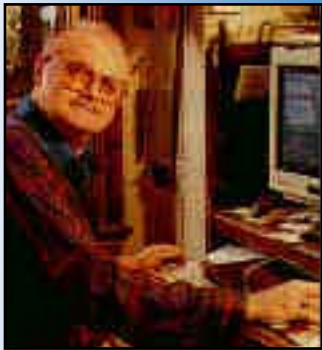


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## Falcon Awarded Users Choice Award Second Year in a Row

The Users Choice Award for UPS systems again goes to Falcon UPS. (Falcon Electric)

We've had several power failures recently. Most don't last long. In every case we've lost no data, because all our critical systems are on Falcon "real time" Uninterruptible Power Systems. Falcon UPS systems cost a bit more than consumer grade UPS, but the batteries last a lot longer so over time I think they may actually be less expensive. They also just plain work. Whether your problem is power failures, brownouts, or variable voltages including surges, Falcon systems are up to the job. Long time readers will remember The Great Power Spike when an accident dropped a 50,000 Volt line across the incoming house power lines in my neighborhood. Lamps exploded, TV sets died, and there were several house fires. We were lucky: most of our computers were protected by surge protectors. One system was connected to a Falcon UPS (the company was called Clary, then) - and when the astonishment was over, the only light for blocks around was from the monitor of my computer. I was able to save my work and shut down, just as I have been able to do when there are power failures.

My newest Falcon UPS is an industrial grade model that runs the entire cable room: servers, monitors, routers, cable modem, and Ethernet switches. I'd had it about a month when we got a live test power failure. Actually it was three power failures. The first one was short, and I hadn't shut everything down when the power came back on. The winds were still howling though, and I wasn't surprised when the power failed again, this time for a couple of hours.



*The Falcon SG Series™ 800VA - 6kVA on-line UPS features true double conversion on-line, sinewave design to provide superior power protection for a wide range of applications.*

Because all my machines are on Falcon UPS systems, I was able to transfer all the web site files from the desktop I normally use to a ThinkPad laptop and still have time left over to copy the mail files as well. This power failure didn't last long enough that I had to go down to the local Starbucks or some other wireless hot spot that still had power, but I could have.

Falcon UPS systems can be connected to your local network and will cause your systems to automatically transfer files then do an orderly shut down. You may not need that capability, but if you do, it's there. Many police and fire departments depend on Falcon. If your work is worth anything, it's worth protecting with a UPS, and Falcon is the best I know of. Highly recommended.

