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President's Remarks

After a 9 month hiatus - our newsletter is back and there is lots of information to catch you up on!

After a summer break, the Access Lunchtime User Group is resuming its web seminar schedule next week with guest speaker, Richard Love, Founder of HarborView GxP Business Intelligence and Systems, who will speak on Integrating Access with Power BI. The session promises to offer some great reporting options for data you have stored in Access. Please join us! Meeting details available at Access Lunchtime September 26 at 12pm CT

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What is new in Access 2016?

In June, Microsoft released a couple of minor but not insignificant improvements to Access. Read more about them in this post What's new in Access 2016. My favorite is the associating of a Label control with another control via a new field. I actually did not know that you could do this manually by cutting an existing label and pasting it onto the control you wanted to associate it to. Apparently even after 15+ years working with the product, you can still learn new tricks! I certainly have found it frustrating in the past to add a label that moves with a control at any time other than at the time you create the control. Now it will be a snap!

How Office 365 is getting smarter

This YouTube video New intelligent Office 365 app experiences is actually almost 9 months old, but some of the highlights are quite enlightening and all of the new "tricks" were certainly news to me. I am definitely going to make use of some of the PowerPoint design features in my next presentation. Maybe my typical audience will think I spent my summer taking a design course...

Microsoft announces the retirement of Access Services in SharePoint (also known as Access WebApps)

At the end of March, Microsoft surprised many of its developers with the announcement that it is soon retiring Access Services in SharePoint. Read about all the details at Updating the Access Services in SharePoint Roadmap. The ability to create new Access-based apps in SharePoint Online is already retired (June 2017). Any existing apps will be shut down by April 2018. If you have data or features you need to move, Barnes Business Solutions can help!

Is Windows Defender Good Enough to be your Antivirus program?

This is a great article by How-To Geek, on what the best antivirus defense is if you are using Windows 10. I was pleased to see that Windows Defender is now ranking quite high in the list of antivirus products. The article also does a great job of describing the difference between antivirus and anti-malware software and why you really need BOTH!

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