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Triggertrap Mobile 2.0

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As an avid photography nut, I’m always looking for new ways to trigger my camera (s) using a remote device and since my iPhone is supposed to be a smart device, why

not use it? I have thousands and thousands of photos, with only a small percentage of them which include me. I have a couple of wireless triggers, and they work well, but when I hear about the TriggerTrap, I was a must have for my toy box. Most of my camera works with electronic shutter releases for remote trig-

gering but some of the proprietary solutions for Nikon or Canon can cost north of \$100. Enter Triggertrap.

The Trigger trap Mobile 2.0, work with iOS and Android mobile apps and offers 14 different remote triggering options that work with your smart

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Join us

January 4, 2014

Grayslake Public Library from 12:00 to 3:00pm for:

Swap Fest & Show and Tell

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Due to our membership in APCUG, we are able to get free books from O’Reilly Publications. The first person reviewing the book must write a review for our newsletter. Whoever this is may have the book for 3 months. I have a wait list for each book and will

put your name on it; members are put on this list as they make requests: first come, first served. Please do not contact O’Reilly. They wish to only have 1 contact for this service and I am the club librarian.

We also periodically receive e-books via

email and I will bring those to meeting to raffle off.

These are the books we have so far:

- Creating a Website
- Create Your Own Photo Book
- Sixty Tips for Creative iPhone Photography
- Google help.

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LCACE membership is open to all individuals and families interested in personal computing. Annual dues are \$20.00 per individual/family. Applications for membership may be obtained at the monthly meeting, by request on the club hotline, and are now available on our web site at <http://www.lcace.org>.

Meetings

LCACE meetings are usually held on Saturdays at the Grayslake Area Public Library, 100 Library Lane, Grayslake, Illinois. The meeting room opens at noon and the formal meeting begins at 12:30 p.m. All meetings are open to the public. Bring a friend!

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Robin's RAMblings

Everyone had a good time at our holiday party despite the snowy weather. Undeterred by the snow, Santa Claus made it right on schedule.

Thank you to Gail Robison who ran the kitchen with Liz Barnett our food chair. As always, our LCACE members outdid themselves cooking. Club founder J.J. Johnson brought his brand new photo booth to take pictures of anyone who wanted them. He also took pictures with Santa Claus for those who wanted a souvenir photo. This is J.J.'s holiday gift to our club.

Thank you to vice president Linda Busch and treasurer Winnie Frost who took care of the business side of the party. Birthday girl Linda Roling took time away from her family to attend the party and help welcome guests. J.J., Hermione McEnery photographed guests at the party. Hermione looks like she is going to be quite a photographer when she grows up.

We owe a special thank you to Linda Koudelka and Winnie Frost for their hard work obtaining door prizes for the party. It was particularly challenging this year. Thank you to Eric Rehberger who stepped in at the last minute to take over guard duty at the bank door.

Hannah and Nina Hernandez, Jude, and Ethan Seidenberg were my wonderful raffle helpers. We couldn't have done it without them.

Linda Roling and Anita Hernandez won 50/50. J.J. sold the most raffle tickets. Lois Wells sold the winning raffle ticket to herself; she won the 17" Toshiba laptop. Mike McEnery sold the ticket for the iPad to his brother, Paul, and Corrine McEnery sold the ticket for the Kindle to Jeff Miner. Richard Kline won the year's membership to LCACE.

You probably won't believe what you are about to read, but it is a true story. I had a 1TB Western Digital My Passport portable hard drive that my computer was having difficulty recognizing. It would do so for a few minutes and that was it. The bad news is that the only place the data existed was on that drive. I was desperate to retrieve the data. I called a very knowledgeable computer buddy in Florida. He asked if the drive had ventilation holes; I checked and said it did not. Because I had left the drive connected to my computer it had probably overheated. He said there was something I could try,

but that there was no guarantee of success. The only other way I was going to get that data was to pay a great deal of money to send it to a "clean room" for retrieval so I felt I had little to lose.

If you are standing up you had better sit down before you read this next part. He told me to wrap the drive in zip lock bags and put the drive in the freezer overnight. Yes, you read that correctly! The next night I took it out of the bags and connected it to my computer. Are you ready for this?? The computer was now able to read what was on the drive. Since I am a chicken at heart, I was being guided by a senior tech at Dell while this was occurring. After about 15 minutes the tech asked if the drive was hot. I said it was neither hot nor cold. We then decided that I should take pliable mini ice packs out of the freezer, wrap them in zip lock bags and drape them over the hard drive that was attached to my computer. Are you still sitting down? I was able to transfer about 85GB of data to the hard drive on my old computer. I probably could have gotten it to go longer but felt the rest of the data was available elsewhere.

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Holiday Party

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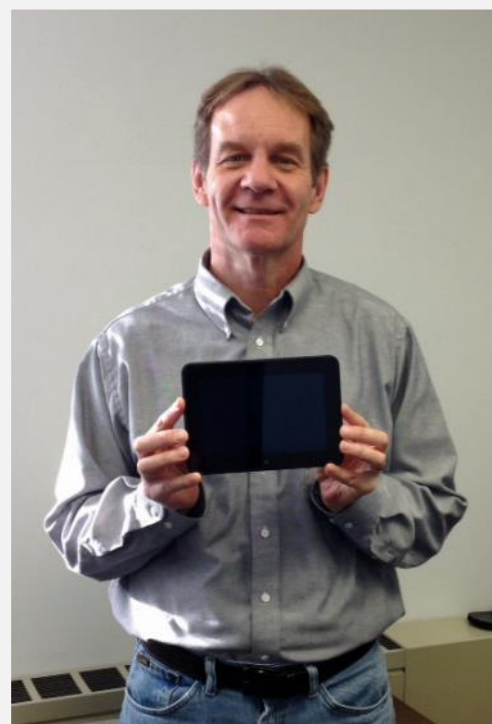
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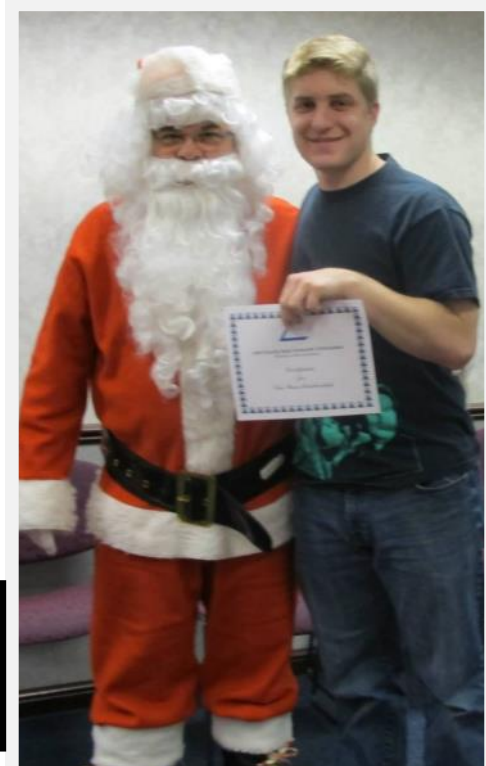
Lois Wells won the Toshiba Laptop. Ticket sold by Lois Wells



Paul McEnery won the Apple Ipad. Ticket sold by Mike McEnery



Jeff Miner won the Kindle. Ticket sold by Corrine McEnery



Richard Kline won the years Membership.

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phone. Once the camera is secured to the camera connector all you have to do is attach the dongle. The dongle will plug into your devices headphone jack and will join the connector on the other end with a 2.5mm looking plug.

The interface is very simple, making it easier and faster to switch between triggering modes. It has so many features I literally can tell you about all of them in this review, but I have listed them and tell you about my experience I had with my iPhone 4S with my Canon G12.

Tech Specs

Triggertrap app consists of 17 features:

- § Timelapse Mode
- § TimeWarp™ Mode
- § Sound sensor Mode
- § Shock & Vibration sensor Mode
- § Metal & magnetism sensor Mode
- § Facial recognition Mode
- § LE HDR Mode
- § LE HDR Timelapse Mode
- § DistanceLapse™ Mode
- § Motion detection Mode
- § Cable Release Mode
- § Star trail Mode
- § Bulb Ramping Timelapse
- § Wi-Fi Slave Mode
- § Wi-Fi Master Mode (trigger other devices running Triggertrap Mobile)
- § Sunset & Sunrise Calculator
- § Lag-o-Meter

All of the above gave me good results most of the time. You have lots of options for triggering the camera.



Triggertrap Mobile is free to download and can be used on its own with the device's internal camera, or you can use Triggertrap's affordable hardware (\$30) to hook the app up to a supported SLR camera.

There is a dongle used to attach your smart phone to the camera and you have to go to the Triggertrap website to match your camera to the right dongle. This proved problematic for me since they originally sent me the wrong dongle, but that may have partially been my fault. I am not certain I was clear about my camera choice. Once that was figured out I tested both cameras.

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I tried the product on my Nikon D300s and D600 and it worked flawlessly. There is a very slight lag between your press of the button on the app and the triggering of the camera but on the Nikon it's almost imperceptible. It's almost on par with the triggers my other camera triggers. There are tons of options for each mode and using this product to its full potential will no doubt open up some creative possibilities I have yet to explore.

For \$30, Trigger Trap is a fine alternative to more expensive remote shutter releases offered by the camera manufacturers. Time-lapse fans will particularly enjoy this product. It provides a high degree of control over time-lapse shooting that other products don't.

Given the hit or miss experience I had between cameras I can't give this product my highest recommendation, but I can recommend it. For \$30 there's absolutely no reason not to give it a shot.

The only con I could find about the product is the app has to stay on, therefore it drains your smartphone battery

I first saw the TriggerTrap on morning TV and a holiday special gift, but recently, I have seen it displayed in Walgreens.

For more info and photos:

<http://www.thephoblographer.com/2013/03/20/review-triggertrap/>

The following day I googled "hard drive recovery freezer". Nearly all the posts referred to this process as an urban legend. Urban legend or not, it worked when I was desperate to retrieve data which was all I cared about.

We have exciting programs scheduled for 2014:

January 4, 2014-Show and tell, Ask the Gurus, and swap fest.

February 2, 2014-2014-Acronis True Image Home-2014 webinar- presented by Gene Barlow and nominations

March 1, 2014-Phil Bock will present Windows 8.1 and nominations

April 11, 2014-Elections-LCACE 31st anniversary party

May 14, 2014-

June 14, 2014-

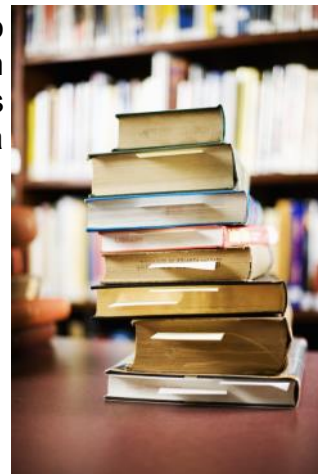
Happy computing!



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Windows 7 Step by Step
The Artists Guide to GIMP
Windows 8 Out of the Box
Office 2010

Books are only lent to paid members. You can e-mail me to get on this list or let me know at a meeting.



NEW December 2013

i Phone - The Missing Manual
Photoshop Elements 12 — The Missing Manual



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