

On the Docket for the
General Meeting
Thursday, May 19, 2005
ROBOTS!

For fun and serious use

With David Greenbaum of Robot Village

Robot Village, a cool robot store in Manhattan that specializes in all things robotic, presents *ROBOTS*, a 3-part presentation:

- David Greenbaum, inventor/mechanical designer and owner of Robot Village, on West 81st Street (<http://www.robotvillage.com>), will demonstrate some of the shop's products, including Parallax's Boe-Bot robot, and the Lego Mindstorms Invention system.
- Next, he will show a DVD clip and talk about Penelope, the world's first vision-guided, autonomous surgical robot created here in New York by Michael Treat, MD, MS, and his amazing team of engineers, mathematicians, and computer



A Boe-Bot

programmers, at Robotic Surgical Tech, Inc. See an article about it at http://www.cumc.columbia.edu/news/in-vivo/Vol3_Iss01_jan26_04/surgery.html

- The final special presentation, entitled "Living With Robots," will be given by Robert Malone, a former design Professor at Parsons School of Design and Pratt Institute, author of *Ultimate Robot* (DK Publishing, 2004, ISBN 075660270X), and Chairman of the Automation Hall of Fame. This presentation touches upon fascinating questions such as: "What will happen when robots enter our lives?" "Can a robot survive the corner of 34th Street and 7th Avenue?"

This should be a fascinating meeting. Plan to attend!

Dario Laverde of NYPC's C++/Java SIG is co-editor of, and contributor to, the book *Programming Lego Mindstorms with Java*, and he will briefly discuss his book. He has donated a free copy of the book for a drawing and will sell two at half price. For more information on the book, go to <http://www.syngress.com/catalog/?pid=1772>

Resources

Lego Mindstorms is featured at <http://www.legomindstorms.com>

For more about the Boe-Bot, go to http://www.parallax.com/html_pages/robotics/boebot/

For a list of more sites about robotics than you can visit in a lifetime, see the following NASA page: http://ranier.oact.hq.nasa.gov/telerobotics_page/internetrobots.html

An interesting review article about robotic surgery is at <http://www.devicelink.com/mx/archive/01/03/0103mx024.html>

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General Meeting Info

- When:** Thursday, May 19, 2005
- Where:** PS 41, 116 W 11th Street, west of 6th Avenue
- Schedule:** 6:00pm Doors open
Mini-classes, Meet the Geek, & Networking in cafeteria
6:45pm Announcements
7:00pm Presentation
- Subway:** A,B,C,D,E,F,Q,V to West 4th St
1,2,3,9 to 14th St ; L to 6th Ave
(check with MTA)
- PATH:** Take 33rd St line to 9th St Sta
- Hotline:** (212) 643-NYPC
- Web site:** <http://www.nypc.org>
- Office:** (212) 643-7005

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For up-to-the-minute details, call our **Hotline (212) 643-NYPC** or check our website, <http://www.nypc.org>.

Before the Presentaion: Mini-Classes!

Before the main presentation, three of NYPC's instructors will give brief (~20 minutes) "snippets" from upcoming courses. Featured will be:

- ▶ Access Database with Mahesh Chhatlani
- ▶ PC Protection Tips with Leftonred Atanycorner
- ▶ Word Tips and Tricks with Mary Ginsburg

Join us in the cafeteria at 6:15!

PC Annoyances, The Second Time Around

The media world is filled with remakes, sequels, second editions. Often, the quality of the remake makes one think, “Why did they bother?” In contrast, [O’Reilly Media](#) publishes a second (or third or fourth) edition when rapid changes in technology makes an update not only reasonable, but essential.

Two recent Second Editions from O’Reilly make excellent additions to the computer user’s library, even if she/ he owns the first edition: *PC Annoyances* by Steve Bass and *Google Hacks* by Tara Calishain and Rael Dornfest. As an avid Internet searcher, I derived so much value from *Google Hacks* that I rushed to purchase the second edition when it came out (and will review it next month). I might have done the same for *PC Annoyances*, but to my delight, it appeared in my mailbox, asking for a review!

Much has happened in the eighteen months since the first edition of *PC Annoyances* was published: Microsoft finally distributed Service Pack 2 for XP, Google came out with G-Mail, and Spam and Spyware proliferated to crippling levels. The second edition deals with these and more, so that this book, like its predecessor, continues to keep frustrated users from throwing their PCs out the window.

One of the delights of the book is the abundance of references to sites for free downloads of useful utilities—more useful because more up-to-date than a CD. One gem, for example, is a place to get a well-behaved version of RealPlayer!

Other new solutions include how to import address books into G-mail, how to back up your Outlook Express e-mail, and how to clear the clutter from AOL’s screen. The Windows Restore Point is covered well, as are problems with Service Pack 2. Be sure to read the “XP Service Pack 2 Survival Guide.”

Steve’s delightful sense of humor permeates the book, making it fun to read—even sections about applications you never use! For example:

The Annoyance: I’m getting really tired of XP asking me if I want to send an error report to Microsoft every time a program crashes. I think the company should spend its time reducing crashes, don’t you?

The Fix: I’ll bet Microsoft’s tired of taking all your reports, too,....

The Annoyance-Fix format makes it easy to find the right solution to a problem. An important feature of this book, which is, after all, a reference, is an excellent index. The new edition also has a fresh, layout. With a new font (Rotis San Serif replacing Linotype Birka), two even columns, and a blue (rather than maroon) color scheme, the book is attractive and easy to read. (However, I do miss the annoyance-specific headers found in the first edition.)

The main disappointment is that Steve doesn’t deal with Firefox or Thunderbird. Perhaps, you say, Firefox has no annoyances. Not true—I’ve already found (and rectified) two. Maybe in the third edition....

We’ll have a drawing for a copy of *PC Annoyances* at the May Meeting.
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Ultimate Robot

While wrapping gifts at Barnes & Noble, I looked at Robert Malone’s *Ultimate Robot*—a gorgeous book. A well-illustrated history, rather than a technical tome, it begins with intelligent machines of myth and fiction and ends with current-generation robots for military and household uses.

In between are photos and descriptions of robots ranging from toys to

mine sweepers. It includes many photos of robots in film and art. There is an overview of kits for building robots, and a directory of vendors.

Though I might have liked some more technical details, it was fascinating to view the varied forms robots can take, and the wide range of tasks they can perform. Take a look at this book, and come hear Malone on May 19.

NYPC Classes for May

To register or to request specific classes, phone 212 643-7005, or e-mail classes@nypceducation.org

For complete descriptions, go to our website, www.nypc.org, click on *Meeting & Class Calendar*, then click on class name on the calendar. Unless otherwise specified, there is a registration fee of \$10, which is waived for members of NYPC or NYACC.

An advantage of NYPC computer training is flexibility. If there's a topic you want to learn, let us know. We'll try to tailor a class to your needs.

⇒ Setting Up a Home Network

Taught by Michael Horowitz, this class covers:

- ▶ Wired vs. wireless networks
- ▶ Sharing files, folders and printers on a network of Windows computers
- ▶ IP addresses and subnets
- ▶ DHCP and configuring TCP/IP

Monday, May 2, 6:00-9:00pm
Seminar, \$39

⇒ Sharing a High Speed Internet Connection: WiFi, Firewalls, and more

Taught by Michael Horowitz, this class covers:

- ▶ Firewalls
- ▶ Configuring a home router
- ▶ Wireless computer networks

Monday, May 9, 6:00-9:00pm
Seminar, \$39

⇒ Before You Buy Your Next Computer

An in-depth look at each part of a PC, what the Specs mean, how and where to buy. A fun, informative session taught by Fred Kahn.
Monday, May 2, 6:30-8:30pm
Seminar, \$29

⇒ Excel

A detailed, hands-on introduction to Excel, taught by Jacob Brickman, covering the basics of:

- ▶ Data entry
- ▶ Spreadsheet navigation
- ▶ Working with formulas and functions
- ▶ Formatting
- ▶ Charting...More

4 Wednesdays, May 4-25, 6:00-8:30pm
Hands-on, \$149

⇒ EBay: An Overview

- ▶ What it is and how it works
- ▶ Searching and safely purchasing items at tremendous savings
- ▶ Taught by EBay PowerSeller/Guru Fred Kahn

Monday, May 9, 6:30-9:00pm
Seminar, \$29

⇒ Become a Successful eBay Seller

Learn how to make money from your "junk" by selling it on EBay. With 30 years' experience in marketing, Fred Kahn will show you how to list your items so that they draw the most attention and get the best results. This course will cover:

- ▶ How to set up an Ebay sellers account and use Paypal
- ▶ How to successfully market your wares and get paid

Sunday, May 15, 10:00am-3:00pm
Day-long seminar, \$49

⇒ Memory Upgrade: RAM and Hard Drives

In this 2-session course, Mike Ostrowe will guide you in optimizing your PC by installing more Memory and a new hard drive. Bring the name and serial # of your PC to Session 1, where you'll figure out which memory/hard drive is best for your computer. Purchase the parts and bring your PC to Session 2, where you'll do the job.
Tuesday, May 10, 6:00-9:00pm & Sunday, May 22, 10:00am-3:30pm
2 sessions, Approx. 8 hours, \$79

⇒ Buying and Using a Laptop

Michael Horowitz will discuss what to look for when purchasing a laptop computer and ownership tips and guidelines. Students receive a 60-page handout so they can listen rather than take notes during the class.

Saturday, May 14, 11:00am-3:30pm
4-hour seminar, \$49

⇒ Photo Enhancement with PHOTOSHOP ELEMENTS

Level I will deal with "whole image" adjustments, layers, selections, and sharing images. Level II will include complex selections, filters, and transformations. Each student will receive a CD with a trial version of Photoshop Elements, practice photos, and hyperlinked web resources. Students are encouraged to bring their own photos to class for advice.

2 Sundays, May 15, June 5, 10:00am-5:00pm
Hands-on, \$79 per level; \$149 for both

⇒ *FREE* Seminar:

Remote Control of your computer

Michael Horowitz will discuss how to use one computer to remotely control another. He'll discuss several software products to do this.
Friday, May 20, 6:00pm-?
No charge, but please register so we know how many are coming.

⇒ So You Bought a New PC. Now What? (Setting up Your New WindowsXP Machine)

In this class, Michael Horowitz, the teacher, will give tips, tricks, and defensive measures for a new Windows XP computer. Learn what to do and what not to do during the initial shake-out period. Free diagnostic programs will help to insure the machine is in tip top shape.

Sunday, May 22, 11:00 am-3:30pm
Seminar, \$49

⇒ Manage Your Clients with Intuit's Client Manager

Learn about this new client contact manager, designed to work with QuickBooks, LaCerte, ProSeries, or Excel. It is also able to run as a stand-alone application.

Tuesday, May 24, 6:00-9:00pm
Seminar, \$29

⇒ Access

In two days, you'll progress from minimal (or no) database knowledge to understanding relational database concepts, designing a relational database, formulating queries, and customizing reports.
2 Saturdays, June 4 & 11, 10:00am-5:00pm

⇒ Coming soon...

Watch for our next 3-month schedule coming in June. Remember to check our online calendar for details and links.

NYPC Meetings, Seminars/Classes & Other Events

May 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Access BUYING COMPUTER HOME NETWORKING	3 NYPC Board Genealogy	4 EXCEL(1) Palm Pilot C++/Java Gen Mtg Visual Basic	5 Enterprise Windows C++/Java SG TechTips	6 PHONES (2)	7
8	9 WIRELESS/ROUTER eBAY C++/ODK	10 Photoshop PC UPGRADE Excel Exchange LINUX	11 EXCEL(2) Alpha DB	12 C++/Beg Java MetaStock	13 PHONES (3) Investment Web Design	14 BUYING LAPTOP
15 PHOTOSHOP ELEMENTS eBAY Selling	16 Ventura Hardware	17 Perl Embedded Sys	18 EXCEL(3) Speech Recog	19 NYPC General Meeting DB/SQL	20 REMOTE PC CONTROL	21 TUNE & TEACH PC CLINIC
22 PC UPGRADE PC SETUP	23 C++/ODK Adv Tech & Tech XML Streaming Media	24 Photoshop CLIENT MANAGER Wireless	25 Flash EXCEL(4)	26 DeLUGE Photo/Graph Volunteer Night	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day	31 SIG CHAIRS Mtg	June 1 Palm Pilot Visual Basic	June 2 TechTips C++/Java Gen Mtg Enterprise Windows	June 3	June 4

Calendar Legend

Plain = SIG Meeting

Italic = Other Meetings

Bold = NYPC Class

Black background = General Meeting

The calendar shows the events that were scheduled at press time. Check online calendar for updates and changes. See page 3 for Seminars/Classes. See pages 5 and 6 for SIG meetings.

Location Legend

PS41 116 West 11th Street, west of 6th Avenue MS Microsoft, 1290 6th Ave (51st/52nd Str), 6th Floor (Photo ID req)
NYPC NYPC Office, Hotel New Yorker, 481 8th Ave, Suite 1560

SIG Directory

You can find detailed information about many SIG meetings by going to *Meeting & Class Calendar* via the NYPC website, www.nypc.org, and clicking on the SIG of interest. Details will appear in a pop-up. Updates—changes, cancellations, or specific topics to replace TBA—are announced here. If we have your e-mail address, we will send you occasional meeting updates and reminders.

AXS Access

Claire Chase, (212)691-3577, M-F, 9am-5pm
Monday, May 2nd, June 6th, 6:30 PM
Location: MS
Steve Forte: New Access Hooks in Visual Studio.NET 2005

ACC Accounting

On hiatus. Contact Len Ginsburg if interested: LeonardGinsburg@earthlink.net

AIT Advanced Technologies and Techniques

Jessie Shereff, shereff@cs.nyu.edu
Monday, May 23rd, 6:30 PM
Location: MS
General discussion of PC Technology

ADB Alpha Database

Barry Rochford, brochford1@comcast.net
Wednesday, May 11th, 6:00 PM
Location: NYPC
Topic TBA

BEG Beginners

Mary Ginsburg, lm_ginsburg@earthlink.net
On hiatus. Contact Mary if interested.

CSG C++/Java Gen'l Mtg

<http://www.cppsig.org>. Dario Laverde, dario@escape.com
Wednesday, May 4th, 6:00 PM
Location: MS
Charles Petzold: From Assembly Hacks to Managed Code
Contact Dario for info on Java Study Group

CSG C++/Java: Advanced Java

Dario Laverde, dario@escape.com
Not meeting this month, due to General Meeting on Robots

ODK C++/JAVA: ODK

Carlos Jerome, cjinterf@panix.com
Monday, May 9, 23rd, 5:30 PM
Location: 5/9: Contact Carlos; 5/23: Seward Park Branch Library, 192 E. Broadway
Joint with Around The Block systems group: Continuing development of a constituent directory system, using J2EE, LDAP, and a CRM-focused unified process. See online calendar for details and texts

BJG C++/JAVA: Beginners' Java

Shera Katz, sherak180@yahoo.com
Thursday, May 12th, 6:30 PM
Location: NYPC
Starting a new series using Murach's book

PAS Computer Passport

See TechTips

SEQ Database SQL

<http://www.thelinuxsociety.net/dbsig.html>
Dario Castellanos, jdcnyc@compuserve.com
Thursday, May 19th, 6:30 PM
Location: NYPC
Topic TBA

LUG DeLUGE (Desktop Linux Users)

<http://www.delugeny.org>
Mark Halegua, phantom21@mindspring.com
Thursday, May 26th, 6:30 PM
Location: NYPC
The Gimp (Open Source Image Editor)
Joint with Photography & Digital Graphics

EMB Embedded Systems

Lee Thalblum, lee_t@bigfoot.com
Tuesday, May 17th, 6:30 PM
Location: NYPC
The Wonderful World of Interrupts!

EWN Enterprise Windows

<http://www.nyewin.org>. Bill Zack, wzack@compuserve.com; Tony Iams, tony@dhbrown.com
Thursday, May 5th, 6:00 PM
Location: MS
DuWayne Harrison: Wide Area File Services

EXC Excel

Al Vachris, Excel1Star@cs.com
Tuesday, May 10th, 6:00 PM
Location: MS
Topic TBA

EXG Microsoft Exchange—New SIG

Ben Serebin, exchangeug@reefsolutions.com
Tuesday, May 10th, 6:00 PM
Location: MS
Topic TBA

FLA Flash

Jeff Frankel, WebJFF1967@aol.com
Mary Ginsburg, lm_ginsburg@earthlink.net
Wednesday, May 25th, 6:30 PM
Location: NYPC
More lessons in Flash

GfH Genealogy

<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~metrony/>
David Kleiman, roots@heritagemuse.com
Tuesday, May 3rd, June 7th, 6:00 PM
Location: NYPC
Susan Love of <http://www.heritagecookbook.com>

HRD Hardware

<http://www.smartgroups.com/groups/hugnypc>
Kevin Raguette, Rags6600@hotmail.com
Monday, May 16th, 6:30 PM
BIOS hacking

NET Internet

Tony Holley, tholley@citytech.cuny.edu
Mary Ginsburg, lm_ginsburg@earthlink.net
Not meeting in May. Watch for June meeting

INV Investment

Phyllis Pawlovsky, PGP106@cs.com. SIG follows the investment principles of the National Association of Investment Corp.
Friday, May 13th, 6:15 PM
Location: MS
Potpourri: Analysis of three stocks in an industry of interest

LNK LINUX

<http://www.thelinuxsociety.net>
Dario Castellanos, jdcnyc@compuserve.com
Tuesday, May 10th, 6:30 PM
Location: NYPC
SAMBA

LINUX Study Group: Beginners

E-mail Dario for information

WMM Macromedia Dreamweaver

Melody Reed, webdesign@MelodyReed.com
See Web Design

A MetaStock

Barbara Scheiner, bscheiner@nyc.rr.com
Thursday, May 12th, 7:00 PM
Location: NYPC
Topic TBA

BRD NYPC Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 3rd, June 7th, 6:30 PM
Location: NYPC
Members are welcome to attend, but let us know by sending an e-mail to pres@nypc.org

GEN NYPC GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, May 19th, 6:00 PM
PS 41, 116 W 11th Street
Robots

PDA Palm Pilot

<http://nypc.org/palm.htm>. Ted Cohn and Grace Lee, nypcpda@yahoo.com
Wednesday, May 4th, June 1st, 6:30 PM
Location: NYPC
General discussion & Swap Meet

PRL Perl Seminar NY

James E. Keenan, jkeen@verizon.net; Alex Gill, alexgill@nyc.rr.com
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/perlsemny>
Tuesday, May 17th, 6:15 PM
Location: NYPC
Topic TBA

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SIG Directory...

PHT Photography & Digital Graphics
 Mary Ginsburg, lm_ginsburg@earthlink.net;
 Tony Holley, tholley@citytech.cuny.edu
Wednesday, May 4, 1:00 PM: Field trip to Brooklyn Botanic Garden
Thursday, May 26th, 6:30 PM
 Location: NYPC
 The GIMP (Open Source Image Editor)
 Joint with DeLUGE SIG

PHO Photoshop Daytime SIG
http://www.hookbuilt.com/nypc/photoshop_sig.html; Laura Balsam, nypc@hookbuilt.com
Tuesday, May 10th, 24, 1:00 PM, preceded by lunch in TickTock at 11:45
 Location: NYPC
 5/10: Photoshop CS2 Preview Resolution, DPI, and Image Size
 5/24: Tonal & Color Correction with Curves Using Hue and Saturation Layers

SPR Speech Recognition
<http://www.out-loud.com>. Laura Miner, 76233.3413@compuserve.com; Leftonred Atanycorner, nypc@nypc.org
Wednesday, May 18th, 6:30 PM
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STR Streaming Media Plus
<http://streamingsig.com/>
 Sonia Thompson, soniathp@verizon.net
Monday, May 23rd, 6:15 PM
 Location: NYPC
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PAS TechTips
 Formerly Computer Passport
 Kathy Petrucci, Kathypetrucci@hotmail.com;
 Michael Ostrowe, mjostrowe@earthlink.net
Thursday, May 5th, June 2nd, 6:30 PM
 Location: NYPC
 Backing up your e-mail

VP1 Ventura
 Allison Moore, amoore@nyc.rr.com
Monday, May 16th, 7:00 PM
 Location: NYPC
 More on using color to enhance document design in Ventura, using the NYPC newsletter as an example

BAS Visual Basic
 David Kulick, dgkulick@hotmail.com
Wednesday, May 4th, June 1st, 6:15 PM
 Location: MS
 Charles Petzold: From Assembly Hacks to Managed Code

WMM Web Design for the 21st Century
 Formerly Macromedia Dreamweaver
 Melody Reed, webdesign@MelodyReed.com
Friday, May 13th, 6:30 PM
 Location: NYPC
 Dreamweaver & GoLive: a Comparison

WFI Wireless
 Ted Cohn, TedCohn@earthlink.net;
 Leftonred Atanycorner, vp@nypc.org
Tuesday, May 24th, 6:30 PM
 Location: NYPC
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XML XML/Web Services
 Mahesh Chhatlani, nypcxml@hotmail.com
Monday, May 23rd, 6:30 PM
 Review of NYPC Education Project plus plans for future

Other Organizations

NPC Non-Profit Computing
 John L. German, 212-759-2368
 Includes:

JOB Career Development Group
Tuesdays, May 10, 24, June 7, 21, at 4 PM.
 Check website for details:
www.idealists.org/orgs/119879:107#events
 West-Park Presbyterian Church, 86th & Amsterdam
 Facilitators include:
 Susan Werbin, 212-799-6111
 Mort Trachtenberg, 212-769-TRAC

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To help with Gift Wrapping and Outreach at Barnes & Noble

When: Father's Day Weekend

- ▶ Friday, June 17: 5 PM - 10 PM
- ▶ Sunday, June 19: 11 AM - 5 PM

It's fun, and wrappers receive a 30% discount on purchases made the day they help.

To help for an hour or more, please e-mail LenGinsburg@earthlink.net

PDF Newsletter!

We postponed the drawing, so there's still time to enter by signing up for PDF-only version of the newsletter. The drawing will be held at the May General Meeting. You need not be present to win. To sign up for PDF only, please send e-mail to nypc_pdf@earthlink.net

Tune and Teach

PC Upgrade & Repair Clinic

Sat., May 21, 10 AM - 3 PM

Unlike other repair facilities, our experts not only let you watch, but use the teaching opportunity to explain what they're doing!

Bring your ill computer to NYPC for evaluation and installation of freeware antivirus and firewall. Your donation of \$50 (per computer) goes to help NYPC. Diagnosis only; any parts cost extra, and will installed later. Although our member-consultants are adept with hardware, we cannot guarantee that they can restore your PC to function. You are responsible for backing up any data before you bring your computer to the workshop.

Save the Date for C3!

NYPC will have a table plus a conference discount at the new [C3 Corporate & Channel Computing Expo](#), June 28-30, at the Javits Center.

Save the date to help—or just attend!

Flash Forward coming in July!

Where: The New Yorker Hotel, the same place that NYPC has its office

When: Wednesday-Friday, July 6-8

Flash Forward is a great conference for Macromedia Flash enthusiasts and people interested in the web. It is aimed at all levels, even if you don't know Flash. If you didn't receive our e-mail about discounts, please send e-mail to treasurer@nypceducation.org

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