

# 2021 APCUG Contests

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Bill James, Chair Contest Committee



# **eBulletin**



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 9/13/2021

Presentations

PCS is conducting online meetings until it's safe to go to the Prescott Public Library again. John Carter has taken on the role of PCS' Technical Assistant (a new position created for just him). Please contact him for assistance if you have trouble connecting to the Zoom sessions. Zoom meeting help

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

September 18 - Saturday - 1:00-3:00 PM General Meeting - Leader: JB Burke Zoom meeting will open at 12:45 PM

First Hour: Bill James - Vice-President Computer Club of Oklahoma City
File Explorer is an indispensable app that has been designed to provide a simple user
interface (UI) for you to navigate, access, and help organize the files, folders, and apps stored
on your computer's hard drive, external drives, and anywhere in your network. Ever thought
you knew exactly where an item was, only to spend hours searching your home for it? Folders
and files on your hard drive can cause the same chaos. File Explorer can help by putting you
in charge of how you work with your documents. Just like a filing cabinet, you determine your
filing method. Unlike a filing cabinet, however, you can change how files are displayed,
grouped, and shared.

### Second Hour: Tips & Tricks - Phil Ball

Today's program will be followed by Windows Master Phil Ball with another helping of his famous Windows 10 Tips & Tricks. No matter how well you know Windows, you will be sure to come away from Phil's session with at least one new insight - and probably many more as well

### Register in advance for this meeting

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

### APCUG MEETINGS

September 15 - Wednesday - 9:00 AM It's all about the Pi, Raspberry Pi Register by September 14 - 11:30 PM See APCUG flyer for additional info

### IMPORTANT STUFF

### NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE PRESCOTT COMPUTER SOCIETY

We are all too aware of the resurgence of Covid-19 and the deadly Delta variant. What looked like a return to normalcy has been sidetracked, as the hospitals fill up with largely (93%) unvaccinated patients of all ages, including children. We were hoping to return to the Prescott Public Library starting with the General meeting in September 2021. However, due to the current situation, the PCS Board of Directors has concluded that we should put that off pending further Covid-19 case reductions. You can find more about the Yavapai County Covid-19 situation here and here.

We are booking (and canceling unused) dates for the Founders Suite at the Library on a regular basis, so when we are ready to return it will be waiting for us. In the meantime we are maintaining a regular schedule of three meetings per month via Zoom. It is always our goal to educate our members on all things related to Windows 10 and the Internet, including how to stay safe and avoid the bad actors. Please continue to attend these sessions, and if you are unable to attend via Zoom then regularly check the Members section of PCS for the meeting notes. Lots of good information there.

We are confident that things will soon turn the corner and we look forward to once again greeting you all in person at the library. In the meantime, stay safe, wear your mask in indoor public situations and please get vaccinated if you haven't already done so. It's free and it's for your continued good health and the health of those you hold dear.

### APCUG PHOTO CONTEST

APCUG (Association of Personal Computer User Groups), to which PCS is a member, is sponsoring its Photo Contest which closes on September 30. Contest rules are available <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>. You are encouraged to review the contest rules and submit your potentially awardwinning photos directly to APCUG.

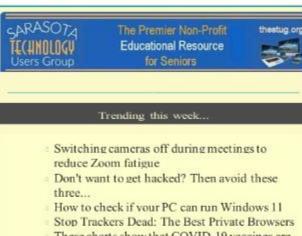
### COMPUTER & PCS QUESTIONS

If you have questions about computers or PCS please contact Ray DeCosta with a brief description of your issue. Your request will be passed on to the proper individual(s) at PCS who will contact you. Link

### SATURDAY'S PRESENTATION NOTES

Phil Ball's notes for his presentation at Saturday's Digital Photo SIG are available <a href="here">here</a> at the top of the list.

# Ray DeCosta, Editor, Weekly Newsletter Prescott Computer Society



- These charts show that COVID-19 vaccines are doing their job
- The 12 Best Electric Bikes for Every Kind of Ride
- How to control the humidity in your home

Good For a Giggle (new every week!) Click Here

Click here to open the STUG website.

Scheduled Classes, Workshops, and Forums

The COVID-19 pandemic prevents STUG from having face to face meetings. Instead, we are effering our meetings, clarace, forums, and workshops virtually using the Zoom application.

A calendar with all our classes, workshops, and forums is available by clicking Mouthly Education Calendar

#### Help Desk

Hosted by Jim Cerny - jimcerny 123@gmail.com

Do you have a technology question to ask our tech-savvy people? Or perhaps you would like to attend just to learn by listening to other questions and answers? Then join us at our next HELP DESK meeting on Zoom. We meet once a month on the Wednesday two weeks after our regular STUG meeting. Our NEXT SESSION will be Wednesday, September 15 from 1:00 to 2:15 p.m. (FT)

You do not have to register for this meeting in advance, just click on the link below a few minutes before the meeting starts. If you have questions about the HELP DESK contact Jim Cerny.

To be on The Help Desk Reminder List, fill out the form at

https://thestug.org/help\_desk\_reminder\_email.html The link for the meeting is

https://zoom.us/j/99400639260?pwd=eFltR0FlamlaZVo2Z1poNzZIMWFldz09

# Dick Bayles, Editor – Sarasota Technology Users Group



## WinSIG Next Meeting Info

If you do not wish to receive these newsletters, please click the "unsubscribe from this list" link at the bottom.

There will not be an in-person CFCS meeting this month. The Windows SIG meeting & main CFCS meeting will only be online. The online meeting opens at 1:00 PM ET. The September meeting of the CFCS WinSIG is Sunday, September 12, 2021, at 1:30 pm. The link to this month's meeting will only be available to those who

register at https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEvce6grz8qGdyZenM WbknhMmKkQP8Rq01-

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. That link will be unique to you, so please do not share it with others or post in social media. You can join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS, Chromebook, or Android. Please do not post or share the link that you receive. This link will be used for the next several months or until notified.

Topics for September 12, 2021 CFCS WinSIG Meeting:

Last month we spent the entire meeting with a demo of Windows 11 and discussed the latest Microsoft Operating System. This month we will cover just a few items about Windows, some items about Windows 10 and some general topics. Here is a list:

- Taskbar bricked in the new Windows 11 builds
- Windows 11 Releases October 5th Here's How to Upgrade for Free
- Windows 11 Will Ship on October 5 Without Android Support
- How to hide the Recommended panel in the Windows 11 Start menu
- Use EdgeDeflector to Enforce Your Browser Choice
- Don't like the Windows 11 Start menu? Stardock Start11 can restore the classic look
- · Windows 11 WILL Run on Old PCs After All
- How to Email Large Files Using Any Email Program or Service

### **CFCS Main Meeting**

Directly following the CFCS Windows SIG Meeting will be the CFCS Main Meeting.

Approximately 2:45 PM ET / 12:00PM PT August 8, 2021. You may register or sign-in using the same link as used for the Windows SIG.

Topic: My Tips for using YouTube by Ron Brown, Tech for Senior

Ron spends most of his day on YouTube. Arising in the morning he watches the news and then before the office he has some quiet time to review his 330 YouTube subscriptions. His morning in the office usually involves interactions on YouTube and lunch with his wife brings laughs as they watch the old classics. YouTube is on his phone, tablet and all their TV's as the primary source of entertainment. In this presentation, Ron discusses how he uses YouTube and give you some tips.

### WinSIG Last Meeting Notes

For the August 8, 2021 CFCS WinSIG meeting, we covered these topics.

- · Microsoft Explains Windows 11 Changes
- · How to Get Started Testing Microsoft Windows 11
- All the Ways Windows 11's Taskbar Is Different
- How to move the Start menu on Windows 11 to the left

# Hewie Poplock, Editor - Central Florida Computer Society



# Newsletter

# - The DataBus -

Monthly New/letter of

The Dayton Microcompter Association

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Also, nominations & elections for the Board of Trustees will be held.

A typical meeting of the DMA Trustees, with Glady Campion in the foreground.



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Webmaster Emeritus: Dave Lundy, †4/13/20 ESTABLISHED IN 1976, DMA is a group of Dayton-area professionals and enthusiasts in the field of computing and digital information technology. General Membership Meetings are usually held on the last Tuesday of each month. DMA has a number of Special Interest Groups (SIGs) in areas ranging from digital investing and genealogy to the Linux operating system. Each SIG meets according to its own schedule. DMA is a member of the Association of Personal Computer Users' Groups (APCUG) and the Affiliated Societies' Council (ASC). Click on any of the logos—including our own (top left)—to go to that organization's Web site.





### Submissions ...

THE DATABUS welcomes compliments, complaints, suggestions, and especially articles. We can accept articles in ASCII, or as attachments in plain text, Microsoft Word, Open or Libre Office Writer, or, yes, even in WordStar (a word-processing program that goes back to about 1980!). Send articles to:

### Editor@DMA1.org

All articles are subject to editing for spelling, grammar, usage, and space. Retain a copy of your work, as THE DATABUS cannot be responsible for loss. When articles are of roughly equal quality and importance, those by paid-up DMA members receive preference.

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# **September Meeting:** 7 P.M., Tuesday, the 28<sup>TH</sup> **No Driving—No Parking—No Charge\***

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\* This is a "hybrid" meeting: via ZOOM, but also in person. Come at 6 P.M. if you wish to join us in person for dinner at T. J. Chump's Restaurant in Huber Heights, next door to the Meijer's Supermarket. Click here for a map. The restaurant has free parking. It is also accessible via RTA bus routes 18 and 19, but there is a short walk from the bus stop in the Meijer's parking lot to the restaurant.

# Tree & Open Source Software

If you come in person, join us at 6 P.M. for dinner. The Main Meeting starts at 7 via Zoom.

# Free and Open Source Software & Election of Trustees

FREE AND OPEN SOURCE SOFTWARE (FOSS) is freely licensed for anyone to use, copy, study, and customize. Users are even encouraged to improve the design of the software. Open source software is often thought to be more stable and secure, though users need to be cautious about where they download from. Software Freedom Day is celebrated every year in September to recognize the efforts of all the software developers who provide free and open source software for us to use. Attached to your invitation to this meeting, and you will find a document of links guiding you to safe sources for free and open source software. We shall discuss the wide variety of software available and where to find it.

Our meeting starts at 7 P.M. DMA members will receive an invitation by e-mail for Zoom.

Others may request an invitation using ...

http://www.dma1.org/contact-us/

Or ... join us in person at TJ CHUMPS, 7050 Executive Blvd, Huber Heights OH

Martin Arbagi, Editor, The DataBus Dayton Microcomputer Association



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### The Prez's Place

From the Desk of Pete Basel



Our Zoom presentation liset month (August 26) was "Tune up Your Windows PC" by APCUG region 5 advisor Jere Minich. He covered cleaning up junk files, updating programs and security tools, and much more. Thank you Jere for this presentation that many of our members have been asking for Highlights from the presentation can be found here: https://tpoug-ct.org/highlights/2021.ity.html

Jay Ferror has been presenting to our club for many years and is a name that we are all familiar with This month, Jay is presenting "Risks of Wireless and What's Corning in Security" for our September 30th Zoom meeting. While we all wish that security threats would go away, they are continually expanding and this presentation will help to inform us about what's coming in the near future.

RIGHT TO REPAIR! This is a subject that I feel strongly about because it is the right thing to do and because my Dad fixed or tried to fix everything electrical and mechanical in our lives. This has rubbed off and I'm also fairly good at fixing many things. I sturribled onto a young man with a YouTube repair channel and a repair shop in NYC about 10 years ago and he was very young at about 22 years old. He's also very intelligent since while he likes Lenovo PCs and PCs in general, he repairs Apple products in order to maximize his profits. When my son's nearly new Apple Air was left on the floor of the car and someone spilled a water bottle it stopped working. We went to the Genius bar and they said it needs a new motherboard since we do not repair components on the motherboard and it is so costly that we suggest you buy another one! They pointed out that there were 3" party services that would install a new mother board for about \$700. I said that's nearly the cost of a new one!

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### SEPTEMBER 30TH VIRTUAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Until further notice, club meetings will be held online. Details about how to connect will be provided via email a few days before the event.

### Bill Roman (NCU Computers) — Question & Answer session

Bill will also share informative tech topics, so bring him your nagging questions.

### Jay Ferron — Risks of Wireless + What's Coming in Security

Principal Interactive Security Training, Jay's work includes E-commerce, VPN work, security audit, workflow process, training, windows and Linux enterprise designs. Jay works on various projects that include training, security designs, network infrastructures, enterprise designs and installations.

Jay is also a global board member of GITCA, past President of ISACA-CT, past president APCUG, and a Microsoft MVP in enterprise security one of under 60 in the world.

### The Prez's Place Continued

What Louis does is to offer board level repairs at about half that cost for water damage. There are actually tiny, soldered in fuses that are sometimes the only problem and then the repair is less.

Louis has many stories about how Apple has deliberately made it difficult or even impossible to repair their products, not providing schematics or repair parts and deliberately bricking phones when non-Apple parts are used for repairs. Apple wants you to buy a new item from them - do they not make enough profit as it is?

Apple is not the only company doing this, a very important feature on Tesla electric cars is rapid charging, this allows a Tesla to be fully charged in half or less the time it takes without the feature. Several very intelligent DIY people have bought totalled Teslas and repaired them with parts from doner cars only to find that Tesla remotely disables features such as rapid charg-

"Right to Repair" is both the concept and legislation that if you buy a product, it is yours, you own it and you have the right to decide who repairs it and what parts are used in that repair. Louis Rossman spoke before Congress trying to promote legislation on Right to Repair, of course they nearly laugh at him because they've been lobbied by Apple and other major corporations. This YouTube video is a guick overview of Right to Repair by Louis who is now 32 years old: https://www.youtube.com/

This is Louis' GoFundMe page to help promote this fight, note that he has raised over \$700K, I'm not suggesting that anyone should or should not contribute just pointing it out: https://www.gofundme.com/f/lets-get-right-to-repair-passed

Recently the President signed an executive order supporting Right to Repair. Louis discusses it here; please note that he uses some foul language, so skip this if you are easily offended: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GE-qEDIUJYY

Louis points out that this is a step in the right direction, not the full solution.

This video includes (starting at 15:10) Louis' testimony in Washington on Senate Bill SB5799: https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=FBR8IvXVwsE

Right-to-Repair testimony is also being given at the state level. Here a 16 year old, who started repairs when he was 12 provides excellent testimony: https://www.voutube.com/watch?v=0SZrGm3ZqQU

Steve Wozniac (Woz), as most of you probably know, was a founder of Apple along with legendary Steve Jobs, Woz was the real brains behind Apple since he did all of the detailed circuit design. While most people think of Steve Jobs as some sort of genius/visionary the reality is that he often got in the way and made bad decisions. Jobs, after some time, became the brains behind making money: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IW1BuIWR9dI

There is one more video covering hardware/software/philosophical issues with Apple but I'll only provide the name due to foul language so that those who want to see it can look it up on YouTube. The title is "My Problem With the Cult of Apple".

Woz discovered Louis' YouTube videos covering Right to Repair, subscribed to his channel, and opened discussions with him. Here is a video from Woz in support of Louis' efforts: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CN1djPMooVY

Jessa Jones is a Molecular Biologist with a degree from Johns Hopkins University who wanted more time at home with the family so she started an Apple repair business in upstate NY similar to Louis'. They communicate and are friends. Here is a video covering the case where Apple said to a customer "No, your data (pictures) cannot be recovered, buy a new phone." Jessa recovered the data and Apple banned her on their forums. Jessa charges \$300 if she is able to recover your data: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LrlLflE9IB4

Here, US Customs seizes Apple repair parts being bought and imported from China: https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=WYgdtEsl 0c

I've written a lot because this is an important subject for me and while I don't expect everyone to watch all of the videos they are available if anyone wants to learn more about this issue. I have a lot of respect for Louis Rossman for building a business at such a young age, making intelligent choices, and for taking a stand and fighting hard on this important topic. Perhaps I've helped a few members who use Apple products and need board level or advanced repairs; Louis and Jessa do both and also

Finally, last month's prize winner was Marshall Watnick....Congratulations Marshall!

### **TPCUG Volunteer Opportunities**

We are looking for volunteers to join our web team, We use HTML5. We will train you to help us update web pages monthly.

Are you curious about what our board meetings are like and perhaps thinking of joining? Do you have new ideas for our club that you would like to share? Can you, or do you know of someone who can, give a presentation at our monthly meetings? Any member is welcome to attend and sit in on our meetings. Board members meet the first Thursday of the month via

If interested in any of the above, contact us at tpcug ct@yahoo.com.

Are you new to Zoom video conferencing? The information sources below can tell you all you need to know to join our TPCUG meetings.

Zoom Go to Zoom.us > Click Resources on the black menu bar > Select Download Zoom **Client** and **Video Tutorials** from the dropdown menu for a good start.)

YouTube \_ Go to YouTube.com > Search Zoom tutorials > Select any of the many videos from the dropdown tutorials menu.

If you have problems setting up or using Zoom, contact the Board of Directors at: tpcug ct@vahoo.com.

#### ——- IMPORTANT NOTICE ——-

### SEEKING NOMINEES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS \*

The Board of Directors of The PC Users Group of CT is seeking nominees from the Club's membership to run for election, in December 2021, for a two-year

Candidates for election (in alpha-order) as proposed by the Nominating Committee are Larry Gross, Dick Kalfaian, John Roy and Sheila Swaikowski. Floor nominations will be accepted during the elections.

This is an excellent opportunity for you as a member to influence the direction of the Club and have meaningful input into future programs and presenters. A commitment of about two hours one evening each month is needed to conduct the Club's business. You

will find this to be an educational and enjoyable expe-

Please e-mail names of proposed nominees (including yourself) to Ron Foligno, Nominating Committee Chairman, at <ronfoligno@att.net> or to any member of the Board of Directors as enumerated on page 18 of this newsletter. The participation, comments and ideas of all Club members are welcome and important to maintain the vitality and relevance of our Club for a rewarding computing experience.

### Ron Foliano

Chairman of the Nominating Committee

Richard Kalfaian, Editor, The Program The PC Users Group of CT



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### MAIN MEETING: TUESDAY MARCH 2 7:00 PM

Same day/time as usual Location: Your house, Video conference

(Please use your real name when you log in, just as we all do when we attend our in-person meetings. The ZOOM event host may restrict admittance to confirmed club members only.)

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### This Month's Main Meeting Topic:

# "Learning Resources for Seniors"

will be presented online by APCUG Speakers Bureau member

**Hewie Poplock** 

THE WYSIWYG MARCH 2021

Guests and visitors are welcome. People can attend any SHCC meetings during two consecutive months before deciding whether or not to become a member. July and August do not count since there is no main meeting in those months. Membership includes admission to all SHCC functions and the newsletter. Membership is open to anyone. It is not limited to the residents of the city of Sterling Heights.

DUES: \$30/YEAR

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(Use the appropriate e-address for your questions/comments.)

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# Paul Baecker Club Dues Amounts

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Jim Waldrop

Paul Bancker

Mike Bader

Patrick Little

Phil Reynaud

Don VanSyckel

Jim Waldrop

The club dues were increased to \$30 per year at the November 2018 meeting.

This includes a digital version of the newsletter sent monthly, except for July and August, when the club close not meet.

A paper version of the newsletter is available in place of the digital newsletter, for an additional \$31 per year (increased at March 2019 meeting).

Associate memberships, for a second member of a household, remain at an additional \$15 per year.

### **Two-Month Meeting Schedule**

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APRIL 2021 6 - SHCC Main Meeting 11 - SEMCO meeting

MAY 2021 4 - SHCC Main Meeting 10 - SEMCO meeting

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### The President's Pen by Don VanSyckel

oming up is March is a presentation
"Learning Resources For Seniors"
by Hewie Popicok from Association of Personal
Computer User Groups. This is probably applicable to
most SHCC members, "d say from looking around the
room. Find out about various sites that offer training on
many subjects that you might want to take advantage of.

In keeping with the privacy and security themes of the past couple of morths, I'd like to mention that for those of you who use Gmail, all your emails are scanned by Google to harvest information about you. Also these emails are anchived. I have not seen any definite data about how long the archives are held but resports are that lifs for a long time. It's not known what all Google does with your information that's harvested but it's generally agreed that one of the uses is for advertising. You might not care, but someone profiting on me simply rubs me the wrong way. I suggest people move off Gmail to another email platform. Granted this might take a bit of effort to set up another email account and then one by one change your email address in the various accounts and other locations that have the Gmail address.

Changing your email host can be a little daunting. Most of us have an internet Service Provider (ISP) that offers free email. Usually several different email addresses can be set up with your ISP. This senal can either be downloaded by an email client on your PC such as Outlook and Thunderbird or accessed via a web browser at the ISP's web site. The big downside of using email at your ISP is if you change ISP you lose your current email address and you need to plan on overlap between old and new. Side note: I get around this by owning my own domain and having GoDaddy, who houses my domain, reclined email to my email at my ISP. If I move, simply change where GoDaddy redirects my email to simply change where GoDaddy redirects my email to.

There are various free email services and I'm not altempting to list them here. Check out any service before signing up. You don't want to jump from the frying paninto the fire, so to speak. A cuto member suggested Proton Mail (https://protonmail.com) which is based in Switzerland. We've all heard of Swess bankers and the privacy they're known for. It's suppose to carry over to this email service. Again do your homework. Remember that any free service has to pay the bills somehow; the question is how much privacy do you give up to pay for that free service.

There are also email services that charge a fee. These for the most part don't spy on you to make money.

OK, you've investigated email services, signed up for a new service, and visited all the sites that have your email address and changed the old to the new. You've waited a month or two and no new emails have been received by your Gmail account, now what do you do? You close down the Gmail account. This sounds like a one-click process, but it isn't.

**MARCH 2021** 

I read an article on cinet by Jason Cipriani (the link to this article is in the WebPageffeviews collection on page 14) in which he details the steps to first backup the data you have in the Genall account and then to delete that account. Mr. Cipriani talks about Google's Takeout service which can be used to download at the data linked to your Google account. Then he goes on to describe how to delete the Genall account. Like with other web bases that have to make a feature available to you that they don't want you to use, the process is not right out in the open with a big button like "Press Here To Delete Account".

If you find a good email service, let me know. I'd be interested to check it out. Likewise, if you go through the entire process. I'd like to hear your experience.

#### Last Mont

We had a presentation in January by Jere Minich from the Association of Personal Computer User Groups (APCUG) Speakers Bureau. Jere presented "Security Privacy Settings Win 10". He covered many valuable tips for you to use to secure your Win 10 computer. Very useful info.

IEd. note: There are so many reports/articles that suggest that what ends up on the Internet STAYS on the internet, whether the author/submitter sees it there or not, and that this applies to email accounts as well. (Every web site maintains archives for however long they want to keep it.) Many years ago, Google admitted to its policy of scanning all email messages for key words to direct adventising to its email subscribers. But if a service like Gmail is indeed doing this, how can we must that the service is ONLY scanning for such email detail, and not also harvesting ALL our personal details in our email messages (medical, financial, social info about our individual lives!? "Wei, we can't.

Such very personal and private info should be protected as best we can. Perhaps I'm a bit naive about this, but I expect that my ISP would be a bit more protective of that detail, simply because I am gaying them for their service, with the hope that they are less inclined to harvest my stiff and sharehall it although a Federal law passed in 2017 allows it). Perhaps I should create some email mags that appear as though I am involved in morely isundering and test out their snooping policy?

Note that Gmail is not the only free' email service invalued in such nefarious activity. It's just that Google was pressed on the subject, and actually confessed to it. After all, your privacy' is how they make their money.

Note that your ISP offers you at least 5 free email accounts to use.)

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# Paul Baecker, Editor, The WYSIWYG Sterling Heights Computer Club

# **The Memory Map**



**Canton Alliance Massillon Computer Users Group** 

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# **Next CAMUG Meeting, September 20, 2021 Both Zoom and In Person!**

- Join us in person at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 7707 Market Ave. in North Canton, Ohio.
- OR use the Zoom link that Dennis has emailed.

### Program

6:30 PM: Q & A and chit-chat

7:00 PM Meeting: "Introduction to TikToc and Interesting Web Sites" by Jan Bredon and others. Members are asked to share their favorite web sites.

### **Hybrid Meeting Setup** By Dennis Smith, President, CAMUG

Many of our members have been curious about how we hold a CAMUG meeting inperson, while at the same time allowing other members to join us via Zoom. So, I thought that I would explain the system that we came up with to allow us to do this.



CAMUG was fortunate to apply (and be approved) for a grant from APCUG. This grant was for \$600 and was sized to allow us to purchase a new laptop (since the camera in the old CAMUG laptop had stopped working), a handheld microphone, and any interconnecting pieces to make it all work. We already owned a set of powered PC speakers and a projector, so those didn't need to be included in the grant. Any money remaining will need to be returned to APCUG (see the chart at the end of this article).

We use the new laptop online on Zoom, with the camera aimed at the in-person group as the "main" computer for the meeting. This computer also drives the speakers, and has the hand-held microphone connected to it.

First of all, one major rule must be followed, "Only one computer in the room may have a live microphone, and that same computer must drive the speakers." If this rule is broken, then horrible and loud feedback will be the result. Because both are connected to the same computer, Zoom takes care of preventing the feedback, just like it does for you during any Zoom meeting.





Let me pause here and explain that most of our frustration has surrounded the hand-held microphone! First of all, it came with a different connecting plug than we had expected - a 1/4" monaural jack (similar to one on a guitar). So, we then had to order an adapter to change it to a 3/8" jack that would connect to a PC or other "normal" device. We next discovered that the audio jack on the new laptop needed 4 connections (microphone and stereo headset), not just the 2 for a microphone. So, another adapter was ordered, but it didn't work well, so it was returned. Instead, still another adapter was ordered that split the audio lack into a microphone jack and a speaker jack. That one worked at my home but gave us fits at our first meeting. Fortunately, at the first hybrid CAMUG meeting, the laptop's microphone picked up everyone better than we expected, so we still had a successful meeting. We ordered another adapter that connects the microphone and speakers to a USB-C on the laptop, and it is working better. I think we need to hold the series of connections together with a rubber band to keep it working, though.

So, that is the first computer. We use a second computer to do presentations. Sometimes it is the old CAMUG laptop, sometimes the presenter(s) will bring their own laptop. This laptop also connects to the Zoom meeting, but MUST have its sound turned off (both microphone and speakers) to prevent feedback. When the "Presenter's" laptop shares its screen, everyone on the Zoom meeting, including the new laptop in the room, can see the presentation. This is how those in-person get to

The Memory Map September 2021 see the presenter's slides - via Zoom. So, when no one is sharing a presentation, the projector shows the Zoom grid of attendees (remember Hollywood Squares?), but when the presenter shares, it shows the shared item. This is nice, since we don't have to re-cable any connections in the room once it is all set up.

Obviously, it does take quite a while to assemble all of the pieces and sign everything in to Zoom. It also takes a while to tear it all down at the end of the night, and I am very thankful for those who have helped put away things and reset the room after each meeting. Between chairs, table, power cables, router, our storage cabinet, and raffle prizes, plus all of the electronics, there is a lot to do!

For those interested, here is a list of the items we purchased (those that didn't work were returned for a full refund). CAMUG is not a 501(c)(3) group, so we had to pay sales tax.

Item	Vendor	Cost (with tax)	
Laptop	Office Depot	\$	532.49
Microphone	Amazon	\$	31.94
Audio Adapter 1	Amazon	\$	3.15
USB-C Audio Adapter	Amazon	\$	16.83
HDMI Cable	Walmart	\$	10.09
Total		\$	594.50
Grant	APCUG	\$	600.00
Refund to	APCUG	\$	5.50



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Liz Milford, Editor, The Memory Map **Canton Alliance Massillon Users Group**  Greetings Rhona



Your membership status is: Active

September 1, 2021

# **Kilobytes**

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Computer Club Forum expands to welcome more participants. See below for full details.



# A Message from Club President Rhona Lishinsky

Hello Everyone,

About a year after I became club president my predecessor, the late Len Krauss, apparently decided I was doing a pretty job. So he laid down a challenge: match his tenure of 17 years at the helm of this club.

As of today, I only have another 12 years to go! Yes, September 1st marks the start of my 6th year as president of the Computer Club of Rossmoor.

I'm proud of the work that the Board, our Volunteers, and I have accomplished during the past 5 years: a dramatically remodeled Computer Center with new equipment and furnishings; the launching of Flash Classes, TechTogethers, an online Forum, and our TechTips column in the Rossmoor News; the establishment of two \$2500 scholarships with the Rossmoor Scholarship Foundation; an updated website and newsletter; the merging of the Apple User Group into CCOR; and the implementation of an integrated computer system to manage our membership roster, and to handle House Calls, event and class registrations, and to accept member payments via credit card.

We've also staged a couple of field trips and lured the Washington Post's tech columnist to speak - twice! - at Rossmoor. And we've expanded our scope beyond computing, to other technologies such as streaming media, photography and smart home devices.

Along the way, I hope we have also tweaked our processes and services to better assist our 1000+ members and other Rossmoor residents.

Every time we think we can kick back and let the club "manage itself," Board members, Volunteers -- and yes, even Members -- come up with a new idea or program (and sometimes, we're even challenged to provide services in the midst of a global pandemic!) One way or another, we're always developing something new. But that's how it should be. That's what makes club participation fun, challenging, (okay, let's get real: sometimes frustrating), and ultimately rewarding.

And speaking of new ideas and programs: a new Rossmoor resident, Barbara Krafchin, surprised us with a proposal to stage a TechTogether! Barbara will share her knowledge and journey about using beginner-level media tools to preserve her legacy. Be sure to read, below, about this intriguing event that's coming later in the month. And, she will also be teaching three related Flash Classes in October. Look for a story in the September 8th edition of the Rossmoor News about Barbara and this upcoming TechTogether.

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### Computer Center's New Hours Mornings

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 10am-noon Wed 9am-11am

Afternoons

Monday - Friday 1:30pm-3:30pm

# TECH-TOGETHERS

# Telling Your Story: Using Media Tools for Beginners

Tuesday, September 21st 10:00 AM

Via Zoom



Guest speaker and club member Barbara Krafchin will demonstrate simple, beginner-friendly media tools to create and share your story: preserve your legacy, capture vacation memories, or document a special event.

Barbara's message is that technology can be inspiring and fun. She will demonstrate how to combine the features of three simple tools, available on the internet, to create a seamless video:

- StoryCorps allows users to record interviews or create narratives.
- PicMonkey is a photo editing and design tool. Users can upload photos, insert text, and more!
- Animoto is a Video Editor that makes it fun, easy and somewhat magical to create and customize videos.

This event is open to members and non-members.

To attend, go to <u>www.Zoom.us</u> and enter: Meeting ID 824 1886 7666 Passcode 804431 or Click HERE

- Introduction to PowerPoint
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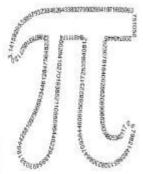


Rhona Lishinsky, Editor, Kilobytes Computer Booters of Sun Lakes

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CUE Newsletter - March 2021 (Volume 38 Number 3)





## March CUE Meeting

The next CUE members' meeting is on Thursday March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM, by a Zoom link in your email. Judy Taylour plans to speak about Tech Skills for an Easier and Safer Computing Experience.



Visit the CUE Website at:

www.cuerie.com



CUE is a member of APCUG



### CUE Calendar



Calendar events are subject to change. SIG stands for Special Interest Group. (look for notices outside of the newsletter for delays or special news on meetings)

CUE Membership Meetings (typically 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month) Thursday March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM Thursday April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM

### Beginner's User Group (BUG) SIG Meetings

To Be Scheduled Upon Request

Digital Photo SIG Meetings (typically 1st Saturday of each month except June/July/August)
Saturday March 6th at 9:30 AM
Saturday April 3rd at 9:30 AM

Genealogy SIG Meetings (typically 1st Tuesday of each month)

Tuesday March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 PM Tuesday April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM

MAC SIG Meetings (typically 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month except June/July/August) Saturday March 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM Saturday April 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM

Smartphone & Tablet SIG Meetings (typically 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month) (RSVP John Fair) Monday March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 PM Monday April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM

Windows SIG Meetings (typically 2nd Saturday of each month except June/July/August) Saturday March 13th at 1 PM Saturday April 10th at 1 PM

### **CUE Directory Corrections**

Get out a pen so you can mark your copy of the CUE Directory, that you recently received in the mail, for the following corrections:

Thanks to Anne and Liz for allowing the updates to be shown in this newsletter.

### **CUE March Meeting**

Speaker: Judy Taylour, is a devotee of lifelong learning; serves the Santa Clarita Computer Club in California as its President, Newsletter Editor and Webmaster; has taught adult education computer classes through her local high school for over two decades; serves APCUG as Regional Advisor to three states in the West Coast as well as Australia and Canada; facilitates the quarterly APCUG Virtual Technology Conferences and Speakers. Bureau.

Program: Tech Skills for an Easier and Safer Computing Experience No matter how savvy you are, there are certain things every one of us must deal with when using a computer — and we don't always deal with them in the most efficient ways. Here are a few tech skills that everyone can (and should) learn to keep their computer fast, safe and easy-to-use.



# Don Grim, Editor Computer Users of Erie

Education, Information, and Service to the computer community of Sun City Center!

### Vow to start using a password manager

By Kurt Jefferson, Editor, Central Kentucky Computer Society

I keep telling students in my CKCS classes that they need to start using a password manager. You should be using a password manager on your iPad, iPhone, Mac, Windows PC, and Linux PC. Seriously? Yes.

With a good password manager, you only need to remember one password. That's right. You don't need to remember the one you use when you buy from Amazon. And the password you use to pay your water bill. And the one you use to log into your bank account.

Password managers are apps that securely keep track of your passwords, allow you to create private notes, automatically log you into your password-protected websites, and more.

### Some of the best include:

- · 1Password Dashlane
- · RoboForm
- · LastPass
- · Keeper
- · NordPass
- · Sticky Password
- · Bitwarden
- · RememBer
- · Enpass

If you're reluctant to use a password manager, wired.com says you've got company. "Password managers are vegetables of the Internet. We know they're good for us, but most of us are happier snacking on the password equivalent of junk food," writes Wired in an article headlined, "The Best Password Managers to Secure Your Digital Life."

As I read that I said to myself, "Ain't that the truth." I know plenty of really smart people who are committed to their habits, who are stubborn, and who simply cannot change. They don't use password managers. You probably know your web browser will save your passwords automatically for you. The website Tech Republic says this is a bad idea.

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With the Holidays coming, please don't forget the open hours of the Computer Lab are subject to the opening of the Atrium Building as mandated by the CA.

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For continuing members, the annual dues for 2021 began November 1st, 2020. Members not paid up by January 31st, 2021 (the membership year) will be considered non-members for class attendance and will stop receiving the Journal.

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Annual dues, which includes all residents of the household, are \$25, (\$12.50 for those joining after June 1st.) Non-residents may subscribe to the Journal at the above rates.

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We are proud members of the APCOG, Manu of our speakers come to us through this organization.

### The Journal - October 2021

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You should never allow your web browser to save your passwords shows. The article describes step-bystep procedures that someone can use to view your saved passwords in Google Chrome, Firefox, and Safari browsers.

The article concludes: "Don't allow your browser to save your passwords. None of them. Not one. If you do, those passwords are vulnerable. All someone has to do is have access to your computer (remote or physical) and, unless you use Safari or the Master Password feature in Firefox, those passwords are available for anyone to see. If you absolutely must have your browser store your passwords, and you're not using macOS, make sure to use Firefox and enable the Master Password feature. Use Chrome at the peril of your passwords. In place of having your web browser store your passwords, make use of a password manager."

Tom's Guide spoke with several digital-security experts. While some are not fond of password managers, plenty of others use them, trust them, and rely on

Cybernews writes, "You really should use a password manager. Yes, they have their flaws and vulnerabilities. But it's still better than re-using the same weak passwords and writing them down as a note on your smartphone that becomes a playground for your kids after work." 4

### Pauline Baker — Computer Wiz - SCC

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### Downloading Free Fonts By Eric Schoon

A good font can really make the difference in a project, so you shouldn't limit yourself to the ones preinstalled on your machine. There are loads of free fonts on the internet you can use, and these websites are the best aggregators. Type the name of the font into your browser.

### What to Look for in a Font Aggregator

These websites have a simple purpose, and with how many there are nowadays, there's no reason not to use the best of the best. So here's what the best font aggregators provide, and what you need to know about downloading free fonts in general.

Font selection: You'd be surprised how many free font websites are out there and how many different fonts they offer. We weeded out the bad ones and found the best websites, which all happen to offer hundreds, if not thousands, of free fonts. We picked these sites for their wide and varied libraries, so finding something you like shouldn't be an issue with any of them.

Organization: There's little use to having tons of fonts available if you can't easily sort through them. Being able to search fonts by name, licenses, or styles is an extremely important feature for font libraries to have. Of course, if you don't know what you want yet, and just want to browse all the fonts an aggregator has, this doesn't matter as much. In that case, a website having a clean UI that clearly differentiates the fonts is much more important.

Licensing: There are two main types of font licenses you have to worry about: Personal and Commercial. It varies sometimes, but generally speaking, a Personal license doesn't allow you to use the font in projects that make money or will be seen by a lot of people, while Commercial does. A font might be free for personal use, but not commercial, which is something you'll need to look out for. All the sites here offer both free commercial fonts and some paid-for options, so always double-check which licenses are free before using them. Certain font authors might also have special rules for how their fonts can be used listed on the download page, which should be respected.

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# **Ilona Merritt, Editor, The Journal Sun City Center Computer Club**







# In-Person istelp and Dr. Fixit are back

### \*Contingent on Ky. COVID-19 guidelines on Saturday, June 5

any of you have asked - When are you bringing back in-person troubleshooting sessions at CKCS?

CICCS

MacliPad SIG

June Video Links

For years, CKCS volunteers have helped CKCS members and others with their computer-related issues on the first Saturday of the month.



iHelp tackles Apple products - iPhones, iPads, the iPod touch and Mac computers. Dr. Fixit helps users with Windows 10 computers and Android devices.

The coronavirus pandemic brought all of that inperson tech help to a screeching halt, iHelp was able to resume its help sessions via Zoom, but Dr. Fixit has been on hiatus for months.

Now we plan to resume in-person sessions on Saturday, June 5, from 10 A.M. to noon at the CKCS Resource Center on Moore Drive.

If you have a question for iHelp, before bringing in your device or question on June 5, feel free to send us an email outlining your issue to ckcsiHelp@gmail.com.

That way, we will be ready when you show up. The more specific your questions, the better chances of getting help.

- · Bad question: My iPad isn't working properly. Do you know why?
- · Better question: The Photos app on my iPad shows all of my photos. But all of them don't show up on my Mac. Any idea what's going on?

Dr. Fixit tackles troubleshooting issues on a first come-first served basis. So it pays to get there earlier, rather than later.

Again, the better explanation you provide of the symptoms you're encountering on your Windows 10 computer, the better chances are you'll get a

- · Bad question: My computer isn't printing right.
- · Better question: I have an HP ENVY 6055 all-inone printer. There are no cables connecting it to my Windows 10 computer. I use wireless printing. When I try and print a photo or Word document, it doesn't work. I have changed my WiFi password in the past six weeks when I dropped cable Internet and switched to fiber optic cable, It used to work fine before the switch. Any ideas?

Ask a better question - get a much better chance of having your problem solved.



CKCS members and others with questions for either iHelp or Dr. Fixit - please join us in-person on Sat., June 5 from 10 A.M. to noon at the CKCS Resource Center on Moore Drive. We will attempt to solve your tech issue at that time.

**Kurt Jefferson, Editor Central Kentucky Computer Society**  Volume 1 Issue 15 Editor: Cathy Balmer 09/06/2021

# **Leisure World Computer and Technology Club**

# **Tech Talk**

As a follow up to last week's issue of *Tech Talk*, which included information about streaming services and a "<u>cord</u> cutting" update, this week's issue looks at options available for smart TVs. Information includes a video overview of available options, reviews, and more.

### Other topics include:

- The increasing popularity of smartwatches with reviews and comparisons of different options:
  - Samsung Galaxy Watch 3 and the new Watch 4 and Watch 4 Classic
  - Comparison of the Apple Watch SE, Series 6, and Series 3.
  - Samsung Galaxy 4 watches vs. Apple Series 7
- Mobile Internet while on the road: Info for RVers and other travelers



The video link below from Cord Cutters News (CCN) gives an overview of smart TV options currently available and includes why they may or may not be a good choice for you. Information about some of the leading smart TVs is also included.

Video: The State of Smart TVs in 2021 (CCN)

Tech Radar's "Best of 2021" describes their choices for the top 10 smart TVs currently available. The main features of each are provided along with descriptions. As you might expect, televisions in this category are both large and expensive.

If you are looking for something smaller in both size and price, check out their article on the Best 32-inch smart TVs: Small screens for any budget which includes what to look for in a small TV. CNET's "Best TV for 2021" includes their choices for the best TVs in a variety of categories and RTINGS.com also has their list of the best 6 smart TVs for streaming plus a list of "notable mentions". A couple of TVs that showed up on multiple lists were the LG C1 series and the Samsung QN90A.

If you would like to have the features of a smart TV without the cost, check out the article from komando.com about how to turn your old TV into a smart TV for less than \$30.

If you were a Locast subscriber, you already know that they abruptly suspended operations last week following a court

# Smartwatches and Health Monitoring



CCS Insight projects good times are ahead for the smart wearables market and Wareable.com explains that this increase in sales is largely due to smartwatch users looking for devices with health monitoring capability. Shipments of wearables are expected to increase 20% this year with more than 230 million smart wearable devices sold worldwide. Smartwatch users are looking for more health monitoring capabilities in their devices, and the major manufacturers are delivering.

Wareable.com has tested and reviewed smartwatches currently available and describes them in their <u>ultimate buyers' guide to the top smartwatches</u> which they updated last month to include the Samsung Galaxy Watch 4.

There have been some very positive reviews for Samsung's new Galaxy Watch 4 and the Watch 4 Classic:

 Samsung's Galaxy Watch 4 could be the most exciting thing to happen to Wear OS from AndroidPolice.com

# Cathy Balmer, Editor, Tech Talk Leisure World Computer and Technology Club



# **PATACS** Posts

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Newsletter of the Potomac Area Technology and Computer Society

August/September 2021

My turn.....

Henry Winokur, Editor, (editor@patacs.org)

Guilt trip time: Unfortunately, I received almost nothing from my request for you to tell me what you'd like to see in your newsletter. One response out of nearly a hundred isn't very helpful. I'm bummed. I had hoped for a better response...

That being the case, what else is going on out in technology land? Well, Windows 11 is coming. Will you update your computer? Here's what I know as of 8/28/21:

- Windows 11 won't run on every computer. As usual, it needs to meet certain hardware parameters. But maybe it'll run on more than originally specified.
- Microsoft has a tool that will help you evaluate your computer. But right now it's only been released to Windows Insiders (aka beta testers). When I tried it took me to a web page telling me, sort of, about Windows 11. Certainly not the guidance I was looking for. It's why there's no link here.
- 3. This just in from PCMag.com (8/31/21): Windows 11 will be released on October 5th.
- If your computer doesn't pass muster, there's no need to worry. Microsoft has promised to support Windows 10 until 2025.

What about cell phones? I'm old school and admittedly, cheap. I can't see the need to spend lots of money on a cell phone. I have a Motorola G6, which is now about 3 years old and probably by this time next year will have been replaced—unless I just get the battery replaced—since that seems to be the issue. I think it runs Android 8. Unlike most folks, I rarely use it to take photos. I have an actual, excellent 35mm full-frame (digital) camera for that. I have another excuse, too: I have a bit of a tremor in one of my hands and cell phones, because of their lack of thickness are hard to hold *still*. On my camera, which is a good sized chunk and easy to grip, I can adjust the shutter speed, aperture, or ISO way more easily than a phone, to get beyond that problem.

Do you use "smart" technology? If you do, how about sharing your experiences *in writing*? Send your musings to me at <a href="editor@patacs.org">editor@patacs.org</a>.

Remember Looney Tunes ® cartoons? Remember what was said at the end? In case you've forgotten: "That's All Folks"...at least from me for now! Until next time.

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<u>Editor's Note</u>: Article accuracy is the responsibility of the author, and while we check, it's not our primary responsibility.

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In the image below, "Dawn Patrol" lifts off at the Albuquerque (NM) Balloon Fiesta, in October, 2015. Image ©Henry S. Winokur.



### August/September 2021 PATACS Posts

### Personal Audio Support In Live Meetings

Your portable device and earbuds (or headphones) can help you hear

By John Krout, Potomac Area Technology and Computer Society (PATACS)

### INTRODUCTION

During a group effort to upgrade audio-visual tech in the once-and-future classroom meeting space for PATACS in Fairfax City, VA in June 2021, the president of PATACS casually mentioned that some audience members may need extra help hearing instructors and other speakers at meetings.

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The room has six public-address loudspeakers installed, all conveying the microphone of the instructor. The audio volume on those speakers is necessarily limited to avoid audio feedback through microphones used by instructors.

I decided to look into it. I chose to focus on astute use of audience smartphones and tablets. Bring along your headphones or earbuds, run an app to receive meeting audio, and adjust volume to suit personal needs.

Since all PATACS meetings are made available to members via Zoom, initially I thought of using Zoom apps on portable devices while attending live meetings. I have had the Zoom app installed on my phone and tablet for more than a year.

### AUDIO DELAY TIMING TESTS

However, there is an issue worth considering: Zoom audio is delayed a bit. When attending a meeting remotely, that delay is no big deal. I wondered if it would be annoying in a meeting while watching an instructor.

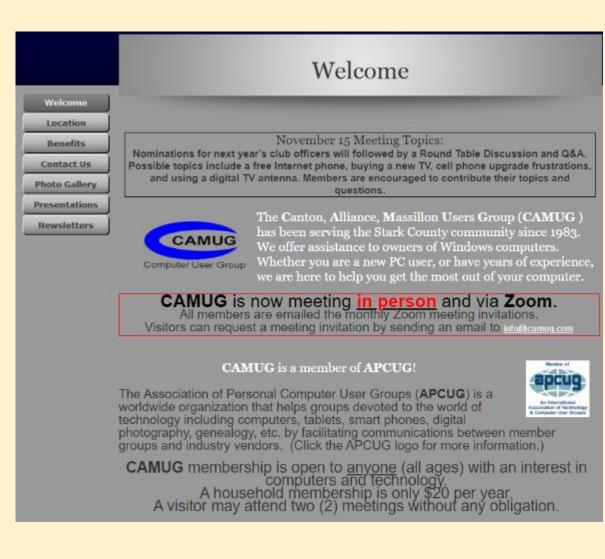
I did some timing tests to quantify the Zoom audio delay, using three different approaches: phone running Zoom and connected via WiFi, phone running Zoom and connected via the cell phone network, and phone not running Zoom but dialed in to the Zoom phone number for audio. I hosted a meeting on my desktop PC, and connected to that meeting using my smart phone and each of the three methods.

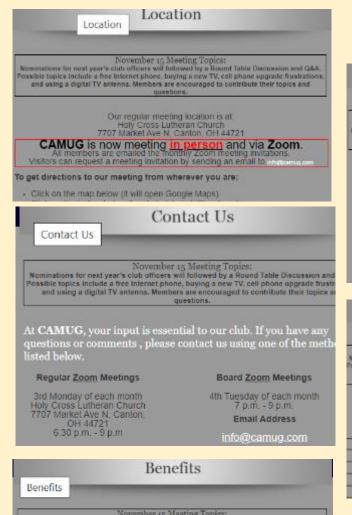
The smallest delay was 0.38 seconds. I think that is excessive. I set out to find other options.

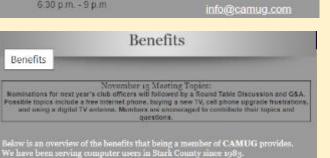
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# Website







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# Newsletters

Windows 10 Tips (from PC Magazine)

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CAMUG publishes a monthly newsletter (The Memory Map). Click on a white month to view that month's newsletter...

2019 Newsletters	2020 Newsletters	2021 Newsletters
January	January	January
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March	March	March
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Canton Massillon Alliance Users Group – Dennis Smith, Webmaster



# COMPUTER CLUB of ROSSMOOR

Walnut Creek, California

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Do you want to store a photo of your vaccine card on your iPhone? If so, club president Rhona Lishinsky has some tips for you. Click HERE to watch her YouTube video.

Visit our Computer Club Forum. Now open to non-members!



Explore our website to find out more about our services. events and classes. Visit our Members & Volunteers page to discover the benefits of joining, or to learn about the different ways you can volunteer



### OUR MISSION IS TO HELP ADULTS **ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF** COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY

### Something for Everyone!!

The Computer Club has evolved into one of Rossmoor's premier organizations. Why? Because we offer so many services and experiences people need and want, Whether you are looking for an educational opportunity, require some practical help with your Windows PC, Mac or mobile device (tablet or smartphone), need to make a few copies, or are thinking about ways to volunteer and give back to your community, the Computer Club has something for you!

To renew your membership or to join, just click a button to pay online. To pay by check or cash, go to the Member/Volunteer page

### ALL ABOUT HOUSE CALLS

AS OF \$1521 our volunteer Technicisms have the option to provide technical support to Newbern, Please click <u>HERF</u> to read using screen sharing software. This is the same type of softam-used by major each companies, and provides recinicians with secure access to the Merchan's system.



The Computer Club offers free onsite "House Calls" (subject to Covid restrictions) to paid Members who are also residents of Rossmoor. Members who are not residents may schedule a remote access service call. House Calls are limited

to solving software problems or connectivity issues (such as connecting to the internet or to a printer). Depending on demand and volunteer availability, we can generally respond to a House Call request within a week.

#### TO SCHEDULE A HOUSE CALL

Please click the red button, below. Then follow these easy instructions (if you are anable to log onto the internet from home. please come to the Computer Center to the Gateway Club-house for assistance):

- · Log into our Member portal by using the email address that is tied to your Computer Club
- · Enter the password "Bashclass" for the password you set up for your account!
- + Then, click the grey "Register" button to follow simple process to enter your request

This page includes links to websites, apps and resources we've discussed in previous TechTogethers and other events. And scroll to the bottom of the page for a listing of Tech Tips articles (and ang links) that have appeared in the Rossmoor News.



From our April 27, 2021 Tech Together / Town Hall Click to watch the video:



From our June 11, 2021 Tech Together: More with Your Connected



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The Computer Club of Rossmoor staffs and operates the Computer Center in the Geteway Clubhouse



DROP IN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE STARTING AUGUST 16, 2021

Stop in Tech support is available to any Computer Club tember as well as any Rossmour resident. Review the ollowing schedule to determine which day and time you should drup by for the device specific lecturical assistance you



Can't decide whether to Join/Renew or Volunteer? Why not do both?!

MEMBERSHIP

Computer Club members receive the following:

- · Free in-home technical support (please see House Call page for complete information & exclusions)
  - . Free "Flash Classes"
  - . Computer Forum posting priviledges . Discounts on social events.

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personable denough full of each year). Memberships paid as an other templemater had remain in force for 12 -15 reports.



Flash Classes are now being held via Zoom.

The idea behind the Flash Classes is that they are over in a Flash. The classes focus on a single, narrowly-defined topic and will generally last 45-80 minutes plus some practice time. Please check back frequently as new classes will be offered on a regular.

Computer Club of Rossmoor – Rhona Lishinsky, Webmaster



## "Seniors Helping Seniors"

That's our Motto, and that's what we're here for

Welcome

SPECIAL NOTICE: THE WESLEY PALMS IS CLOSED TO VISITORS DUE TO THE CORONA VIRUS, SO SENIORS COMPUTER GROUP MEETINGS THERE ARE POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

TO PRESERVE THE HEALTH OF ALL OUR MEMBERS, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS DECIDED NOT TO HOLD ANY IN-PERSON MEETINGS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. INSTEAD, WE WILL HOLD A ZOOM MEETING ON LINE EACH SATURDAY MORNING. YOU NEED A LINK TO ATTEND THAT MEETING, AND CAN RECEIVE THAT LINK BY SENDING AN EMAIL REQUEST TO HankDfrmSD@AOL.COM

Or, you can join the meeting at 10:30 AM any Saturday morning by clicking here:

JOIN ZOOM MEETING

TO KEEP OUR MEMBERS INFORMED DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME, WE WILL ALSO PROVIDE USEFUL AND INTERESTING VIDEOS ON THIS WEB SITE.

LINKS TO THESE VIDEOS WILL BE PROVIDED EACH WEEK UNDER THE "EVENTS" TAB.

FROM TIME TO TIME, THERE WILL ALSO BE ITEMS OF INTEREST PUBLISHED IN THE "BITS/BYTES" TAB. PLEASE CHECK BACK OFTEN. IF YOU SEE AN INTERESTING ARTICLE ELSEWHERE THAT YOU THINK WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO OUR MEMBERS, PLEASE CONTACT OUR WEBMASTER: HankDfrmSD "at" aol.com

#### Welcome

NEWS ITEMS FROM OUR MEMBERS (REPLACES BITS & BYTES).

October 2021

Eric Lander & Alondra Nelson, Americans Need a Bill of Rights for an Al-Powered



# **PAST VIDEOS**

Here are links to videos that have been offered in the past:

June 2021

Windows 11 Leaked

Another Windows 11 video

Photoshop Alternatives

July 2021

4 USB boot drives EVERYONE should make

**hOW THE INTERNET WORKS** 

Choosing a Printer for Purchase

August 2021

Genealogy Resources

An Introduction To Genealogy

Susan Mueller slides 8-28-21

September 2021

October 2021

Zoom Tips and Tricks

SPAM - Don't Contribute to Problem

### PROGRAM NOTES

Notes from previous SCG presentations, plus other documents you may find useful.

Clicking on a link will display the file in your browser. To print and/or download the file you can do so from your browser, or download from one of the links below this section.

The exact procedures for printing or downloading will vary from browser to browser. Click on FileLinks txt to learn more about this.

### File Links

Note explaining what happens when you click on one of these links. It depends on both the file type and your browser.

ABOUT THE SENIORS COMPUTER GROUP

#### About SCG/JOIN

The Seniors Computer Group of San Diego was founded in 1984, and is registered as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, so that any donations are tax-deductible. Our mantra is "Seniors Helping Seniors" - we're here to help, and to learn from, each other.

#### Donations

To donate to the Seniors Computer Group, either send a check to the address shown below in Membership, or use the PayPal link below that.

#### Objectives:

Our objectives are:

### RESOURCES

### Links to many places on the Internet with useful Information

### Hank's Mini-Seminars

SCG member Hank Drayton has a library of over 100 short You-Tube videos on a wide variety of computer topics. Videos run from 1 to 45 minutes

### Facebook SCG

SCG's new Facebook page, moderated by Wil Wakely. Post questions and comments on anything related to computers or SCG.

#### Guide to Windows 10

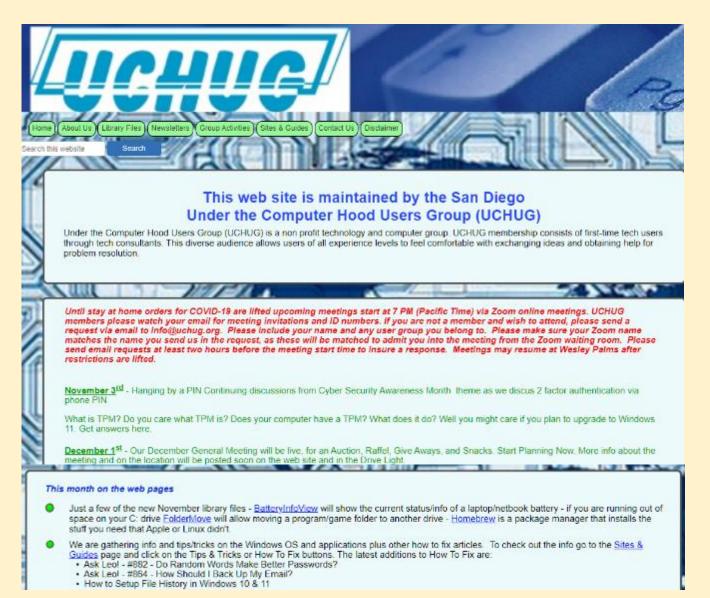
During the Windows 10 Preview, Paul Thurrott has written dozens of articles on installing, using and customizing it. With Windows 10

JOIN/ABOUT US MORE .

COMPUTER HELP

MINUTES OF MEETINGS

# Seniors Computer Group, Hank Drayton - Webmaster





# Welcome to the SVECC Website

Club Goals – provide a forum whereby members can exchange ideas, information and problems relative to the operation of their computers and the associated software, and to enhance the skills of novice computer users with the experience of those with more advanced knowledge.

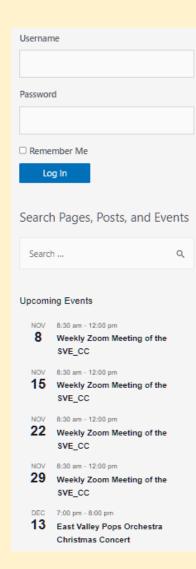
Training – Familiarize any interested resident of SVE with the various uses which computers can be put to use, such as budgeting, genealogy researching, correspondence (e.g. individual Christmas letters and mailing lists), and record keeping, in both formal, and informal classes.

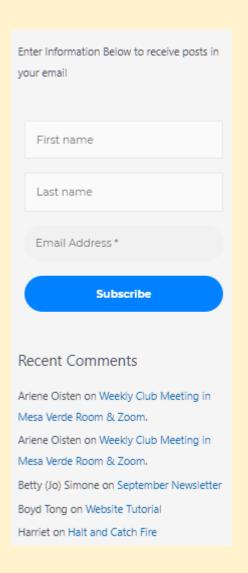
SIG's – Organize groups made up of members with common interest for such subjects as Hardware, Linux Operating Systems, Digital Cameras and Apple Computers

Members - enter your username and password on the right or click here to reset your password.

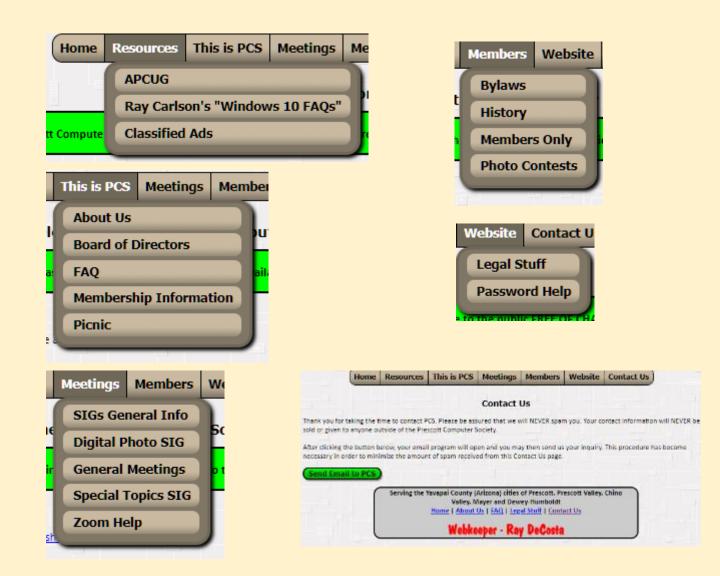
If you would like to join our fun and educational group, click below:

Register









### LEISURE WORLD COMPUTER and TECHNOLOGY CLUB (LWCTC)

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### The 2021/2022 Season Begins on Monday, November 8!

# Welcome to the Leisure World Computer and Technology Club Web Site

The Leisure World Computer and Technology Club (LWCTC) is a service organization to our Leisure World Community that functions through the support of volunteers. Our Monday morning programs are designed to provide information about computers and technology that is of interest to seniors. These programs are held from November through April each year. Descriptions of our upcoming programs can be found in the "Program Calendar" page in the menu above. Click on an item in the calendar for additional information.

Our first meeting will be on Monday, November 8th. This meeting will have a hybrid format; we will meet in person in the computer classroom and simultaneously broadcast the meeting via Zoom.

New this season: On Thursdays, club members will have the opportunity for additional hands-on practice and information regarding the technology discussed at the preceding Monday meeting. Our first Thursday meeting will be on November 11th. Additional meetings, SIGs, and classes will be added each month as the season progresses.

### We would like to have you join our Club

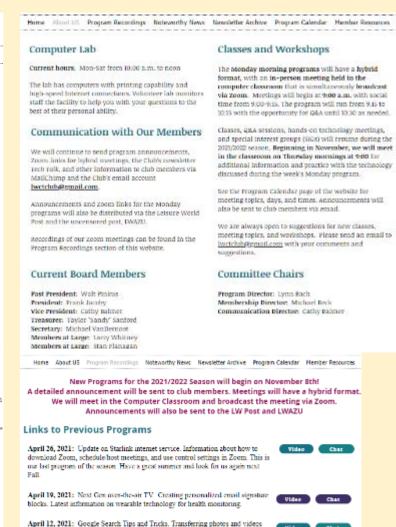
Click on the "Join Us" link below to complete our membership form. This will add your name and email address to our member database. Members will receive notifications about upcoming programs, meetings, and events. Recordings of Zoom meetings are also available.

Membership years begin on October 1 and end on September 30. Dues will once again be collected beginning Fall 2021. Dues are \$10 per manor per year and can be given to the club treasurer or other officers at LWCTC meetings or placed in the drop box located in the computer lab. Make Checks Payable to: "Leisure World Computer Club".

Membership is just \$10 per manor per year and will allow participation in our "hands-on technology" meetings on Thursdays, SIGs, and other meetings throughout the year in addition to the Monday programs that are open to all LW residents.

Join Us

**Volunteer Opportunities** 



Underlined article titles are links to the articles themselves. Click on a title to read the article

TCL 5-Series Google TV review. TCL's first Google TV makes its QLED even smarter (10/31/2021)

Check out the article from Tom's Guide for a review.

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Samsung Galaxy Watch 4 November 2021 update brings several new features (10/30/2021)
Details from SammyFans.com

Chrome fixes zero-day flaws under hacker attack - Update NOW (10/29/2021)

This will be included in the next newsletter as well. Read the article from Tom's Guide for details

Facebook is rebranding Oculus Quest to Meta Quest (10/29/2021)

Facebook rebranded itself as "Meta" and is rebranding its hardware as well. Windows Report has the details

Google Fi is implementing end-to-end encryption (10/29/2021)

End-to-end encryption is an industry standard for real-time communication. Read more about it and Google Fi in the article from Chromeunboxed com

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# LWCTC's Tech Talk Newsletter Archive



Each issue of the Club newsletter will be archived by date below.

11/01/2021 Vol.2 Issue 1: This week's issue includes information about the 20/21/2022 season for the LWCTC which begins on Nevember 8, 2021. The meeting begins at 9:10 a.m. and will be hybrid with in-person meeting in the Classroom and online vis Zoom. Topics this week include cybersecurity and important updates for a variety of devices, a Cord cutting/ streaming update, A comparison of the MacBook Air and MeetBook Pro. free sites to these your internet speed, and information about the APCRQ civilal rechnology conference on 11/4/2021.

10/25/2021 Vol. 1 Sous 22: This week's issue includes information about the 2021/2022 season for the LWCTC beginning on November 8, 2021. Topics this week include reviews of the Google Pixel 6 and Pixel 6 Pro, November 8, Pro 2021 and Amazon Kindle Paperwhite 2021, godates for Windows 11 and webinar information, and more.

Monday programs are hybrid with in-person meetings in the						
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# Leisure World Computer and Technology Club – Frank Jacoby, Webmaster

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between Google Photos and Facebook, Current Cord-Cutting and Streaming News

April 5, 2021: Chromebooks. How information can be stored using blockchain and video Chot