

Dear Reader,

My husband has been writing these articles now for a few months so I thought I would give him a break and write one for him. But I know much less about computers than he does. However, I do know about living with a man who fixes computers so I thought, if I write about a “computer guy” maybe that will entertain readers, albeit it won’t leave them any smarter as his articles tend to do.

Thomas loves to watch Cops – you know the show that comes on every Saturday at 8pm on Fox that shows real video of law enforcement officers in action. That’s what’s on TV now. The cops have given chase after a stolen car. I’m not paying much attention to it, but Thomas says, “If you are going to steal a car, why THAT one? It’s like a 1980 Honda Civic” and I look up and laugh. Eventually, the good guys win and as they said on TV, “and no one got hurt.” Good deal.

We don’t watch much TV, probably because we both spend much of our time in front of a computer and don’t want to sit in front of another screen after work. But Cops is an exception. For me, it’s West Wing. But I digress.

Living with a “Computer Guy” can sometimes be tough. For example, when people find out what he does for a living, they ask him many questions about their computer. And although I know that a lot of you may think that this line of conversation would be highly interesting and entertaining, I have to say that listening about motherboards and T1 lines sometimes has me zoning out.

However, there are definite perks to having him nearby. For example, getting free and immediate computer repair and upgrades is great. But probably the best part is having him available when I’M the one who has questions about MY computer. (Suddenly that “not so interesting” conversation has got my attention!) When I’m at work and I have a computer question, I should call our tech guys (and gals) since that’s what they’re there for, and I do a lot of the time. But there are just some times when the only person who qualifies (in my mind anyway) is Thomas. So he gets the phone call and I get the help (he’s always so sweet to help me!)

When the virus, “My Doom,” came out, Thomas called me and told me about it before I even turned on my computer at work that morning. And it’s a good thing he did. I had two emails with the virus that morning. Four hours later, our department sent out an email warning us about the virus.

Thomas is really good about researching and keeping up to date on the latest technologies and tech news, which is part of why he knew about the virus before anyone else I knew. But of course the problem with this is that it’s hard for me to win a computer-related argument. Oh well, I guess some things have to be sacrificed in order to reap the benefits of having a “computer guy” in the house!

Well, Cops is over and so is this article! I hope you've enjoyed this brief break from the typically informative articles that Thomas writes. We'll be back to our regularly scheduled program next week! And if you ever want to "talk tech" don't call me! Call Thomas!