

# **Computer Club General Meeting**

**September 5, 2013**

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- **Call to Order**
- **Welcome Guests and New Members**
- **Regrets – our scheduled speaker, Chad Indrieri had a family emergency in CA**
- **October Meeting – Las Vegas Metro Forensics Lab**
- **Questions from the audience**
- **Tonight's presentation ...**
- **Cookies and coffee**

# Popular Free Cloud Storage Services

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- **Most services offer a baseline amount of free storage and then charge for additional usage.**
- **Several will synchronize your cloud storage space with a dedicated folder on your local hard drive or handheld device.**
- **MS SkyDrive & Google Drive allow online editing of documents stored in your cloud storage by one or more authorized users – nice for collaborative work.**
- **Any file in your local folder for the cloud storage service (e.g. your SkyDrive folder) will automatically get uploaded to the cloud storage space. This provides for *automatic backup* of any data you place in your local cloud folder.**
- **Most services offer *additional* free storage for referrals.**

## Popular Services

Microsoft SkyDrive: <http://Skydrive.live.com>

7GB free (25GB if have a Windows Live account), 20GB \$10/yr  
50GB \$25/yr Win, Mac, IOS, WP7, Android

Apple iCloud: [www.apple.com/icloud](http://www.apple.com/icloud)

5 GB free, 10GB \$20/yr Mac (Lion or later), IOS 5, Win (Vista, 7, 8)

DropBox: [www.dropbox.com](http://www.dropbox.com)

2GB free, 50GB \$9.99/mo Win, Mac, IOS, Android

Google Drive: <http://drive.google.com>

Up to 15GB free, 25GB \$2.49/mo Win, Mac, IOS, Android

SugarSync: <https://www.sugarsync.com>

5GB free, 30GB \$49.99/yr Win, Mac, IOS, Android

Amazon Cloud Drive: [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)

5GB Free, 20GB \$20/yr Win, Mac, IOS, Android, purchased MP3 files stored for free.

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