

On the Docket for the  
**General Meeting**  
Thursday, May 24, 2007

## The Sony Reader and Visual Aids for the "Hard of Seeing"

This month we have two overlapping topics. Sony and the National Association for Visually Handicapped (NAVH) will both be on hand to make presentations.

### The Sony Reader

The Sony Reader has been described as an iPod for books. Its screen uses E Ink technology and looks more like a book than a computer display. The Reader is much easier on the eyes than a computer screen, and you can enlarge the fonts. It is great for anyone who likes to read and wonderful for people whose eyes are not as good as they used to be.

Sony will demo the Reader and discuss e-books. The Reader is about the size of a trade paperback, but thinner and lighter. It uses the battery only when changing the page, so battery life is measured in page turns rather than hours of usage. You can go for days or weeks without recharging, depending on use. It is great for travelers or anyone who wants to carry a number of books.



The Reader can display Sony's own proprietary XML-based format as well as RTF and PDFs. It will also play MPEG audio, but this drains the battery more quickly. Sony's Connect e-book store sells over 13,000 books of all types. They are adding more every week.

Come find out more about the Sony Reader and the breakthrough E-Ink display.

### NAVH

NAVH will talk about their organization, discuss what types of software and hardware are available, and show devices that help people with poor vision read normal books, newspapers, etc. The local distributor for these devices, CTech, will be on hand to demo the devices and answer questions.

### A Valuable Meeting

If you, or anyone you know, have trouble reading books and newspapers, come to this meeting. Find out about NAVH and devices that can help you everyday. *Laura Balsam*

*Useful URLs ...on page 2.*

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## General Meeting Info

**When:** Thursday, May 24, 2007

**Where:** PS 41, 116 W 11th Street,  
west of 6th Avenue

**Schedule:** 6:00pm Doors open. Q&A  
Networking  
6:45pm NAVH Presentation  
7:45pm Sony Presentation

**Subway:** A,B,C,D,E,F,Q,V to West 4th St  
1,2,3,9,L to 14th St @7th Ave  
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## Note from Laura Balsam

I was born visually handicapped. As I have gotten older I am having more and more trouble reading normal sized books and publications. Twelve-point type is becoming difficult for me.

I purchased the Sony Reader in early December. It is wonderful. I can read for extended periods of time without eye strain. It is very comfortable to use and the battery charge lasts for weeks or days, depending on usage. I wholeheartedly recommend it.

National Association for Visually Handicapped is aimed at the millions of us who are not legally blind, but have trouble seeing. They are a non-profit health organization located in New York City. They have a "toy room" where you can go to try out the gadgets and other aids to see if they will work for you. You can also purchase them through NAVH at very reasonable prices.

Links for General Meeting

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<http://www.eink.com>

<http://www.navh.org>  
<http://www.lowvisionproducts.com>

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## ⇒ NYPC 25th Anniversary Special!

### Turn Your Trash Into Cash on eBay



A comprehensive demonstration of selling on eBay, beginning with an overview of how Ebay works, and proceeding with:

- How to register with eBay and Paypal
- Finding items to sell
- Photographing your items
- Listing on eBay
- Getting paid
- Shipping...Safety...More

Led by Ebay education specialist and Power Seller Fred Kahn. This is an Official eBay Class.

E-mail the instructor at [misteretail@yahoo.com](mailto:misteretail@yahoo.com) with any questions.

*Saturday, May 19, 10:00am-4:00pm*

*Intensive seminar, \$25*

Pre-registration is **absolutely** required to get this price...(\$39.00 at the door, so sign up now!)

*Materials fee: \$10 cash payment to the instructor for a book by Ebay.*

## ⇒ Photoshop for Digital Photographers: Getting Started

Learn the basics of Photoshop in this six-session hands-on course. The emphasis will be on manipulating photographs, but we may also look at art creation from scratch. You will learn how to enhance whole photographs, repair defects, use selections, and resize and scale images. Course includes:

- Working with layers
- Understanding Color
- Tonal adjustments with Levels and Curves
- Simple and complex selections
- Blend modes and styles
- Channels
- Masking
- More...

*6 sessions, Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays, May 14-30, 9:30am-12:30pm (See page 4 or online calendar for schedule)*

*Hands-on, \$199*

## ⇒ Mastering Your Digital Camera Controls

With their wealth of controls and menu options, digital cameras can bewilder even the most experienced photographer. The user can change not only aperture and shutter speed, but also ISO, white balance, automatic program, and more. In this class we'll learn how to take advantage of the many camera options to take better photos.

- Please tell registrar your camera model when you register
- Plan to bring your manual to class

*2 Thursdays, May 17 & 31, 1:30-4:30pm*

*Hands-on with your camera, \$59*

## ⇒ Linux Shell Scripting

It is getting easier to use Linux via a Graphical User Interface (GUI), but fully using the power of Linux requires familiarity with a command line interface such as Shell. Shell executes commands from the keyboard (or from a file) to the operating system. To avoid memorizing the thousands of commands available, it is useful to learn Shell Script programming. In this course, you'll learn its main features and syntax, shell variables, and flow control. The course will include how to combine basic commands, I/O redirection, and filters. You'll also learn about power tools like grep and awk, fancy printing with *enscript*, and finding Help. If you thought writing batch files in DOS was fun, you'll love this course! Taught by Jacob Brickman, a programmer and Linux expert with a gift for clear presentation.

*2 partially hands-on sessions, \$69*

*One Weekend, June 9, 10, 12:30-3:30pm*

*Hands-on, \$69*

## ⇒ Your Own Simple Website

It's great to learn Dreamweaver, GoLive, or NetObjects to develop your own website, but perhaps all you want is a simple page or two. There are many ways to put up a few pages without a steep learning curve. Most ISPs provide free webspace, plus a template-based program to guide you. You can also purchase space from a host and use an inexpensive template. Or use free space provided by a community portal. In this course, we'll explore several options and put up a simple website—nothing elaborate, but a nice start.

*Sunday, June 3, 10:00am-1:00pm*

*Hands-on, \$39*

## ⇒ Basics of HTML

Sometimes it's important to know some of the basic tags of HTML, the hypertext markup language that is the basis for most websites. You may need to make simple updates to a site designed by someone else, or understand how to tweak the contents of an online calendar or blog. This course will gently introduce you to the most useful HTML concepts and code for these basic uses. Prerequisite: experience surfing the web.

*Sunday, June 3, 2:00-5:00pm*

*Hands-on, \$39*

## ⇒ Find that File! (What's on Your Hard Drive?)

Have you ever saved a file, then forgotten where you put it? File and Disk management in Windows is easy when you know how. Course emphasizes Windows XP. Tell registrar if you use a different Windows version.

*Tuesday, May 29, 1:00-4:00pm*

*Hands-on, \$29*

## ⇒ Coming Soon

- Building Websites with Dreamweaver
- Getting Started with QuickBooks

**NYPC Meetings, Seminars/Classes & Other Events** **May 2007**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 29	April 30 Java Gen Mtg	May 1 Genealogy	2 Palm Pilot Visual Basic	3 <b>PROGRAMMING INTRO: VB.NET</b> Enterprise Windows	4	5
6 Photog Field Trip Photog/Graphics	7 Access <b>PROGRAMMING INTRO: VB.NET (2)</b>	8 Photoshop (D) Excel MS Exchange	9	10 TechTips	11	12
13	14 <b>PHOTOSHOP (1)</b> <b>PROGRAMMING INTRO: VB.NET (3)</b>	15 Investment Perl	16 <b>PHOTOSHOP (2)</b> Speech Recog	17 <b>DIG CAM CONT (1)</b> Java Enterprise	18 <b>PHOTOSHOP (3)</b>	19 <b>TRASH to CASH w/ EBay</b>
20 <b>SIMPLE WEBSITE</b> <b>HTML</b>	21 <b>PHOTOSHOP (4)</b> <b>PROGRAMMING INTRO: VB.NET</b> Adv Tech & Tech	22 Photoshop (D)	23 Wireless	24 NYPC General Meeting Metastock	25 <b>PHOTOSHOP (5)</b>	26
27	28 <i>Memorial Day</i>	29 <b>FILE MGT</b> NYPC Board	30 <b>PHOTOSHOP (6)</b> <b>PROGRAMMING INTRO: VB.NET(5)</b>	31 <b>DIG CAM CONT (2)</b>	June 1	2

**Calendar Legend**

Plain = SIG Meeting      *Italic = Other Meetings*  
**Bold = NYPC Class**      *Italics = Special Event*

The calendar shows events that were scheduled at press time. Please check our online calendar for updates by going to <http://www.nypc.org> and clicking on Meetings and Events. See page 3 for 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 Flr  
 NYPC NYPC Office, Hotel New Yorker, 481 8th Ave, Suite 550/1

# SIG Directory

The calendar shows the events that were scheduled at press time. Find detailed information about most SIG meetings by going to [www.calsplus.com/nypcmeetings](http://www.calsplus.com/nypcmeetings) and clicking on the SIG of interest. Details 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/reminders.

Note: For meetings at Microsoft, your name must be on a list at the security desk in order to be allowed upstairs. If you want to attend a SIG meeting, be sure to send the SIG leader your name (as it appears on your photo ID—required) at least a day before the meeting. Generally, once is enough, but be sure you're on the list of EACH SIG you wish to attend.

## AXS Access

Linda Ewen, [LindaEwen@nyc.rr.com](mailto:LindaEwen@nyc.rr.com)  
Monday, May 7th, June 4th, 6:30 PM  
Location: MS

Three Golden Rules and The Seven Deadly Sins of Database Interface Design

## ACC Accounting

Len Ginsburg, [LeonardGinsburg@earthlink.net](mailto:LeonardGinsburg@earthlink.net)  
On hiatus. E-mail Len if interested.

## ATT Advanced Technologies and Techniques

Jessie Shereff, [shereff@cs.nyu.edu](mailto:shereff@cs.nyu.edu)  
Monday, May 21st, 6:30 PM  
Location: MS

General discussion of PC technology

## ADB Alpha Database

Barry Rochford, [brochford1@comcast.net](mailto:brochford1@comcast.net)  
Not meeting in May; Next meeting June 13

## BEG Beginners SIG

Mary Ginsburg, [lm\\_ginsburg@earthlink.net](mailto:lm_ginsburg@earthlink.net)  
On hiatus; contact Mary if interested

## LUG DeLUGE (Desktop Linux Users Group)

<http://www.delugeny.org>. Mark Halegua, [phantom21@mindspring.com](mailto:phantom21@mindspring.com)  
On hiatus. E-mail Mark with your interests

## EMB Embedded Systems

Lee Thalblum, [lee\\_t@bigfoot.com](mailto:lee_t@bigfoot.com)  
On hiatus; contact Lee if interested

## EWN Enterprise Windows

<http://nyewin.org>  
Stephen Goodwin, [srg@winnyc.com](mailto:srg@winnyc.com); Tony Iams, [tony@dhbrown.com](mailto:tony@dhbrown.com)  
Thursday, May 3rd, June 7th, 6:00 PM  
Location: MS  
Donnie Hamlett: Longhorn Server Preview

## EXC Excel

Al Vachris, [alfred.vachris@gmail.com](mailto:alfred.vachris@gmail.com)  
Tuesday, May 8th, 6:00 PM  
Report on the Excel Users Conference in Atlantic City. And other topics of interest.

## EXG Microsoft Exchange

Ben Serebin, [exchangeug@reefsolutions.com](mailto:exchangeug@reefsolutions.com)  
<http://www.nyexug.com>  
Tuesday, May 8th, June 12th, 6:00 PM  
Location: MS  
Topic TBA

## FLA Flash

Jeff Frankel, [webjff1967@aol.com](mailto:webjff1967@aol.com)  
On hiatus. Contact Jeff if interested

## GFH Genealogy

<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~metrony/>  
David Kleiman, [roots@heritagemuse.com](mailto:roots@heritagemuse.com)  
Tuesday, June 5th, 6:00 PM  
Ask the Experts Panel

## HRD Hardware

Kevin Raguette, [Rags6600@hotmail.com](mailto:Rags6600@hotmail.com)  
Date TBA: Check online calendar  
Location: NYPC  
Hands-on Hardware

## NET Internet

Tony Holley, [tholley@citytech.cuny.edu](mailto:tholley@citytech.cuny.edu);  
Mary Ginsburg, [lm\\_ginsburg@earthlink.net](mailto:lm_ginsburg@earthlink.net)  
On hiatus; send e-mail if interested

## INV Investment

Phyllis Pawlovsky, [PGP106@cs.com](mailto:PGP106@cs.com). SIG follows the investment principles of the National Association of Investment Corp.  
Tuesday, May 15th, 6:00 PM  
Special guest speaker Gary Schafer of VALUE LINE

## CSG Java: Gen'l Mtg

<http://www.cppsug.org>  
<http://www.nycjava.org/certification>  
See also our Yahoo group: [nycjava.org](http://nycjava.org)  
Dario Laverde, [dario@nycjava.net](mailto:dario@nycjava.net)  
Gary Russo, [garyrusso@hotmail.com](mailto:garyrusso@hotmail.com)  
Thursday, June 7th, 6:30 PM  
Location: NYPC  
Topic TBA

## CSG Java: Java Enterprise

Dario Laverde, [dario@nycjava.net](mailto:dario@nycjava.net)  
Thursday, May 17th, 6:30 PM  
Contact Dario for information

## CSG JAVA: Object Data Knowledge Management

Carlos Jerome, [cjinterf@panix.com](mailto:cjinterf@panix.com)  
E-mail leader for dates, location  
Continuing development of constituent directory & communication systems

## LNX LINUX

We hope to resume this SIG soon. If interested, e-mail [nypc@nypceducation.org](mailto:nypc@nypceducation.org)

## MKT Marketing Committee

Murray Strelitz, Grace Lee, [marketing@nypc.org](mailto:marketing@nypc.org)  
Date TBA: Watch online calendar  
Location: NYPC

## MTA MetaStock

Al Kinzinger, Jr., [bigaljr@attglobal.net](mailto:bigaljr@attglobal.net)  
Thursday, May 24th, 7:00 PM  
Location: NYPC  
Topic TBA

## BRD NYPC Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 29th, 6:30 PM  
Location: TBA  
Members are welcome to attend, but we'd like to know ahead. Please e-mail [pres@nypc.org](mailto:pres@nypc.org).

## GEN NYPC GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, May 24th, 6:00 PM  
Location: PS 41, 116 W. 11th St.  
Sony Reader & Visual Aids for the "Hard of Seeing"

## PDA Palm Pilot

<http://nypc.org/palm.php>. Ted Cohn, Grace Lee, [nypcpalmpilot@gmail.com](mailto:nypcpalmpilot@gmail.com), [TedCohn@earthlink.net](mailto:TedCohn@earthlink.net)  
Wednesday, May 2nd, June 6th, 6:30 PM  
Location: NYPC  
Open questions, answers, discussion

## PRL Perl Seminar NY

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/perlsemny>  
James E. Keenan, [jkeen@verizon.net](mailto:jkeen@verizon.net)  
Alex Gill, [alexgill@nyc.rr.com](mailto:alexgill@nyc.rr.com)  
Tuesday, May 15th, 6:15 PM  
Steven Lembarck: Bioinformatics and Perl

## PHT Photography & Graphics

Mary Ginsburg, [lm\\_ginsburg@earthlink.net](mailto:lm_ginsburg@earthlink.net);  
Tony Holley, [tholley@citytech.cuny.edu](mailto:tholley@citytech.cuny.edu)  
Sunday, May 6th, 1:00 PM  
Additional date(s) TBA: Watch online calendar  
5/6: Field trip to Brooklyn Botanic Garden.  
Check online calendar for details.

## PHO Photoshop

[http://www.hookbuilt.com/nypc/photoshop\\_sigs.html](http://www.hookbuilt.com/nypc/photoshop_sigs.html); Laura Balsam, [nypc@hookbuilt.com](mailto:nypc@hookbuilt.com)  
Tuesday, May 8, 22, 1:00 PM, preceded by lunch in TickTock at 11:45  
5/8: Working with Text & Image Clinic  
5/22: TBA

**SIG Directory, continued**

**SPR Speech Recognition**

<http://www.speechwiki.org/SR/NYPCRSRIG.html>; <http://www.out-loud.com> Laura Miner, 76233.3413@compuserve.com; Leftonred Atanycorner, vp@nypc.org  
 Wednesday, May 16th, 6:30 PM  
 Location: NYPC  
 Laurel Nadler: Reading Books Hands-Free using Microsoft Reader and Dragon NaturallySpeaking

**STR Streaming Media Plus**

On hiatus

**PAS TechTips)**

Kathy Petrucci, kathypetrucci@hotmail.com; Michael Ostrowe, mjostrowe@hotmail.com  
 Thursday, May 10th, 6:30 PM  
 Location: NYPC  
 How to configure your router's security settings

**VPI Ventura**

Allison Moore, amoore@nyc.rr.com  
 Dates TBA: Check online calendar  
 Location: NYPC  
 Using and editing templates

**BAS Visual Basic**

David Kulick, dgkulick@hotmail.com  
<http://72.229.163.212/nypcvb/>  
 Wednesday, May 2nd, June 6th, 6:15 PM  
 Location: MS  
 Creating Visual Studio Add-ins

**WMM Web Design for the 21st Century**

On hiatus.

**WFI Wireless/Cell Phone**

Ted Cohn, TedCohn@earthlink.net  
 Wednesday, May 23rd, 6:30 PM  
 Location: NYPC  
 Better, fuller use of your cell phone

**XML XML/Web Services**

Mahesh Chhatlani, nypcxml@hotmail.com  
 On hiatus. Contact leader for information

**Other Organizations**

**NPC Non-Profit Computing**

John L. German, 212-759-2368  
 Includes:

**JOB Career Development Group**

Wednesday, May 2, 16, June 6, 20, 5:00 PM  
 Location: West-Park Presbyterian Church at 86th and Amsterdam  
 Facilitators include:  
 Susan Werbin, 212-799-6111  
 Mort Trachtenberg, 212-769-TRAC

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This reminiscence is reprinted from the 1992 Tenth Anniversary issue of the *NYPC Magazine*. With the assistance of Terry Tolvo, Production Editor of that issue (and many others), we have tried to replicate the original format.

## In the beginning

Joe Rigo

The first meeting of the New York IBM PC User Group was in the now-extinct Logo Center on Sixth Avenue. Our pioneering band gathered around a small conference table, surrounded by early Apple computers, and held our first Random Access session.

The date was Wednesday, April 21, 1982. It was the good old days of IBM PC computing. The computer dealers had no idea what they were selling, and IBM wasn't all that sure either.

I had just bought a PC system including a \$3,000 Diablo serial printer, and the only way I could get DOS 1.0 to write to it was through Print statements in Basic programs. Nothing else worked. The dealer had no idea what was wrong, and the IBM support staff in Boca Raton insisted it was the printer's fault.

At that first user group meeting, I learned about a special cable that would make DOS 1.0 print as advertised. I had to drive to Westport, Connecticut to get one, but I was finally a happy customer — and a dedicated user group member.

There were five people at that first meeting, 32 at the second, 75 at the third, and 200 at the fourth. We all expected the group to grow, but not quite so quickly. Finding cheap (free) meeting space in New York became our biggest problem — and it still is.

We started as a joint SIG of the New York City Chapter of the Association for Computing Machinery and the New York Amateur Computer Club. Eventually we got too big, and both groups threw us out, but while it lasted, it was a marriage made in heaven. The ACM people were mainly system programmers who knew all about operating systems and nothing about hardware. The NYACC people had years of experience with small computers and kept us technically respectable through the early months.

IBM was puzzled by the rapid proliferation of small user groups. The company was used to working with mainframe groups, such as Share and Guide, where the members were large corporations or government agencies. Now it had hundreds of uncon-

trollable groups springing up, insulting its dealers, and organizing its customers.

At one point, the IBM legal department sent letters telling all of us that we could not use IBM in our names. Another letter, about two days later, told us to ignore the first letter. IBM still wasn't sure how to handle us, but they had decided we were good to have around.

Software vendors were equally puzzled. Lotus wouldn't have anything to do with us. Another company, invited to supply a speaker, sent a young techie who assumed we were all development programmers and urged us to write software that would be compatible with the CP/M operating system.

At the time, many people believed user groups were for teenagers who got together only to pirate software. In fact, one of our cofounders, a developer, said he used to attend such meetings until he went to one and found that his own product was the big rip-off hit of the month.

We and many other groups had strict rules against pirating. There was no way to stop consenting adults from doing their thing, but they couldn't do it with the club's blessing, and our reputation improved.

We got a lot of press. We were featured on the cover of *New York Magazine*. The *Times* computer writer attended a meeting and gave us a review that would be the envy of any Broadway producer. The review was syndicated, and brought us memberships throughout the U.S. and Canada. It became a lot easier to attract the industry's emerging superstars to our meetings.

Peter Norton was a notable early speaker. He talked to our Assembler Language SIG one evening and then to the general meeting the next day. For that trip, Peter stayed at the Chelsea Hotel on West 23rd St. When he visits us these days, he stays on Central Park South. It has been a good ten years.

### In the Beginning...

By coincidence, this is the title of both [last month's article](#), by NYPC's new President, Stan Silver, and this one, by Joe Rigo, whom many of us consider "the father of NYPC." Bearing the same title, they are very different, and remind us that life brings many *beginnings*, both happy and sad.

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### Auction of Services

The scheduled mini-auction of member services was postponed from the April General Meeting to the May meeting. We hope to offer services by three members at each General Meeting.

Go to <http://www.nypceducation.org/auction.html> to learn about current offerings.

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### coming attractions

*We've got some great general meetings coming up*

Thursday, June 21	Extended Q&A, Tips & Tricks
Thursday, July 19	Alfred Poor on HD TV
Thursday, August 16	Second Life for Your Vinyl Transferring audio to DVD/CD
July/August ??	Social Gathering at the Frying Pan or another waterfront location

Let us know what you'd like to see! Tell us on the evaluation forms we pass out at the General Meeting, or send an e-mail to *Bill Ginsberg*, [program@nypc.org](mailto:program@nypc.org).



### A Bit of History

On page 7 is a reprint of an article which appeared in the Tenth Anniversary issue of *NYPC Magazine* in 1992. This article about NYPC's beginnings was written by Joe Rigo, considered by many long-term NYPC members to be "the father of NYPC" (an appellation he modestly disclaims).

In those days, NYPC published a true magazine, typically ranging from 36 to 48 pages in length. Many volunteers participated in its publication, including Frank Bolton, Publisher; Marshall Ewig, Editor; Terry Tolvo, Design Editor; and Murray Strelitz, Business Manager.

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Many thanks to Polly Bookhout for scanning the entire anniversary issue, so that we can share portions of it with today's members.

Our thanks also go to Terry Tolvo for helping to format the reprinted article so that it resembles the original.