## **RAT Support News Letter**

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This news letter is intended to help the people that I enjoy doing business with and anyone else that happens upon this news letter.

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- 1. Now that we are really into the new year, I hope this news letter finds you well and ready for the rest of the year.
- 2. Peer to Peer vs Client Server, that is the question. If you are a home user and have a network (LAN) on your system and you share data from one computer to the other then you have a Peer to Peer LAN. This means each machine on the LAN has it's own security and it might be important for you to put the same log on information on both or all the machines. If you are a business you might have a Client Server LAN, this is more secure and the Server controls all security including log on. The conversion from Peer to Peer to Client Server can be a very trying task. This is because you have many files on many machines and they need to be under the control of the Server. If you are thinking of moving your system from one to the other be sure you understand all that is required.
- 3. Passwords, Passwords etc. Just had some people with an IT person that knew all the Passwords on the system but did not give the management the Passwords. Turns out the person with the information is gone and the computers can not be accessed. This can be a problem for Home use also. I strongly suggest the making of a Password List, keep it up to date and share it with Mom or Dad or the Boss, and visa versa.
- 4. I have had a couple of people ask me about the Cloud and Cloud Computing, here is a good place to read about it: <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cloud\_computing">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cloud\_computing</a>
- 5. I have had my Server down for a couple of days, Had a power outage and the darn thing would not start up properly. Power outages are a problem on all computer systems and if you have important data on them then BACKUP is very important, and having a plan to recover if you have a system failure. If you are concerned you can purchase a UPS (Uninteruptable Power Supply) to give you time to turn off your computer, they are available at any of the computer and service stores.
- 6. As stated before I am looking for subjects to look into and place in this News Letter, Please feel free to ask, I will do my best to give you answers.