

Wahoo! Sorry this newsletter has taken so long. Almost October and I am writing for September. Not to mention, we haven't even done a newsletter for a few months. That is where we apologize – we overloaded ourselves and this newsletter was not the only thing to suffer. Most of you know we opened our second location, in Montpelier. Things have been going well. If you haven't come to visit us, please do. It can get lonely working on computers all day!

What's New

Let's see. The Montpelier store has 2 employees that have not been formally introduced to the world – Mike Picard and Oliver Wies. Both are excellent technicians in their own right. Oliver is in the store little, though, as he takes care of the Montpelier on-site work. Mike is in charge of Montpelier's tech center. What a good job he's done, too – Montpelier's turnaround time for tech work has been under 24 hours!

Nextel. That company that sponsors NASCAR also sells cellular phones. And guess who the only authorized representative for the region is? You guessed it, VCI. Currently, our Montpelier store is the only one offering these great phones, but Randolph will soon have the capabilities. If you are unfamiliar with Nextel, they are the company with the best coverage in Vermont (not a lie – we tested! I drove around most of the state with 2 Verizon, Cellular One and Nextel phones. Nextel had the best service.) Plus, they have that great direct-connect walkie-talkie feature that lets you immediately communicate with friends and family. It's an indispensable feature for work, too!

Who Makes the Best Computers?

In a recent survey on Slashdot.org (a geeky-news site frequented by techno people), 53% of people said the most reliable computer they ever had was NOT a known brand. In fact, they said that a white-box (non-branded) computer had been their most reliable. Second was Dell, with 9%. Bottom Line: If you are ready for a new computer, forget all the marketing hype: We build the best computers around. After all, why would we give a 3 year warranty away if we didn't?

Tip of the Month

Windows XP Service Pack 2

- We have NOT found it to be the most reliable. If you are planning on upgrading, make sure to do a full backup, first.
- However, any and all other Windows Critical Updates should be done regularly.
- Don't forget to update your Antivirus, too!

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