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"Third Saturday" Meetings - North Lake College, Irving, Texas

2007	Vendor / Presenter	Product	Speaker(s) and Topic
February 2007	Acoustica / Clayton Nash , NTPCUG member http://www.acoustica.com	Spin-It-Now	Clayton led an excellent demonstration of the Spin-It-Now program, converting old LPs to MP3 and CD format.
January 2007	Omni Watch Systems, Inc. / Bill Mott , Senior Vice-President http://www.omni-watch.com	Omni Watch	Bill presented the latest in security systems for either neighborhoods or businesses.
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December 2006	Parks Associates / Kurt Scher http://parksassociates.com	Digital Technology in the Home.	Kurt presented Digital Technology in the Home.
November 2006	Kaspersky / Dawn Ringstaff and Teresa Hartsfield http://www.kaspersky.com	Kaspersky Anti-Virus	Dawn and Teresa presented the Kaspersky Anti-Virus software products.
October 2006	Intel / Ernesto Martinez http://www.intel.com/	Intel Active Management Technology	Ernesto presented Intel's Active Management Technology, for managing PCs across the enterprise.
September 2006	Tuc Goodwin , SharePoint Guru tgoodwin@ntpcug.org	Microsoft SharePoint	Tuc presented an excellent overview of Sharepoint Services.
July 2006	Consultis / Bradley Van Treese , Account Manager; Jason Garton , Senior Recruiter; and Todd Epperson , Senior Recruiter www.consultis.com	IT Recruiting	Bradley presented an overview of Consultis and the many benefits that it offers its contractors. Jason discussed "How to Effectively Present Yourself in Today's Marketplace", and Todd presented "What Hiring Managers are actually looking for."
June 2006	Roy Rabey , IT Manager Ensemble Studios www.ensemblestudios.com	Age of Empires Age of Mythology The Rise of Rome	Roy Rabey , presented an insider's view of game development, the history of the studio, and a behind-the-scenes look at the game development process.
May 2006	Linda Moore , President NTPCUG www.bluesecurity.com www.firetrust.com	BlueFrog MailWasher Pro	Linda Moore brought us up to date on BlueSecurity's BlueFrog antispamming project, and presented FireTrust's Mail Washer Pro Anti-SPAM product.
April 2006	James Milburn	Technology in Ranching & Farming	James Milburn presented computer technologies currently used in ranching and farming. Emphasis was on use of technology in livestock and dairy operations of the non-corporate ranch and farm.
	Brett Patton www.fortifwall.com	Fortigate Hardware Firewall	Brett Patton present the Fortigate series of hardware firewalls, their features and functionality and what differentiates the Fortigate firewall from the rest of the unified threat management market.
March 2006	Allen Jayme www.linspireinc.com	Linspire	Allen Jayme presented the Linux based operating system, Linspire, that combines security, stability in a friendly desktop environment.
	Microsoft www.microsoft.com	Vista	Kai Axford , Microsoft Security guru, presented the latest version of Vista and its security features.
February 2006	Brad Merkle , Visio Solution Specialist www.microsoft.com	Visio 2003	Brad presented an overview of Visio Pro 2003, which included the common uses, power uses and custom applications. Visio has many specialized applications for developers, facility managers, network administrators, Human Resource and sales force automation.
January 2006	Scott Dockendorf , Director of Professional Services for Intelligent Inc.	VS.NET, NUnit, and Visual Studio 2005 Team System	Scott provided an overview of Test-Driven Development ("TDD"), and its role in improving software development by reducing defects through automated unit testing.
	Terry Witt , MIS Director for Thomas Reprographics	SQL Server 2005	Terry's presentation covered building mission critical systems and scalable database systems, new enhancements in SQL Server reporting services, and managing the New Data Platform.
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December 2005	Ken Brack , Dallas Park and Recreation Department	Municipal Wireless	Ken Brack , Information Technology Manager, Dallas Park and Recreation Department, presented an overview of current WIFI projects and their political implications.
August 2005	Microsoft www.microsoft.com	ISA Server 2004	Keith Combs , Microsoft Technologist, presented Internet Security and Acceleration (ISA) Server 2004.
July 2005	Microsoft www.microsoft.com	Small Business Server	Matt Hester , Microsoft Technologist, presented Small Business Server (SBS) and the new SP 1.
	TEK Systems www.teksystems.com	Recruiting	Chip Norman covered the current IT job market including tips on landing your next gig in the fields of developer, network administrator, and system administrator.
June 2005	Microsoft www.microsoft.com	SQL Server 2005	Keith Combs , Microsoft technologist, presented the latest beta version of SQL Server 2005.
	Perfect Backup Solutions http://www.ugr.com	True Image, ver. 8	Gene Barlow with User Group Relations, demonstrated the ease of using True Image, version 8 for all of your backup needs for both Windows and Linux.
May 2005	Microsoft www.microsoft.com	Active Directory	Deploying Active Directory.
April 2005	Microsoft www.microsoft.com	Active Directory	Testing Active Directory using Virtual PC 2004 or Virtual Server 2005.
March 2005	Technology Management Associates	Pocket Real Estate	NTPCUG member Robert Baesmann demonstrated TMA's new Pocket Real Estate application for the PocketPC and Palm platforms.
	Microsoft www.microsoft.com	Windows XP Media Center 2005	Charles Van Husen presented Microsoft's XP Media Center 2005.
February 2005	Microsoft www.microsoft.com	Microsoft Active Directory 2003	Matt Hester and Keith Combs presented criteria for designing Active Directory 2003.
	Wholly Genes Software http://www.whollygenes.com/	The Master Genealogist	Bob Velke presented Version 6 of The Master Genealogist.
January 2005	Microsoft www.microsoft.com	Microsoft Active Directory 2003	J. J. Antequino demonstrated planning techniques for implementing Active Directory for the first time.
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December 2004	Microsoft www.microsoft.com	Windows XP Media Center	Todd Bowra presented the Windows XP Media Center OS, Windows Media Player and XP SP2.
		Microsoft Operations Manager (MOM)	Matt Hester and Keith Combs presented MOM 2005 . MOM is Microsoft's Operations Manager, which has management packs for every Microsoft backend product. MOM 2005 with the applicable management pack allows the system administrator to configure and prioritize the alert system.
November 2004	Microsoft www.microsoft.com	Microsoft Small Business Server (SBS)	Matt Hester , of Microsoft Corporation, presented Microsoft Small Business Server and how you and your company can get all of the benefits and security of a big corporation at a small business cost. SBS is a cost-effective solution for small to medium size companies. It includes Windows Server 2003, Exchange 2003, Windows SharePoint Services, Outlook 2003 and a Shared Fax Service.
October 2004	Microsoft www.microsoft.com	Microsoft Virtual PC	Keith Combs & Matt Hester , of Microsoft Corporation, presented Virtual PC and how it can solve your problems as a developer where you need to test your software on multiple OS's. Virtual PC can also be a solution to using older software, which only works under an older version of Windows or DOS.
October 2004	Microsoft www.microsoft.com	Microsoft Virtual Server	Keith Combs & Matt Hester , Microsoft representatives, presented Virtual Server 2005 , the cost-effective virtual machine solution designed for Windows Server 2003 to increase operational efficiency in software testing and development, server consolidation scenarios,
July 2004	Privacy, Inc. www.privacyinc.com	My Privacy Policy	Doug Peckover, co-founder & Chief Scientist for Privacy, Inc. presented "Security vs. Privacy." He demonstrated the new product "My Privacy Policy" (MPP), an Internet service that allows you to control your privacy by protecting your online identity, your e-mail

			protecting your online identity- your e-mail address.
June 2004	Viametrix www.viametrix.com	Vivian	Russell Fish, CEO of Viametrix, made the presentation. With any Vivian™ broadcast channel configuration (including the free one available on the Viametrix Web site) you can create and broadcast interactive multimedia from your own Internet TV or radio station in minutes any time you want.
May 2004	Giant Raffle www.ntpcug.org	These vendors contributed 142 raffle prizes: Al Squared, Apress, Firetrust, Gear Software, Intuit, Microsoft, New Riders, O'Reilly, Peachpit Press, PowerQuest, Que, Raxco, RoadWired, Sams Publishing, TechSmith, Virtual Training Company, and WhiteCanyon.	Kathy Brown, David Martin, Vincent Gaines, and Linda Moore chaired the first NTPCUG Giant Raffle, which raffled off 142 products to NTPCUG members. The donating vendors are among the 25+ firms that provide discounts to NTPCUG members. In order for a member to win one of raffle prizes, they were required to answer a question about the NTPCUG vendor discount program. Planning is currently under way to make this an annual event, and the next event will be bigger and better.
Feb. 2004	VMware www.vmware.com	VMware Workstation and VMWare Server Consolidation	David Banks demonstrated how VMware shortens the development cycle and increases hardware utilization. VMware's server products can also be used for server consolidation and is also used throughout the enterprise to simplify the computing infrastructure and to reduce infrastructure costs.
Feb. 2004	The Master Genealogist (TMG) www.whollygenes.com	The Master Genealogist	Bob Velke is the author of The Master Genealogist (TMG). TMG is one of the highest rated Family History Project Managers. It is used in more than 30 countries in the world. www.whollygenes.com
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Nov.2003	Microsoft www.microsoft.com	Microsoft Office 2003 Suite	Microsoft included NTPCUG in its fall tour of Mindshare User Groups, giving us a sneak peak at the new Office 2003 Suite .
Oct. 2003	Mile2 and SMU www.mile2.com	Mini-Seminar	Seminar: "IT Security, Forensic and Counter-Hacker Training" Mile2 , partnered with SMU to bring us a mini-seminar on "Techniques for Countering Hackers." More info
Oct. 2003	NTPCUG www.ntpcug.org	DC FIVE (from Diamond Cut Productions)	Alan Lummus , Audio Archivist for the Dallas Symphony Chorus and NTPCUG's Professional MIDI/Audio SIG leader, demonstrated DC FIVE and explain the right way to digitize all your analog recordings.
Aug. 2003	NTPCUG www.ntpcug.org	NTPCUG's members form a roundtable of Broadband experts	Clayton Nash, Doug Gorrie, Thomas O'Keefe, & Glenn Ford formed the roundtable for a Q&A session on "High-speed broadband connectivity issues & problems."
Aug. 2003	Samsung http://www.samsung.com	Latest Samsung PDA Phone combos	Samsung representative presented the latest Samsung PDA-Phone models.
July 2003	Cooter's Village Camera www.cooterscamera.com	Cooters online photographic services	Kirk Cooter presented Cooter's Online photographic services. Note: NTPCUG Members are eligible for a 15% discount on Cooter's photographic services.
July 2003	Canon Cameras http://www.usa.canon.com	Canon's Digital Cameras, scanners & printers	David Pearson , Canon representative, presented the latest in Canon digital cameras, scanners and printers.
June 2003	Hillcast Technologies www.hillcast.com	Midcast, & AP Markets stock market wireless software for the Palm or the PocketPC PDAs	Arch Bell presented "PDA Software for Streaming Stock Market Data." Note: NTPCUG Members are eligible for a 25% discount on Hillcast Technologies products.
June 2003	Texas Instruments www.ti.com	TI's DLP Technology	Frank Moizio , TI's Manager of Worldwide Strategic Marketing for DLP Business Products, presented "From Digital Cinema to HDTV: The Future of Imaging Technology is Here Today -- An Overview of TI's DLP Technology"
June 2003	Microsoft TechEd & NTPCUG www.Microsoft.com	VS .NET and other MS Products	Q&A Session with Microsoft Gurus & MVP's at TechEd Conference -- FREE

June 2003	Microsoft TechEd & NTPCUG www.Microsoft.com	Microsoft's Visual Studio .NET	Keith Pleas & Billy Hollis presented "Windows .NET Architecture and Design" -- FREE Keith Pleas is an internationally known writer and speaker, and one of the founders of Guided Design and has worked for more than two years on the team developing the .NET Framework and Visual Studio .NET. For info on Billy Hollis , see the May 2003 presentation below.
May 2003	Microsoft TechEd & NTPCUG www.Microsoft.com www.dotnetmasters.com	Microsoft Visual Studio .NET	Adam Cogan & Billy Hollis presented "Building Advanced Data-Centric Smart Clients" -- FREE Adam Cogan is a Chief Architect at Superior Software for Windows, a Microsoft Certified Professional specializing in .NET Solutions. Billy Hollis is a nationally recognized consultant, author, and software developer.
May 2003	PowerQuest www.powerquest.com	Partition Magic Pro, V2i Protector Builder – Server Edition, & Volume Manager	Gene Barlow presented PowerQuest's Enterprise Products – Partition Magic Pro, & Volume Manager, V2i Protector Builder – Server Edition"
May 2003	PowerQuest www.powerquest.com	Partition Magic & Drive Image	Gene Barlow presented PowerQuest's End-User Products – Partition Magic & Drive Image. Note: NTPCUG Members are eligible for a 50% discount on PM, DI & V2i.
March 2003	MTSS – Panda Security Software www.mtss.biz	Panda Security Solutions for the Enterprise & Jetta Laptops	Jon Murphy , MTSS President, presented Panda's enterprise security. Note: NTPCUG Members are eligible for a 10% discount on Panda products and Jetta laptops.
March 2003	MTSS – Panda Security Software www.mtss.biz	Panda Titanium and Platinum Anti-Virus / Firewall Software for the desktop	Jon Murphy , MTSS President, presented Panda's end-user anti-virus and firewall products. Note: NTPCUG Members are eligible for a 10% discount on Panda products and Jetta laptops.
2002	Vendor / Presenter	Product	Speaker(s) and Topic
Dec. 2002	Cutting Edge Software www.cesinc.com	QuickOffice & QuickOffice Pro, Premier Products For Palm Powered Handhelds	QuickOffice & QuickOffice Pro, Premier Products For the Palm PDA
Nov. 2002	Raxco Software www.raxco.com	PerfectDisk 2000 Desktop & Enterprise Defragmentation Software	Greg Hayes , MS MVP presented "Raxco's PerfectDisk 2000 Defrag Software - Why You Need It" Note: NTPCUG members receive a 20% discount.

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