

# Historical Trivia

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From the files of the Electronic Club, the forerunner of our PC Club

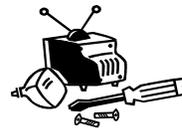
## "Some Things Never Change"

Thirty-two years ago, in March 1974, the Electronic Club was organized. This club soon encompassed the Radio Club and ultimately became the Computer Club of Leisure World.

This club worked on various new inventions pertaining to radio and TV . Their workshop was in Clubhouse 1 where the CB club is today. Their workshop needed volunteers to staff the area. Guess What? Volunteers were hard to come by and eventually the membership each took their turn. Members dues paid for the equipment which was then turned over to PCM, just like today. Each year the club looked for, but didn't always get, money from PCM to purchase new items, just like today.

The same questions were asked then as now. Why do we need computers? What are they good for? Why do we want PC's instead of Apple's?

The old saw "What goes around, comes around" seems to apply here. Follow me and we shall see.



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## ARE YOU AUCTION SAVVY? 10 TIPS FOR BIDDERS

Online auctions are more popular than ever, enabling users to find everything from collectibles to car parts. Most auction transactions go smoothly. Auction fraud, however, is also more prevalent. You may never receive the item that you won, or the item that you receive may not be what the seller promised. You may even discover that a seller has stolen your personal information. Fortunately, if you do a little research and follow these tips, you can help avoid auction fraud.

1. **Research the auction site.** If you've never used an online auction site, read the site's Help file before you place a bid. Also make sure you understand the site's privacy statement and its user agreement. For example, after you place a bid, most auction sites will require you to pay for the item if you win, even if you no longer want the item or decide your bid was a mistake. Make sure to check for insurance and guarantees. Some sites will reimburse your money if you've been scammed.
2. **Research the seller.** Ask for a telephone number and verify it. Be wary of sellers who ask that you send payment to a PO Box instead of a physical address. Many auction sites track a seller's history and encourage feedback from buyers concerning their experiences with sellers. Ask questions before dealing with sellers with no feedback or no sales history.
3. **Research the item.** Learn about an item before you bid on it. Find an expert on that particular item and ask if she can authenticate it. Compare prices on other auctions for similar items or even at online stores. Ask questions if the auction price is considerably lower than what you can find elsewhere.

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