

# **Computer Club Potpourri**

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# On Tap for Today

A Windows Alternative - Live Demo

Speeding up your PC

Buying a New PC... Considerations

New Ideas for those with Windows XP

# Is there an Alternative to Windows?

You betcha!

Consider Linux from [ubuntu.com](http://ubuntu.com)

Perfect if all you need to do is:

- surf the web, go online
- play solitaire
- print things
- impress your smart-aleck son-in-law

# How Popular is Linux?

Since 1985 MS has sold about 800M copies

In 2014 alone Linux will wind up on over 1.5B computers

- Desktops
- All of Google, Facebook, Yahoo, etc
- Every Android phone

# Linux Won't Work for You If...

- Can't live without Internet Explorer - Linux Comes with FireFox, can add Chrome later
- Can't live without MicroSoft programs like Outlook Express
- Can't live without a slow, buggy, out-of-date, insecure operating system

# Installing Ubuntu Linux

Easy via a CD or USB memory stick

Making a stick or USB stick is not so easy

- let me know and I will make one for you

OK, let's make a Linux PC! Wooahoo!

# Speeding Up Your PC - True or False

Defragging your hard drive

False

Emptying Trash/Deleting Email

False

Clearing Cookies

False

# Speeding Things Up - True or False

Removing/Disabling Startup Applications

True

Removing/Disabling Browser Toolbars

True

Adding more Memory

Very True

# Thoughts for Getting a New PC

- Don't overspend - less than \$400 is good
- Get 3-4GB or RAM
- Hard Drive size doesn't matter - they're all HUGE
- Install Norton AntiVirus (\$75 for 2 years)
- Its OK to remove annoying Dell/HP/Acer S/W using the Control Panel

# **My New Windows XP Advice**

If you can't upgrade to Win 7/Linux or replace with a new laptop...

Install Norton AntiVirus