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**Celebrate Lighthouses!**

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## National Lighthouse Day—August 7

*National Lighthouse Day honors and commemorates a beacon of light that symbolizes safety and security for boats at sea.*

1. **The Federal Government** oversees the lighthouses in the United States and are maintained by the United States Coast Guard.
2. **Two Civil War generals**, George Meade and William Tecumseh Sherman, both built and designed lighthouses prior to the Civil War.
3. **The United States** has more lighthouses than any other country in the world.
4. **Michigan** is the state with the most lighthouses in the United States.
5. **The world's oldest existing lighthouse** is considered the Tower of Hercules, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that marks the entrance of Spain's La



## Tech Briefing : Best Features of Google Chrome

*AXICOM is a fan of Google Chrome as a browser but we're not the only ones! Most users agree. According to a recent study, 64.9 percent of computer users use Chrome, followed by Firefox at 21.5%, Internet Explorer at 7.1% and Safari at 3.8%.*

### What's the Appeal

Chrome's popularity is partly based on its clean, polished UI (user interface) and its versatility. Chrome also has a seemingly limitless library of extensions. Besides, these well-known attributes, here are a few more:

### Some Great Chrome Features

- \* The Google Omnibox, otherwise known as the "address bar" in most browsers, allows users to not only type in web addresses but does a great job with searches using keywords, questions and equations
- \* When opening a new tab, you can right click on a tab and hit "Pin tab" and the tab converts into a favicon and sticks itself

permanently to the extreme left. Use this on tabs that you never close.

- \* Identify JPGs easily by dragging any mysterious or unknown JPGs into the Chrome browser window to find out the source.
- \* Drag and drop words or phrases into the Omnibox if you want to conduct a Google search
- \* Drag and drop a URL to the Bookmarks Bar for easy access to your favorite websites.
- \* Open specific pages at the start. If you are a creature of habit and want to see the same websites every time you open Chrome, then go to Settings, go to the section "On Startup", click on the option to "Open a specific page or set of pages." Next to that option is a "Set pages" link which allows you to choose your starting sites.
- \* On a PC, you can zoom in or out on a page

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## AXICOM Services: A Roundup!

By Christa Nonnemaker

*We wanted review what AXICOM products and services are available to our clients! Our sole focus is to ensure that your business runs smoothly and seamlessly within the normal parameters of a business day and thus our products and services reflect that goal.*

### Remote Management Systems

AxiGuard is our flagship service. AxiGuard not only protects your computers but also makes them run faster by removing all the junk that slows them down each day: spyware, cookies, cache files, and temp files. AxiGuard includes antivirus and anti-

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## Google Chrome (cont.)

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by pressing Control while rolling your scroll wheel up or down (or by pressing Control-Plus or Control-Minus). Once you zoom in or out from the default, a magnifying glass icon will appear in the right side of the omnibox. You can click the magnifying glass to manually zoom in or out or hit "Reset to default" to return to the normal 100 percent view. Conversely, you can also click Control-0 to return to the default.

- \* To delete your browsing history, including past URLs, cached images, passwords and cookies, you can do that through the clear browsing window in Settings. You can access it quickly by pressing Control-Shift-Delete and a "Clear browsing data" window will open.



## AXICOM Products and Services (cont.)

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spyware for maximum protection. Windows updates, and other security patches are installed on Tuesdays and Thursdays; customers receive a reminder email each week to keep their computers on but logged off overnight during the maintenance window. If you aren't receiving our weekly email reminders, please send an email to support@axicom.net.

### AxiVault—secure remote backup

Every business should have some sort of remote data backup system. With AxiVault, your business data is securely backed up on a daily basis and easily retrievable and monitored daily by AXICOM's techs.

### AxiVault BDR (Backup/Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity)

June's newsletter explained the BDR in detail but essentially the BDR replicates a server on-premise and in the cloud so that if the server due to theft, fire, earthquake, you can continue your business via your virtual server in the cloud from anywhere

### AxiShare—cloud file share for businesses

AxiShare users can access all their files via a drive mapped to the cloud file server, thus negating the

need to synchronize all the files onto their computers. But users who need to have the files copied to their computers will have the option to do so. AxiShare even has an Outlook plug-in for sending large files securely. AxiShare is a powerful cloud file server built for business.

### Tech Hardware and Software

AXICOM offers a wide variety of business computers, servers, networking equipment, and software at very affordable prices. Popular brands include HP, Lenovo, Dell, Microsoft, Adobe, and many others.

### VOIP—managed cloud phone service

AXICOM offers a powerful, cloud-based VOIP service which is feature rich and affordable. We even have an option to include a full-color phone at no cost and a free replacement every 3 years.

### Microsoft Office 365

Microsoft Office 365 offers Exchange email, instant messaging, SharePoint and 50GB of storage and Word, Excel, Publisher cloud apps. You can also get the latest computer-installed Microsoft Office suite for a low monthly price.

## A Tall Lighthouse Tale

This is the transcript of a radio conversation of a US naval ship with Canadian authorities off the coast of Newfoundland in October, 1995. Radio conversation released by the Chief of Naval Operations.

Americans: Please divert your course 15 degrees to the north to avoid a collision.

Canadians: Recommend you divert YOUR course 15 degrees to the south to avoid a collision.

Americans: This is the captain of a US Navy ship. I say again, divert YOUR course.

Canadians: No. I say again, you divert YOUR course.

Americans: This is the aircraft carrier *USS Lincoln*, the second largest ship in the United States' Atlantic fleet. We are accompanied by three destroyers, three cruisers and numerous support vessels. I demand that YOU change your course 15 degrees north, that's one five degrees north, or countermeasures will be undertaken to ensure the safety of this ship.

Canadians: This is a lighthouse. Your call.



## 10 Cool Smartphones of 2015

*Smartphones are always getting updated and improved but it's still worth taking a look at some of the contenders that will appeal to both business-owners and consumers alike.*

### Microsoft Lumia 640

The Lumia 640 is a 5-inch phone with a brightly colored plastic shell and runs on Windows Phone 8.1 although it will be upgradeable to Windows 10. It is a very budget friendly phone at around \$129 although there is a larger, more expensive XL version.

### ASUS ZenPhone 2

The ASUS Zen Phone was recently released in early May and has a friendly ergonomic design. It runs on the Android L OS. Available at \$199.

### Apple iPhone 6 and iPhone 6 Plus

The iPhone is ubiquitous and very popular as its first quarter sales for 2015 showed the best quarter of iPhone sales in its history. New features include the TouchID, the mobile payment tool Apple Pay and improved sensors in the iSight camera to power slow-motion and time-lapse capture. iPhone 6 available for \$199 and the iPhone 6 Plus for \$299.

### Lenovo Vibe Shot

This phone is aimed at those smartphone users who want a great camera. It is a 5-inch FHD smartphone with a 16 megapixel rear camera and a full-frame 16:9 low-light sensor to take pictures at night. Available for \$349.

### BlackPhone 2

If you want to protect important information, then this is the phone for you. It will be available in September.

### LG G Flex 2

The LG G Flex 2 has a 13-megapixel camera with features like Laser Autofocus for clearer images. Its most unique attribute is the fact that it has a curved design. Available for \$504.

### HTC One M9

This smart phone might be the show-stopper when it comes to camera features since it has a 20-

megapixel camera with a sapphire camera cover lens and the HTC Eye Experience software which allows users to split captures and take voice selfies. Cases come in silver, pink, gray and gold.

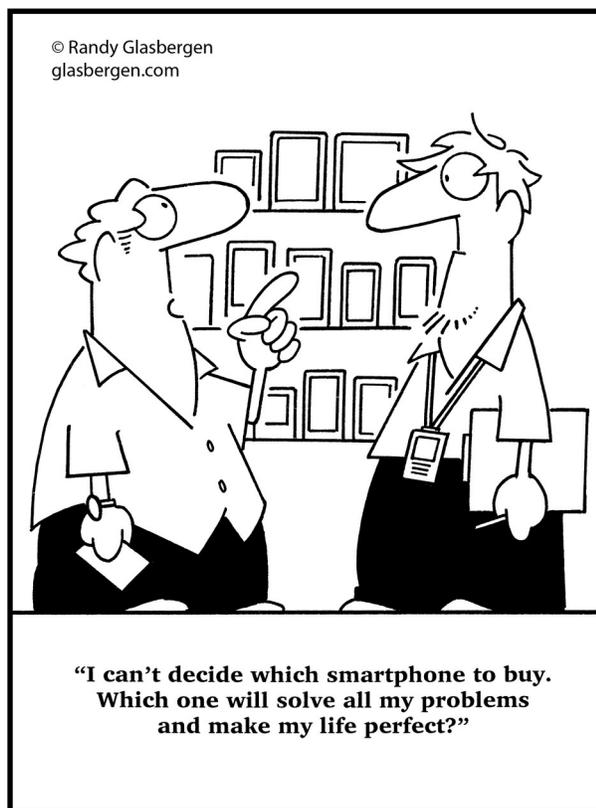
Get ahead of the curve and find out what benefits Windows 10 can bring to your business, by dropping us a line first.

### BlackBerry Leap

BlackBerry is trying to stage a comeback with this new phone. It is aimed at customers who value security and protection and includes support for encryption and built-in malware protection. It runs on BlackBerry 10 OS.

### Samsung Galaxy S6 and Galaxy S6 Edge

Samsung is keeping pace with Apple, at least in its series numbers! In April, Samsung released their newest smartphone in the Galaxy S series, the Galaxy S6. This latest version features aluminum and Gorilla Glass which is an appreciated upgrade from the traditional plastic frames. Available for \$199 for the S6 or \$299 for the S6 Edge.



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the new year with computer support at a flat monthly fee you  
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online! Check it out at [www.AXICOM.net](http://www.AXICOM.net).**

## Inquiring Minds...

### Lighthouses in America Today

While lighthouses are no longer necessary to the safety and guidance of ships and boats due to the proliferation of GPS and other technology advancements, lighthouses still have a keen hold on the American mind and in American culture. Many famous lighthouses still exist today in the United States which stand as museums as well as bed and breakfasts. Some have been purchased as private



Heceta Head Lighthouse, Oregon

homes. There are also local boat companies that will take visitors on lighthouse tours. Find out more through the United States Lighthouse Society, which is a non-profit historical and educational organization dedicated to supporting lighthouse preservation in the country. ([uslhs.org](http://uslhs.org))

PBS also features a site called "Legendary Lighthouses" that lists the most notable lighthouses in the United States along with photos.

### Google Trekker

You can now view some of the most iconic places in the world using Google's Street View function. Thanks to Google Trekker, there are now view of places that cars can't access including the Eiffel Tower, the Taj Mahal, the Grand Canyon, and El Capitan in Yosemite to name a few. Visit Street View Trek on Google Maps to find out more.

### Would you like a solar charger for your phone?

We'd like to give one to you! All you need to do is call to set up an appointment with us to discuss a BDR device (Backup Disaster Recovery). We won't bite but we feel so strongly that our clients need this that we will give you a solar charger just so that we can talk about it with you. If you don't want this, that's fine too but at least we will have had a chance to educate you on its benefits. Give us a call today to set up an appointment to get your solar charger!

**"If you are a lighthouse, you  
cannot hide yourself; if you  
hide yourself, you cannot be a  
lighthouse!"**

— **Mehmet Murat ildan**