## SPEEDING UP A DIAL-UP CONNECTION

According to the "Pew Internet & American Life Project", as of June 2009, 7 percent of Americans are still using dial-up Internet in their homes. You can read their "Home Broadband Adoption 2009" report at http://www.pewinternet.org/Reports/2009/10-Home-Broadband-Adoption-2009/5-Barriers-to-broadband-adoption/3-What-would-it-take-to-get-dialup-users-to-switch.aspx

If you are amongst this 7 percent and plan to keep using a dial-up modem to connect to the Internet, here is some advice for you:

## 1. SPEED UP YOUR COMPUTER

Your Internet connection is already real slow, so you should not aggravate the situation by having a slow computer:

If you are running "Windows XP", go to our "Speeding Up Windows XP" page at <a href="http://aztcs.org/meeting\_notes/winhardsig/speedupWindows/xp\_speedup.html">http://aztcs.org/meeting\_notes/winhardsig/speedupWindows/xp\_speedup.html</a> and tweak your computer for greater speed.

If you are running "Windows Vista", go to our "Speeding Up Windows Vista" page at http://aztcs.org/meeting\_notes/winhardsig/speedupWindows//vistaspeedup/vistaspeedup.ht ml

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If you are running "Windows 7", go to our "Speeding Up Windows Vista" page at http://aztcs.org/meeting\_notes/winhardsig/speedupWindows/windows7speedup/windows7speedup.html

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## 2. SPEED UP "INTERNET EXPLORER"

For Internet Explorer, follow the directions in items "2", "6", and "7" at <a href="http://forum.thewindowsclub.com/windows-tips-tutorials-articles/28435-speed-up-your-slow-connection-using-my-tips.html">http://forum.thewindowsclub.com/windows-tips-tutorials-articles/28435-speed-up-your-slow-connection-using-my-tips.html</a>

Item "2" is to turn off graphics in Internet Explorer or whatever Web browser you use. Doing so massively speeds up the download of most Web pages, especially for a dial-up connection.

Item "6" is to save Web pages to a local hard drive and then browse offline.

Your offline browsing will usualy be massively faster than online viewing, especially for a dial-up connection.

Item "7" is to increase the size of the cache space that "Internet Explorer" uses. In some cases, you will need to clear all of your existing cache before increasing the size of the cache space speeds up your online browsing of Web pages. In some cases, you will need to reduce the size of your cache space to speed up your online browsing of Web pages. You can experiment with various cache space sizes to find out which one gives you the best download speeds.