

Special Interest Groups

Amateur Radio SIG (Disbanded Oct. 21, 2014)

With DARA doing more with Software Defined Radio, DMA's SIG will cease meeting after the Oct. 2014 meeting

Contact: Gary Turner or George Ewing, the Amateur Radio SIG Facilitators, at: k8dma@dma.org or call GT at (937) 313-BITS.

Apple Dayton SIG (Revised Mar. 15, 2011)

The Apple-Dayton SIG holds its meetings on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M. at Public Room, Fire Station #2, 2200 Commerce Center Boulevard just off of Dayton-Yellow Springs Rd at I-675. Call (937) 679-9675 after 5 pm Monday to hear if cancelled.

If you own, use, or are thinking of purchasing an Apple computer you are welcome to attend and learn about the the latest hardware and software releases involving the Macintosh operating system.

For more information, contact SIG leader Dan Forshaw (email us), or visit us at sites.google.com/site/appledaytonsig, which is woefully out of date. The SIG hasn't met in Huber Heights since Dec. 2009, or in the Fairborn Government Center since Sept. 2010.

Classic Computer SIG (Revised Nov. 30, 2011)

The Classic Computer SIG of the Dayton Microcomputer Association, Inc. is the keeper of the Dayton Computer Museum. Classes in older computer hardware and software are taught by the Curator, Gary Ganger, on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month from 3 to 5 P.M. at the Sugar Grove Bible Church, 7875 S. Kessler-Frederick Road. The church is located 3 miles north of US-40 between Englewood and Vandalia on Frederick Pike just inside Miami County past Miller's Grove, and across from Miller Brothers Construction until the Dec. 17, 2011 meeting.

Meeting moving effective Dec. 17, 2011

Starting with the Dec. 17 2011 meeting, the SIG will meet at Gary Ganger's home, 7189 Claircrest Dr., Huber Heights for the next several months. Call Gary at (937) 237-5021 for details.

The meetings consist of computer classes on the older computers that are no longer sold. They are open to the public at no charge. DMA members are encouraged to come and get answers to their computer questions that are not available from the local computer stores. The classes cover software and hardware and how to upgrade or repair common troubles. Software covers spreadsheets, word processing, music, graphics, DOS, Win3.1, Win95, Win98, WinNT, and Win2K. Hardware covers memory, disk, CD, floppy disks, zip drives, power supply replacement, cleaning, etc. All classes are tailored to the needs of the members and can be most subjects at any time. If you call Gary at 237-5021 during the week, he can prepare to answer your questions or many times a quick answer on the phone is all that you may need. Past classes showed how to connect the computer to MIDI keyboards and writing music on the computer. Making a spreadsheet to balance your checkbook. Making a form to fill out for daily records. Replacing a bad CD recorder and cleaning. Downloading your

photos. Replacing a bad power supply. Running anti-virus software and updates. Rebuilding hard disk systems after a crash. The classes can also show the pre-PC computers that are in the Dayton Computer Museum. The students from Wright State will be getting information for their class work as assigned by their professors. Local computer stores have sent customers to the meetings to get help on the older machines. You have questions? We really have the answers!

Call [Gary Ganger](#) at (937) 237-5021 for more info.

Dayton Diode SIG (New March. 1, 2010)

The Dayton Diode is Dayton, Ohio's Hackerspace Initiative. Hackerspaces are community operated physical places where people can meet and work on projects such as art, hardware, electronics, robotics, and fashion. It is also a place to learn, work, teach, and collaborate with peers and community.

For more information, please see their [website](#) or [calendar](#).

Dayton Oracle SIG (DAY-0) (New Feb. 25, 2008 – updated May 17, 2011)

Dayton Oracle SIG Launched Mar. 10, 2008

Founding SIG Leader, Catherine Devlin, established a small, interested group of Oracle users. Sometimes calling themselves DAY-0.

In May 2010, Vicki Blommel was elected President, Aftab Abarki, Vice President. The group affiliated with [IOUG](#), the Independent Oracle Users Group, in Fall of 2010. With IOUG affiliation the group became known as the Dayton Oracle Users Group. Still called DAY-0 for short, and a SIG of DMA.

Dayton Oracle Users Group provides education, discussion, and networking for users and administrators of Oracle databases and related products.

Website: dayton.oracle.ioug.org -> and by nickname : dayo.ioug.org Join us on [LinkedIn](#) to receive meeting notifications and other useful news : Dayton Oracle Users Group (DAY-0).

Digital Photography SIG (Revised May 29, 2010)

Calling all digital photographers

Ideally, the SIG would have two meetings a month; one to learn about digital darkroom techniques, the other to go out into the field and learn how to use our cameras. This will be a free-form SIG meeting to discuss all aspects of digital photography in a friendly small group atmosphere. We will be open to all digital systems including still, digital movie, scanning of regular photos, and capturing movies from analog (VHS and 8mm) formats. The group will use tools such as Photoshop, Photo Editor, VideoWave, Moviemaker, & others to optimize our work.

If you are interested in participating or in becoming a group leader for the field portion, please contact Nancy Christolear or Dave Lundy (937) 426-1132, or e-mail digiphot-contact@dma.org. Our first meeting was held in the CompUSA Training Center at SR 741 and SR 725 from 7:00 – 9:00 PM Thursday, January 2, 2003. We immediately discovered that we needed a larger meeting room, so moved to Wright State University. Eventually, due to increased enrollments, W.S.U. didn't have classrooms for us, so we moved to 119 Valley St. After DMA vacated Valley St., we held meetings in various public libraries and any where else we could find. Since meeting locations were becoming more difficult to find, and

attendance had been lagging, we decided to suspend monthly meetings until further notice. May 27, 2010 was our last regularly scheduled meeting. Please see our [events page](#) for current details.

Please contact Nancy Christolear or Dave Lundy (937) 426-1132, write to digiphot-contact@dma.org, or check our [web site](#) for more details.

Dayton Dynamic Languages Users Group (New Nov. 14, 2007 – updated Feb. 19, 2013)

The Dayton Dynamic Languages Users Group was born out of the [Dayton Perl Mongers](#), which widened their interests to include other languages such as [PHP](#), [Python](#), [Ruby on Rails](#), [CGI](#), etc., in addition to [Perl](#). It will meet at the same time – the 2nd Wednesday each month – at Dayton Chess Club, 18 West Fifth St., Dayton. For current info, visit [our website](#), or [Meetup.com/Dayton-Dynamic-Languages-User-Group/](#), or contact [Paul Visscher](#).

Gaming SIG (Revised June 14, 2011)

The Gaming SIG / mini-LAN party is on an indefinite hiatus.

Genealogy / Ancestral SIG (New Feb. 3, 2004, updated Jul. 18, 2014)

On hiatus due to injury

Due to injury, the SIG will be on hiatus for a while. We'll resume with the September 2014 meeting.

Anyone interested in joining this rewarding activity should

contact Jay Finley (cell 937 825-0691) or Darlene Sye at [Genealogy-contact](#). Effective April 7, 2011, we now meet on the **first Thursday each month at 6:30pm at the East Branch of the Dayton Metro Library, [2008 Wyoming St., Dayton](#)**.

Darlene has added her name to the HELPLINE providing software assistance for Personal Ancestral File (PAF 5.x) genealogy software.

Beginning Oct. 18, 2006, Jay Finley is the new SIG leader. Darlene will continue to assist with the SIG.

Jay Finley & Darlene Sye

Hands-On SIG (New Dec. 1, 2004 – updated Aug. 25, 2009)

The Hands-On SIG has a new leader, beginning with the May 24, 2006 meeting. Welcome Elliott Lake! Elliott has some ideas and would like additional input from the SIG. They are:

- Divide the meeting up into segments (like the Linux SIG).
 - General Q&A session followed by the meeting topic would be an example of this approach.
- Short presentation about a piece of software being used by a group member. This would be about a 15 minute presentation.
- Hands-on problem solving of equipment problems / software problems. This will require the member with the problem bringing in the system, if possible.
- Returning to the certification training, starting with A+.
- In-depth presentation about software being used by a group member. This would be a 30 – 60 minute presentation.
- Study the use of Linux and MS in the workplace.

Thanks, George, for your five years of service as the group leader. You did a great job and deserve the chance to sit back and relax.

The Hands-On SIG is now closed. It was to have been replaced Jan. 27, 2010 with the [“IT” SIG](#), but that is now in limbo due to Elliott Lake’s death Wed. Nov. 11, 2009. We’ll miss you Elliott! Rest in peace.

List members may read archives of previous messages [here](#).

SIG Leader
Elliott Lake

Investment SIG (New Mar. 11, 2014)

The Investment SIG emphasizes the use of digital tools (usually free) in investing. Sites examined in 2014 include [Investopedia](#), [Seeking Alpha](#), and [Sig Fig](#). We’ve also looked at the investment tracking features of [GnuCash](#), an open-source accounting program.

This SIG meets at 7 PM on the second Tuesday of each month, usually in the Panera Bread to the rear of the Town & Country Shopping Center in Kettering, just off Far Hills Avenue. We’ll occasionally meet at the Panera Bread on Miller’s Lane, to accommodate members from northern suburbs and north Dayton.

Contact Person: [Martin Arbagi](#), or (937) 938-5710.

“IT” SIG (New Aug. 25, 2009 – updated Nov. 15, 2009)

 The Hands-On SIG was to have morphed into the “IT” SIG with their first meeting Wednesday, January 27, 2010, where the topic was to have been be [VirtualBox](#). Elliott Lake, the SIG leader, passed away Wednesday, November 11, 2009, so the “IT”

SIG is in limbo until a new SIG leader is found. Elliott had just started a schedule of topics, and the SIG's [website](#) shortly before his passing.

Linux SIG (Revised Jan. 13, 2012)

The Linux SIG, also known as the Dayton Linux Users Group or DLUG, holds regular monthly meetings at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio at 7:00pm on the third Thursday night of each month.

These meetings are open to anyone interested in Linux or other Open Source software, and we welcome both the experienced and inexperienced user. Please visit our new [web site](#) for current information. An archive of our old site is [here](#).

You may also subscribe to Linux SIG mailing list for help and discussion regarding Linux by visiting [here](#).

Perl Mongers (Revised Nov. 11, 2007)

The Dayton Perl Mongers was originally set up to discuss the Perl programming language. But over the years, interests widened to include other languages such as PHP, Python, etc. Therefore, it was decided to rename the Dayton Perl Mongers to [Dayton Dynamic Languages Users Group](#), which will meet at the same time and place., namely the 2nd Wednesday each month at Dayton Chess Club, 18 West Fifth St., Dayton.

Pizza SIG (Revised Jan. 13, 2012)

The unofficial snack or meal of the computer enthusiast is enjoyed following each DMA General Meeting at Donato's Pizza, 5600 Airway Rd. Undisciplined exchanges of opinions and

follow-up discussions regarding the recent DMA presentation, & many other subjects, begin at approximately 9:15 and last until the restaurant staff tires of our presence. This valuable (although unofficial) knowledge-gathering event has become traditional & is open to all. It is commonly referred to as the "Pizza SIG".

Software Development SIG (Revised Aug. 10, 2010)

Beginning with June 2010, we've moved from the 2nd Tuesday each month at McDonald's in Riverside 1991 Harshman Rd., to the 3rd Tuesday of the month at Donato's Pizza, 5600 Airway Rd. Please visit our SIG's website [here](#).