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Charlie Sez: WiFi is The Latest "Buzzword" What Does It Mean And How Will It Affect Us?

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WLAN, router, switch, access point, wireless PC CARD are some of the terms (there are many) used in wireless networking.

Why wireless? Some people simply want to link computers at home or in their office without

wires (either strung from place to place or in the walls). Or they want the convenience of taking their laptop out on the patio so they can easily work outdoors and connect to their main computer and/or the Internet.

Others want to be able to connect their computers to the Internet as they travel around the community or the country and wireless connection is becoming the easiest way to do that. We see and hear news items about WiFi connections in coffee shops, hotels, restau-

rants and other places. Those are the "official" places. Some users enjoy finding available "hot-spots" where they can get access to someone else's network and through that, the Internet.

New member Leo Salazar is organizing a WIRELESS SIG. If you are interested in learning more and participating in this new SIG watch for e-mail announcements or contact Leo Salazar at leos@specialtyinternational.com.

Charlie ♦