

**September 28, 2008**

**The next meeting is October 26, 2008**

**Area Meeting Times:**

|                      |              |
|----------------------|--------------|
| Administration       | 12:30–2:00om |
| Literature Sales     | 1:30–3:00 pm |
| Subcommittees        | 2:00–3:00 pm |
| New GSR Orientation  | 3:15–3:30 pm |
| Area Service Meeting | 3:30–5:30 pm |

**Area Service Meeting Agenda:**

1. Meeting called to order / Moment of silence / Service prayer
2. Reading of the Twelve Concepts
3. Introduction / Roll Call / GSR Report
4. Secretary Report
5. Treasurer Report
6. Vice-Chair Report
7. RCM Report
8. BOD Report
9. Subcommittee Reports including:  
Activities, Finance, H&I, Literature, Phone Line, Policy, PI, Convention, Ad-Hoc
10. Old Business
11. New Business
12. Motions (submit at beginning of ASC meeting)
13. Open Forum

**Roll Call and GSR Reports:**

***Groups in Attendance (20)***

***Total Area Meetings (42\*)***

***Groups that made a donation at the previous ASC meeting are marked with \$***

***Groups that attended this ASC meeting are marked with @***

Breakfast Club.....@  
Blackstone NA.....  
Choose Life.....@..\$  
DigDeep.....  
Faith in Recovery.....@\$.. need of active members  
Gimme Shelter.....@  
Hardcore Recovery.....@..\$.  
IP time .....\$  
Jamestown NA.....  
Keep it Simple Saturday.....@  
Late Night.....\$  
Lie is Dead .....  
Living Free.....@  
Loveline.....@..\$.  
Meeting Street Meeting.....\$  
Narragansett Recovery Systems.. .....  
Never Alone Again.....@  
New Way of Life.....  
New Assication.....  
Opt For Life.....@..\$.  
Ray of Hope.....  
Recovery and Beyond.....@  
Recovery in the Chapel .....@..\$

Recovery in the Country .....@.\$  
 Recovery in the Lake.....  
 Recovery is More Than Abstinence .....@  
 Regardless of .....  
 Resurrection.....  
 Road to Recovery.....@\$  
 Sister in Recovery.....@\$.  
 Smith Hill NA .....@\$  
 Starting Over.....  
 Step Sisters.....  
 Straight Today.....@  
 Steppin Out Wednesday.....  
 Sunday/ Serenity ..... @..\$  
 Surrender or Die.....@...\$  
 We Do Recover.....@  
 Why are we here.....@\$

**Subcommittee Reports:**

***H&I: John D***

Hi Family, Had a policy meeting regarding the new form that presented last month and due to the new forms being passed we had to revise the policy we had on literature person and panel leader. The new literature forms were discussed and passed out by committee that was formed and met on September 14<sup>th</sup> 2008 7 addicts met from the H&I body. The Urban League commitment has been suspended until another member of the fellowship steps up. (women only) Bi-weekly Monday nights from 7-8 pm . An ad-hoc chair was appointed by myself to look over the concerns of H&I. Concerns are as follows--- behavior at facilities; having raffles at commitments; changing days of commitments without letting anyone know; does a panel leader have to share at every commitment.

ILS, John D

**BOD: Kevin V.**

No written report given

***Phone Line: Lewis***

*Hi Family, Are area phone line service has been doing fine. We have been receiving an average from new in touch service call center 158 calls a month 9 mailing of meeting lists for different callers. I need to find out about how many calls we receive from the regional phone line service. I will be attending the next regional phone line meeting to receive more information on how many phone calls we receive from regional service.*

*Love & Service, Lewis S*

***Policy: James M***

*Missing Meetings----- A. Any officer or subcommittee Chair missing one 1 ASC meeting without prior notification of the area chairperson or vice chair person will be sent a letter Immediately following the ASC meeting asking them to attend the next ASC meeting. B. Any officer or subcommittee chair missing 2 two consecutive ASC meetings or two 2 out of three 3 ASC meetings will have impeachment procedures begun against them.*

*RCM----- Traveling Expenses Change----- Motion was 11-26-06-02 Asking for policy change to pay for Traveling Expences of the RCM at the rate of 40 cents per mile to be calculated from the RI State house. Funds to be paid as an operational Expense and ongoing travel budget. Found in minutes 1-28-07*

*Policy on motions----- I could not find in writing the way motions are read. Motion 08-24-08-06 Is out of order. A motion for policy should be put in.*

*ASC Meeting-----Motion 12-30-01-01: That any Interferences during the ASC meeting will be addressed by the CHAIR to come to a halt; if after this warning an individual or individuals continues to interrupt he/she will be asked to leave the meeting. If havoc continues the CHAIR will stop the meeting until the individual or individuals leave. If said individuals of havoc/ disruptions continue beyond 10 minutes the meeting will be closed for the day. Found 12-30-0*

***Activites-----***

*Dances, picnics ,campouts ,special speaker meetings, these events are put on by area activities subcommittees. Activities like these can provide can provide a greater sense of community for the local NA Fellowship and produce additional area income.*

*It should always be kept in mind , however , that these functions are designed to enhance NA's primary purpose, not to replace group contributions in funding area services*

**"PRIMARY PURPOSE"**

**TO CARRY THE MESSAGE TO THE ADDICT WHO STILL SUFFERS.**

*ILS, James M*

**PI: Robin D**

*Hi Family,*

*Public Information received 4 contacts this month requesting Information on NA*

- 1. JM Apartments threw Gateway health care. PI committee met with on September 15<sup>th</sup> 2008 provided them with literature & posters. due to the weather more will be revealed on that event meeting lists are in and updated*
- 2. Trihab Womans DAY in Woonsocket PI committee will be meeting with facility on September 30<sup>th</sup> 2008*
- 3. MHCH/Oasis requesting meeting lists and posters.*
- 4. Hospice Care of Rhode Island PI will not be meeting with this facility.*

*On September 20<sup>th</sup> 2008 PI subcommittee had a booth Downtown at rally Rally for Recovery, On September 26<sup>th</sup> 2008 Map Behavioral Health Services was having a health fair the event was canceled*

*ILS, Robin, Paula, Amy*

**Activities: Liz M**

*Unfortunately due to the weather the home run derby was cancelled. There was no available rain date for the event because the fields at Lincoln Woods are not available after this weekend. In preparation for the event we had already purchased many of the supplies, including water, soda, charcoal, condiments ect. Total expenses for event =218.69\$. We sold 67 tickets @ 3.00 which is \$ 201.00. We are returning \$ 489.31 to area today. Activities recommend that we honor the derby tickets at the Halloween Boogie in October. We will also be selling water and sodas that we already purchased. All other supplies will be going into storage for future events. Estimated cost will of Halloween Boogie DJ-\$ 200 Hall-\$ 150 Decorations, prizes, Ice, chips, pumpkins ect. \$ 150 we are asking for 500 seed money today.*

*No further events are scheduled at this point; however we do have a few things in the works including a joint event with FSA Activities Subcommittee.*

*ILS, LIZ M.*

**Finance: Susan W**

*This past month I had a lot of contact with our accountant regarding our taxes and form 1023 tax exemption. I have received Areas Tax return and form 1023 from the accountant our tax return is ready to be filed with no taxes owed. The form 1023 needs some revision. Finance Committee has met and made the revisions necessary. The form 1023 now needs to be typed again and then given back to the accountant for review. After this process is completed the form 1023 will be filed. The filing fee form 1023 is \$ 750.00. I hope that this will be filed before next area meeting.*

*ILS, Susan W*

**Secretary: Cyndi W**

*Good afternoon Family,*

*I want to apologize for prior minutes not getting out on time also that I was not here last month. Thank you, Delia and Robin for your help. I'm asking when signing in please write clearly so I can understand every ones writing if you need help please see me. I also need an alternate secretary as I have spoken with BOD and Chair of area I have some health issues going on that I need to take care of and unfortunately I have no control over this happening. I cannot promise that I can be here for area and fulfill my obligation to area as when I was elected to this position.*

*ILS, Cyndi W*

**Treasurer: Sully D**

See attached report

Literature report Timmy C.

September.

Literature Sales for the month of August

|                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| HI:                        | \$171.80  |
| PI:                        | \$12.00   |
| Phone line:                | \$0.00    |
| Group Sales total w/o tax: | \$1832.13 |
| Tax Total                  | \$129.07  |
| Group Sales total w/tax:   | \$1952.21 |

Total RI meeting lists sold: 875

Total New England region meeting lists sold: 175

Costs for literature restock: \$ 1104.82

*RCM report: Hal B –  
Verbal report given*

*Ad-Hoc Outreach- Delia F  
No report at this time*

*Ad-Hoc Computers- Kim L  
See attached report*

***Old Business:***

***Motions:***

***\*\*\*This Motion Passed\*\*\****

**Motion 082408-03 Maker Hal B seconded James M**

**To raise RCM mileage cost from .40 to .55 per mile regardless of distance.**

**Intent: So the RCM costs are up to date.**

***\*\*\*This motion was tabled\*\*\****

***Motion-072708-04 Maker Steve S seconded by Cathy W***

***To make convention committee a standing committee in the GPA, until which time that the GPA decides to have a convention.***

***Intent: So that regardless of the dates the business of constant improvement, guideline review and policy adaptation occurs. This ensures continuity.***

***\*\*\*This Motion was out of order\*\*\****

***Motion-082408-04 Maker Hal B seconded by James M***

***To have RCM budget that would allow 1. Area flyers 2 .milage 3. Hotel and boat fare to and from if needed. Pre Approved cost north east zonal forum.***

***Intent: To allow the RCM to attend Regional weekends.***

***\*\*\*This Motion was withdrawn\*\*\****

***Motion-082408-05 Maker Steve S seconded by Kathy W***

*To split the meeting list and have a specialized GPA meeting list.*

*Intent: To avoid the present problem from reoccurring.*

**\*\*\*This Motion was out of order\*\*\***

**Motion-082408-06- Maker Hal B seconded by James M**

*To change the motion policy that reads motions are read in the order they are received to reading money, policy, housekeeping costs come 1<sup>st</sup> in New Business.*

*Intent: To conduct important NA monthly service in a order more orderly that are not put off due to time restraints.*

## ***New Business:***

### ***ELECTIONS:***

***ALTERNATE SECRETARY: Dawn M***

***CONVENTION CHAIR: Wayne G***

***TREASURER OF ASC: Cathy M***

***THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE STILL OPEN: ALT TREASURER, AND ALT RCM:***

### ***Open Forum:***

### ***Announcements:***

### ***General Announcements:***

***New Meeting Jamestown NA Thursday 7:30-8:30 St Matthews Episcopal Church 87 Narragansett Ave Jamestown RI 02835***

***Haunted Halloween Boogie***

***Saturday October 25,2008***

***Meeting 7:00-9:00 Dance 9:00-1:00am***

***John Hope Settlement House 7 Thomas P Whitten Way Providence***

***5.00 Suggested Donation.... Tickets will be available in advance***

***No addict will be turned away***

***Contact Lyz M (401) 996-5136***

**\*\*\*\*The Following meetings have asked for support \*\*\*\*\***

“Recovering with our vets”  
Providence VA Medical Center  
830 Chalkstone ave  
Prov. RI 02908  
Classroom 1 (5<sup>th</sup> floor)  
Tuesday 6:15 until 7:45

Faith in recovery  
Pitman street  
Providence RI  
Sunday 5:45 until 6:15

Greater Providence Area

Treasurer's Report

Month AUG 2008

|                                 | Income    | Expenses | Check # |
|---------------------------------|-----------|----------|---------|
| Literature Sales                | \$1816.08 |          |         |
| RI State Sales Tax Received     | \$128.45  |          |         |
| Group Donations                 | \$228.85  |          |         |
| Free Spirit Area                |           |          |         |
| Church Hall Rent (2 months)     |           | \$50.00  | 1863    |
| Verizon                         |           | \$65.00  | 1867    |
| Answering Service (NE in Touch) |           |          |         |
| Regional Phonenumber            |           | \$51.12  | 1866    |
| Secretary Expenses              |           |          |         |
| Secretary Returned              |           |          |         |
| Treasury Expenses               |           | 38.00    | 1870    |
| Literary Purchase               |           | 1,304.35 | 1865    |
| Meeting List Purchase           |           | \$77.40  | 1865    |
| H&I Subcommittee                |           |          |         |
| PI Subcommittee                 |           |          |         |
| Activities Subcommittee         |           | 500.00   | 1869    |
| Literature Subcommittee         |           |          |         |
| Policy Subcommittee             |           |          |         |
| RCM Expenses                    |           | 158.64   | 1868    |
| Sales Tax (Balance:)            |           |          |         |
| Other Tax Responsibilities      |           |          |         |
| Convention Committee            |           |          |         |
| Region or World Donation        |           |          |         |
| Corporation Fee                 |           |          |         |

|                         |                   |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Previous Balance        | \$14887.85        |
| Monthly Income          | \$2,173.38        |
| Monthly Expenses        | \$2,244.15        |
| Final Balance           | 14,817.08         |
| Area Prudent Reserve    | 3500.00           |
| Available Activity Fund | \$500.00          |
| Area Insurance Reserve  | \$2017.64         |
|                         |                   |
| <b>Available Funds</b>  | <b>\$8,799.44</b> |

**9/28/08**

**Ad-Hoc Laptop Research Sub-Committee Report, Kim L. appointed Chair**

**Task:**

To research pricing and options for purchasing replacement laptop(s) for the Greater Providence Area positions of Secretary, Treasurer, and Literature Sub-Committee Chair. Make recommendations to the body based on the findings.

**Recommendations:**

If the Greater Providence Area body decides to purchase a laptop(s) for Area use, my recommendation is to begin with one laptop for the Secretary's use, followed by the purchase of one every 6-12 months until all required laptops have been bought. It is common practice within small and large businesses to stagger IT procurements so that the cost (and subsequent upgrade requirements and maintenance issues) is distributed over a longer time frame. Of the three positions the GPA has previously decided should receive a laptop, it is my opinion that the position with a critical need for a laptop is the Area Secretary. The Secretary needs to create, print, and email/mail minutes monthly, and in addition must maintain Area minutes for up to a year at a time. Providing the position with a laptop can help with these job functions and take the responsibility off of the individual for providing their own computer. The other two positions have less need, but I would rank the Literature Sub-Committee Chair second (whose position is done more efficiently with accurate inventory spreadsheets and online ordering from NAWS), and Treasurer as third. I also think that having a maintenance contract is essential for protecting the Area's investment(s). The responsibilities of laptop ownership include maintaining software and operating system updates, maintaining data security and virus protection updates, regular data backup to an external data storage device (external hard drive/USB flash drive/CD/DVD disc/web storage), protecting the machine from theft and physical damage, and periodic disk utility maintenance as needed. A laptop's average lifespan is three years, which exceeds the length of time an individual can serve in a single position, therefore there is no individual who can currently –because of the position they hold– be a point of accountability for the laptops. Therefore, I suggest creating a budget item allocating money to a company willing to take on part of the responsibility for care and maintenance is a good protection of our investment, providing accountability and continuity.

The following features are my recommendations for any new laptop purchase. Please note that because of the fast pace of software and hardware technology advances, these recommendations will be out of date if more than 6 months elapse between the time of this report and the purchase(s). Similarly, the prices I gathered for this report are only to provide a current snapshot for research purposes, not bids. Since this Ad-Hoc subcommittee was only tasked with researching the topic, and the Area body has not yet decided whether to purchase new laptops or not, if such a decision to purchase is made in the future, bids will need to be gathered at that time. A good place for impartial comparison information online is <http://www.cnet.com> A short word on web/internet connectivity: today, most laptops come standard with a built in wireless card. What this means is that it will pick up a wireless network if there is one available to it. Free networks are available at some locations (Starbucks, the Providence Public Library, etc. look for "Free Wi-Fi hotspots," others are available on-demand for a fee in public locations and access must be purchased with a credit card), otherwise a dedicated internet service provider requires a subscription and is tied to a single location. For example: At home I have Cox hi-speed internet (through my cable line) connected to a wireless router that sends the signal to my computer's wireless card, for which I pay about \$40 a month. The access is tied to the access point – in this case my cable line – it does not travel with the computer. The current GPANA web hosting service has free email accounts and some storage space available that can be distributed to positions as needed but it is not an internet service provider (also know as an ISP – which is how you access anything on the internet/web/email/etc.).



**Features:**

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| Memory        | 2 GB DDR2 667Mhz minimum   |
| Hard Drive    | 160 GB 7200RPM minimum   |
| Processor     | Fastest we can afford: Options include:<br>AMD Turion 64, AMD Turion 64 X2, Intel Core Duo, or Intel Core 2 Duo<br>Intel Core 2 Duo T8300/8100 OR<br>Intel Core 2 Duo L7400/7500 |
| Battery life  | 6-8 hours optimum  |
| CD-RW         | Required for data storage and software installation  |
| DVD-RW        | Nice to have, not necessary  |
| Wireless LAN  | Wireless "N" capabilities optimum<br>Built-in 802.11 a/b/g/n required and Bluetooth optional   |
| Graphics Card | NVIDIA or ATI graphics   |
| Screen size   | 15" would be fine  |
| Warranty      | 1 to 3 years recommended   |
| Maintenance   | contract recommended   |

**Required Software:**

Microsoft Windows Vista Home Premium  
 Microsoft Office (specifically MS Word, and MS Excel)  
 Adobe Acrobat

**Other:**

1 or 2 GB USB keys (1 per laptop)  
 Blank CD-RWs (One (3 or )5-packs per laptop)  
 Carrying Sleeves/Cases/Bags (1 per laptop)

-----  
 The following was taken from a laptop-buying guide online that sounds pretty close to what we're looking for so I've included it in my report:

**Midsized (aka mainstream)**

Not all midsized laptops are inexpensive, but most inexpensive laptops are midsized. Why? Whereas a desktop replacement is designed to deliver high performance and a thin-and-light is optimized for portability, the typical midsized laptop isn't specialized. Rather, a midsized laptop gives you everything you need for basic computing (word processing, storing digital photos), home entertainment (burning CDs, watching DVDs), and online communication (e-mail and Web surfing). Slightly smaller than desktop replacements and with limited battery life, midsized laptops aren't particularly well suited for regular travel.

- Weight: 6 to 8 pounds
- Size: More than 1 inch thick
- Display: 14 to 15.4 inches (diagonal), possibly wide screen
- Processor: Slow/budget AMD Sempron or Intel Celeron, midrange AMD Turion 64 or Intel Core Duo, or fast Turion 64 X2 or Core 2 Duo processors
- Features: Most ports and connections; 60GB to 100GB hard drive; DVD burner; memory card reader; decent software package
- Networking: LAN, modem, Wi-Fi
- Other things to note: May be less attractively designed; may suffer from mediocre performance and battery life
- Price range: Start at \$500; fully loaded \$900 and up

## ●Dell Inspiron 1525

Priced at: \$499.99 at Best Buy

### Specifications:

Processor: Intel Pentium Dual Core (1.86 GHz)

RAM installed: 2 GB DDR2 SDRAM / 4 GB max

Wireless capabilities: 802.11g, 802.11b

Weight: 6 lbs

Hard drive: 250 GB

Storage: DVD+/-RW – Integrated

Screen: 15.4 TFT active matrix

Battery life: ? hrs (estimated)

OS provided: Microsoft Windows Vista Home Basic, Service Pack 1

Warranty: 1 year warranty

The good: Slimmer than Dell's 14-inch Inspiron; includes HDMI and touch-sensitive media control buttons; a bit cheaper than other 1525 configurations and has better battery life.

The bad: Slightly slower than other versions of the 1525 we've looked at; smaller hard drive.

The bottom line: The Dell Inspiron 1525-121B is the textbook example of a midsize, mainstream laptop. Switching to slower CPU knocks a little off the performance, but also takes \$80 off the price and adds battery life, compared with Dell's more mainstream configurations.

## ●Compaq Presario F767NR

Turion 64 X2 TL-60 2 GHz - 15.4" TFT

Priced at: \$509.99 at CompUSA

### Specifications:

Processor: AMD Turion 64 X2 mobile technology TL-60 / 2 GHz

RAM installed: 2 GB DDR2 SDRAM / 3 GB max

Wireless capabilities: 802.11g, 802.11b

Weight: 5.7 lbs

Hard drive: 250 GB

Storage: DVD+/-RW – Integrated with LightScribe technology

Screen: 15.4 in TFT active matrix

Battery life: ? hrs (estimated)

OS provided: Microsoft Windows Vista Home Premium

Warranty: optional

Pros: Has a 250GB hard drive, which is considerably larger than some similarly priced notebooks. By way of comparison, the typical cost of a product with this large a hard drive is \$1,165.

Cons: None noted, given available product data.

Suitability: A thin-and-light notebook, suited for business computing. Comes with a DVD recorder, allowing you to convert home movies from your digital camcorder onto DVDs. Includes advanced word processing software -- fine for most serious business or academic document authors. Also, this laptop comes packaged with photo editing software to help you select, crop, and print the photographs from your digital camera. If you have a wireless network at home, wirelessly browse the Web from any room in your house with this Wi-Fi enabled notebook.

Value: In view of its very inexpensive price, this notebook has great features for the money. Generally, while it won't impress at LAN-parties, this item may be just the ticket for a buyer on a tight budget.

## HP Pavilion dv6915nr

Priced at: \$579.99 from Best Buy

### Specifications:

Processor: AMD Turion 64 X2 mobile technology TL-60 / 2 GHz

RAM installed: 3 GB DDR2 SDRAM / 4 GB max

Wireless capabilities: 802.11g, 802.11b, 802.11a

Weight: 6 lbs

Hard drive: 200 GB

Storage: DVD+/-RW – Integrated with LightScribe technology

Screen: 15.4 in TFT active matrix

Battery life: ? hrs (estimated)

OS provided: Microsoft Windows Vista Home Premium

Warranty: optional

The good: Attractive design; decent battery life; comfortable keyboard; touch pad on/off button; touch-sensitive media controls; dual headphone jacks.

The bad: Mediocre performance on benchmarks; speakers produce treble sound.

The bottom line: The well-designed HP Pavilion dv6915nr incorporates most of the features you'll need for school, but other 15.4-inch laptops offer better performance for the same price

### The others:

## Dell Vostro 1510 Laptop Computer

(Intel Core 2 Duo T5670 1.8GHz, DDR2 SDRAM 2GB, 160 GB HDD)

Price: \$599 at Dell.com

### Specifications:

Processor: Intel Core 2 Duo (1.8 GHz)

RAM installed: 2 GB DDR2 SDRAM / 4 GB max

Wireless capabilities: 802.11g, 802.11b

Weight: 6.2 lbs

Hard drive: 160 GB

Storage: DVD+/-RW – Integrated

Screen: 15.4 TFT active matrix

Battery life: 5 hrs (estimated)

OS provided: Microsoft Windows Vista Home Basic, Service Pack 1

Warranty: 1 year warranty

Pros: Has a 15.4 screen size, which is somewhat larger than some similarly priced notebooks. In fact, the average cost of a product with this large a screen size is \$1,105.

Cons: Has a 6.2-pound weight. This is not out of line with the product's price, but is heavier than the average notebook on the market today. The Dell Vostro 1510 comes with simple word processing software? if you often create complex documents you will likely need to upgrade to a more powerful office suite. Shared video memory has an adverse effect on system performance which may be okay for users with more modest graphics needs. Users with more demanding needs should look to a graphics solution that brings its own muscle.

Suitability: A mainstream notebook, suited for general mobile computing. Comes with a DVD player for watching movies. Get status reports while on business trips by using this notebook's built-in Wi-Fi modem to connect to wireless networks in airports and hotels.

Value: Given its very inexpensive price, this notebook has great features for the money.

## **Sony Vaio NR430E/L**

Price range: \$599.00 at Best Buy

### **Specifications:**

Processor: Intel Pentium Dual Core (1.86 GHz)

RAM installed: 2 GB DDR2 SDRAM / 2 GB max

Wireless capabilities: 802.11g, 802.11b, 802.11a, 802.11 pre-N

Weight: 6.3 lbs

Hard drive: 160 GB

Storage: DVD+/-RW – Integrated

Screen: 15.4 TFT active matrix

Battery life: 5 hrs (estimated)

OS provided: Microsoft Windows Vista Home Basic, Service Pack 1

Warranty: 1 year warranty

The good: Strong budget performer; lengthy battery life; great keyboard and touch pad.

The bad: Loud, clacky mouse buttons; no media control keys; AV Mode button is useless.

The bottom line: The entry-level Sony Vaio NR430 strikes all the right notes—decent performance, pleasing design, great keyboard and display--to form an excellent 15-inch laptop for students (and home users in general) on tight budgets.

## **HP Compaq Presario C769US**

(Dual Core T2370 1.73GHz, 2GB RAM, 250GB HDD, Vista Home Premium)

Priced at: \$529.99 at NewEgg.com or 653.06 at Amazon.com

### **Specifications:**

Processor: Intel Pentium Dual Core T2370 / 1.73 GHz

RAM installed: 2 GB DDR2 SDRAM / 2 GB max

Wireless capabilities: 802.11g, 802.11b

Weight: 5.7 lbs

Hard drive: 250 GB

Storage: DVD+/-RW – Integrated with LightScribe technology

Screen: 15.4 in TFT active matrix

Battery life: ? hrs (estimated)

OS provided: Microsoft Windows Vista Home Premium

Warranty: 1 year warranty

Pros: Has a 250GB hard drive, which is somewhat larger than some similarly priced notebooks. By way of comparison, the average cost of a product with this large a hard drive is \$1,205.

Cons: Only has a Pentium dual Core processor. This is not out of line with the product's price, but is less efficient than the average notebook on the market today. Graphics-intensive applications (such as texture-rich games, DVD playback, and video editing) will hinder performance on a system that relies on shared video memory.

Suitability: Suited for those who just need a basic notebook. Store massive amounts of data on DVD using the DVD writer included in this notebook. Includes advanced word processing software; it comes with plenty of features for most document authors. Develop your digital darkroom savvy using the photo editing software bundled with this computer. If you have a wireless network at home, wirelessly browse the Internet from any room in your house with this Wi-Fi enabled laptop.

Value: In view of its very inexpensive price, this notebook has great features for the money.