



# AZACC

*Arizona Alliance of Computer Clubs*

Minutes of ShareFest Meeting  
October 30, 2010, 9:30-12:30 at UAT in the Theatre

**In attendance:**

Board members: Katie Gertz, George Jester, Sandy Hart, Jim Perry, Dianne Hill, Mike Folker

Presenter: Jeff Bonner, representing Saywire

15 Clubs were Represented: Mesa Regal, Westbrook Village, Leisure World, Sunland Springs Village, Prescott computer Society, Arizona Society for Computer Information, inc, Tucson Computer Society, Sunflower Computer Club, Sun Village Computer Club, Computers West, Happy Trails Computer Club, RockComp Computer Club, Four Parks Computer Club, Hacienda de Valencia, Phoenix PC User Group

The meeting was called to order by President, Katie Gertz at 9:30 am.

Katie thanked Sandy Hart for serving as president of AZacc for the last 5 seasons.

**Schedule Additions to the 2010-11 Calendar:**

December 2010 Avast! Anti-Virus software

January 2011 Smart Computing Presentation in a Box (PIAB) Confirmation to Smart Computing by Nov 5<sup>th</sup>)

March 1-9 Abby Stokes, Author of "Is this Thing On?" Scheduled for the clubs that meet during this time period and we will fill any open time slot. **If your club meets weekly or can change their meeting time to an open time slot please contact Katie Gertz ([president@azacc.org](mailto:president@azacc.org)).**

**Saywire Presentation:** It is an online community used by schools that also works very well for organizations to communicate and to bridge gaps. This is a private community where you log in for access to AZacc benefits. AZacc is covering fees for this private collaboration community to help your club try out the technology that will very likely provide your presentations in the future. AZacc has completed a contract that will provide 4 memberships per club + the president and vice president of each club. Saywire has waived many of the setup fees and is offering a private place for our member groups to communicate and for AZacc to accumulate a library of recorded presentations. It is highly customizable. Membership is on a yearly basis and will be \$7 per person until Jan 31, 2011 and \$9 per person after that date. This is a significant discount off the regular fee. A Dimdim room for video conferencing with unlimited usage is included. It has a max of 50 connections so we could have a presenter and each club could also participate at the same time. Dimdim conferences can be recorded

for future use. We can put movies, webinars and anything else we choose in the Saywire community and make it a lending library of sorts for our member groups. Each club can have their own space or pages and they can make them available to other clubs within AZacc or keep those pages confined to their own club members. We can give our vendors a page to make communication with them easier. The community is secure and does not use an email server. There is no spam. It could be likened to a company intranet. You use your first and last name, the name of your club and a password to sign in. They do not collect birthdays or SS#. Saywire is for our members as opposed to open information on a website that anyone in the world can look at.

Saywire will schedule train the trainer sessions in November once we have some idea of who from each club is going to participate. The sessions can be recorded for later use. We need 4 member names from each club to set up access plus the vice president. We already have the president's name from each club. The names are requested as soon as possible but no later than November 30, so that we can move forward with getting the training scheduled. AZacc board members may be requested to attend your meeting and assist with an explanation of Saywire. **Please contact Katie Gertz ([president@azacc.org](mailto:president@azacc.org)) with your club representative names.**

Club Reports: Each club gave a report as to their current programs, issues facing their club, etc. One club commented on looking for younger members and other clubs indicated that they were too. Mike Folker reported that the Shrine had a game fest and attracted some 2000 youngsters. Some clubs reported having filled their presentation schedule for the season and some are in dire need of ideas. Some are very busy with SIGs and classes and other are having difficulty finding enough volunteers to fill officer positions. Membership decrease seemed to be an issue. Computers West reported on a Medical Imaging company that presented for them with excellent reviews from their members. They will be contacted with a request to be added to our Local Speakers List. Group size ranges from 25 – 2000, some meet weekly and some monthly.

Drawing: Everyone went home with at least one prize.

Meeting closed at 12:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sandra Hart, Interim Secretary