JavaScript, and Images. Then dial-up is still slow but usable.

If you guys in the ad industry would show the slightest bit of empathy for your customers (the people surfing the web that you supposedly understand so well) you would put yourself in the customer's place and think, how would I feel if the internet *I'm paying for* became impossibly slow because almost every site is saturated with Flash and JavaScript ads? By your own behavior you clearly never ever do this. And that's why people put so much effort into blocking your work. Because it makes such a big improvement in download speed!

<http://adblockplus.org/blog/anatomy-of-ads>

[Flashblock](#)

[is a firefox extension.](#)

Neither Mac nor Ed can live without these.

<http://www.bugmenot.com>

## Background

You're browsing the web and you click a link to an article on a site (let's say [nytimes.com](http://www.nytimes.com)) but instead of getting the article you get a screen asking you to login or register. Infuriated at the idea of pointlessly registering for yet another site you turn to your good buddy [bugmenot.com](http://www.bugmenot.com)

## Instructions

**STEP 1:** Make a note of the website address your are trying to access. For example:

[http://www.nytimes.com/cnet/CNET\\_2100-1024\\_3-5567274.html](http://www.nytimes.com/cnet/CNET_2100-1024_3-5567274.html)

Or even just:

[www.nytimes.com](http://www.nytimes.com)

**STEP 2:** Visit <http://bugmenot.com>

**STEP 3:** Enter the address from step 1 into the box and press the "Get Logins" button

**STEP 4:** You should now be presented with at least one username and password. Make a note of them.

**STEP 5:** Go back to the site you were originally trying to access in step 1 and proceed to login with the username and password you noted in the previous step.

With any luck you should be able to access your article now!

And another: In 2007, *ShopSmart* editors did their own test and found that prices differed based on the Web browsers and computers they used. Expedia.com, for example, gave them two different prices for a [plane ticket](#) from New York to Sydney, Australia, depending on which computer they were using to book the flight. The computer without cookies gave them a price that was \$200 less.

From: <http://www.mainstreet.com/article/smart-spending/delete-cookies-save-cash>

for Feb meeting from Ed

*The substance of our obituaries will be what we really cared for*

From an entry on Costa Rica Living:

Jeffrey at GMax in Pavas on the Pavas road just west of the old TIPS which is west of the old stadium which used to be on the Sabana park . . . or better just call him at 8824-8806 . . . he has a computer shop, specializes in bringing dead laptops to life and is really good at finding STUFF, speaks good English etc etc

Skype 4.0 for Windows delivers truer video, sound

[http://www.download.com/8301-2007\\_4-10155181-12.html?part=rss&subj=news&tag=2547-1\\_3-0-20](http://www.download.com/8301-2007_4-10155181-12.html?part=rss&subj=news&tag=2547-1_3-0-20)

Good web site for weather forecasts in specific places in Costa Rica

[http://www.yr.no/place/Costa\\_Rica/San\\_Jos%C3%A9/Escaz%C3%BA/](http://www.yr.no/place/Costa_Rica/San_Jos%C3%A9/Escaz%C3%BA/)  
[http://www.yr.no/place/Costa\\_Rica/Heredia/Cant%C3%B3n\\_de\\_Bel%C3%A9n/](http://www.yr.no/place/Costa_Rica/Heredia/Cant%C3%B3n_de_Bel%C3%A9n/)  
[http://www.yr.no/place/Costa\\_Rica/Guanacaste/Cant%C3%B3n\\_de\\_Tilar%C3%A1n/](http://www.yr.no/place/Costa_Rica/Guanacaste/Cant%C3%B3n_de_Tilar%C3%A1n/)

Mac: weatherunderground show features.  
NOAA site:

10 Web Sites That Will Matter in 2009

<http://www.pcworld.com/printable/article/id,158049/printable.html>

This won't work for those with dial access but is coming with high speed internet

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-1127642/Googles-online-GDrive-make-PC-redundant.html?ITO=1490>

Do you need the last freeware version of a program that is now a paid program?

<http://www.321download.com/LastFreeware/index.html>

For Jan meeting

Ed's URLs of interest for Dec-Jan

<http://www.makeuseof.com/tag/8-ways-to-make-use-of-dropio/>

<http://www.makeuseof.com/tag/7-almost-unknown-google-search-engines-you-should-use/>

<http://www.techsupportalert.com/content/best-free-music-players-and-organizers.htm>

<http://www.makeuseof.com/tag/backup-your-email-and-browser-profiles-with-kl-mail-backup/>

<http://www.extremetech.com/article2/0,2845,2337241,00.asp?kc=ETRSS02129TX1K0000532>  
Five Classic Networking Tips

<http://www.makeuseof.com/tag/turn-your-mobile-phone-into-a-wifi-hotspot-with-joikuspot/>

<http://lifehacker.com/5110552/most-popular-free-windows-downloads-of-2008>

[http://www.techsupportalert.com/desert\\_island\\_utilities.htm](http://www.techsupportalert.com/desert_island_utilities.htm) great list of windows utilities

<http://www.smashingapps.com/2008/12/17/13-amazing-free-web-based-applications-you-should-know-about.html>

<http://lifehacker.com/5064688/online-storage-feature+by+feature-comparison-chart>

<http://www.zhangduo.com/unknowndeviceidentifier.html>  
**Windows Utility**

<http://google-latlong.blogspot.com/2008/12/map-making-in-new-worlds.html>

<http://www.makeuseof.com/tag/back-up-files-to-email-with-just-one-click/>

<http://mashable.com/2008/12/12/gmail-pdf-viewer/>

<http://www.flash2x.net/flashplayer/> **supports FLV & SWF files**

<http://lifehacker.com/371636/turn-your-pc-into-a-dvd-ripping-monster>

<http://lifehacker.com/394046/copy-music-from-your-iphone-or-ipod-to-your-computer-for-free>

<http://www.makeuseof.com/tag/configure-firefox-to-clear-your-private-data-when-shutting-down/>

<http://backup2e.com/> back up files to email with just one click

<http://book-bot.com/bookbot/public/reader> **Read thousands of books free**

<http://lifehacker.com/software/mac/hack-attack-a-guide-for-switching-to-a-mac-224674.php>

<http://www.ipodmeister.com> - Trade CDs or DVDs for free iPods or iPhones. Different Apple iPods require different numbers of CDs/DVDs for the exchange. CDs and DVDs can be combined.

Demo the site [pclub.net](http://pclub.net).

Ed: <http://www.flash2x.net/flashplayer/>  
supports FLV & SWF files  
for playback after the fact from youtube videos  
put an extension on firefox  
"download helper extension"  
<https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/3006>

<http://www.downloadhelper.net/>

I'll try to update members on this.

Margie will remind members about the IE patch  
and give the link.

Here is a good site for Windows updates

<http://askwoody.com/>

Here is an example of one of his articles about Windows updates

<http://askwoody.com/newscomments.php?newsid=2266>