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Basics (Not Too Basic next month)

A Funny Thing Happened On My Trip Around The World

I was doing some preliminary work on an article about Google's satellite imagery-based mapping when Chicago got hit by a series of severe storms.

My mother's house sustained damage to a 58' stretch of gutter. I wanted to send pictures to my brother in California so I went over with my trusty Canon G6 digital camera. I ended up taking a 22 second video shot of the gutters complete with sound. This was the first time I tried the video capability of the camera and herein lies the story.

This was so easy

First, I downloaded the video to my computer in an AVI formatted file. Google video will accept several popular formats such as AVI, ASF, QuickTime, Windows Media and MPEG formats. For example, .avi, .asf, .mov, .wmv, .mpg, .mpeg, .mp4, .ra, .ram, and .mod are all acceptable file extensions.

Next, I went to <http://video.google.com> and clicked Sign In in the upper right hand corner. (See the instructions in the text box in the upper right hand corner of this newsletter.)

After you sign in, in the upper right hand corner you are invited to "Upload and share your own videos."

Click on the Upload link and the next page asks you to identify the file you wish to upload.

Sign In Please

If you have not done so already, set up a Google account. A Google account will give you free access to all sorts of neat things, some of which I will cover in future issues.

Go to www.google.com and in the upper right hand corner just click "sign in." You will be asked to sign in or "Create an account now."

Supply an email address and make up a password. **Note:** Do not use the password for your email address. Let's be careful out there.

I usually use the Browse feature to find the file. Then, just come up with a snappy title, a description, select the Genre from the drop-down menu, the default language is English, agree to the terms and click "Upload video."

It takes a while to upload. I try and keep my videos in the 20 second range. Sound increases the size of the file. It is worth the wait. Next, you are invited to email the video link. What's not to like?

This is the address of the Midas test video I made last week courtesy of my sister-in-law. The blue & gold macaw is learning tricks. The video with sound came out darker after it was uploaded.

<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-5425556661211048458> **OR** search for Mister Midas in the Google Video search box.

If you have any tips or suggestions feel free to send them to me at: nteumlp@gmail.com