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*where activities and ideas get started*

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2022

## Association of Personal Computer User Groups

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### **President's Message**

- 2 Our Wednesday Workshops and the new Saturday Safaris are proving very popular with our clubs; Judy, John, and Bill work tirelessly to make them a success, and I know you appreciate all they provide – I certainly do. If you have the opportunity, let them know.
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- 23 As I mentioned last quarter, we had some member groups make the difficult decision to disband in 2021 for various reasons, primarily due to not enough volunteers to do the work involved with keeping a club active. When this happens, many individual members want to continue taking advantage of the benefits of belonging to a computer club. What do these folks do?
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- 16 If there was one silver lining with the pandemic for APCUG user groups, it was the adoption of using Zoom to hold club meetings. The benefits of being able to attend a meeting from the comfort of sitting in front of one's computer are too numerous to list. What transpired was some clubs opened their meetings so members of other clubs could attend via Zoom. Check out <https://apcug2.org/group-sharing-meetings/> for more information about attending another club's meeting. Groups having hybrid meetings are highlighted.
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- 18 If you are part of a club that is closing down but still want to stay involved with all the benefits that APCUG offers its user groups and their members, let your APCUG Advisor know this. We'll see if we can find another club in which you can participate. If you decide to join one despite not living in the same city, you can continue to participate in APCUG activities too. I can tell you with my own small club in Arizona, each month we now have attendees from 100+ miles away tuning in and participating.

Ray Baxter

President & Treasurer



## APCUG FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2021

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If you would like a copy of the last month's financial summary, please send an email to Ray at [rbaxter \(at\) apcug.org](mailto:rbaxter@apcug.org)

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## MEMBERSHIP

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A new user Group, Leisure World Apple Club – Maryland, joined APCUG in March. Reports have been mailed.

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## Welcome to the Leisure World Apple Club

[Home](#) | [Leisure World Apple \(computerctr.org\)](#)

You're in the right place if you want to learn how to use Apple products like iPad, iMac, iPhone, Apple TV, Mac Book, etc. AND, of course, share knowledge. Their partner for PC users is The LW Computer Center. Both are located in the 608-acre Leisure World gated community in Silver Spring, Maryland, 10 miles north of Washington and less than 25 miles southwest of Baltimore.

*Welcome!*

Their recent programs included a Zoom program on "Online Safety NOT only for Seniors! Conquering the "BIG CON"! Presented by Uwe Dotzauer, a Computer Consultant with 20 plus years experience working for numerous business and home users. Uwe has specialized in Apple Macintosh Technology since 1998 and enjoys educating users about the daily challenges in the "Cyber World." It was his first presentation to the club. Another program, *Camera Quick Draw, Don't miss that shot!* by Ron Masi, President & Webmaster, speaking about a benefit of being an iPhone photographer is always having a camera handy -- never miss that perfect moment. Of course, that's only true if the camera is ready quickly. He provided some quick tips on having the iPhone camera prepared to shoot in seconds; practice is necessary.

Their Tuesday Help Clinics have been suspended, but I love the description for helpers: HELP US. We need knowledgeable, *NOT necessarily geniuses*, to help out in the clinics. Just show up and introduce

yourself. You'll learn more and help your neighbors. This same statement is also for board officers; you don't need to be a computer genius to be on a group's BOD. /JT

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## REGION 1

### CT, NY

Judy Taylour, Acting Advisor

Westchester PCUG [WPCUG Home](#)



**SOCIAL TIME!** Some members meet online at 7 p.m. on the second Friday every month for dinner and talk. Join us and enjoy the camaraderie. You will receive a reminder every month with Zoom log-on instructions.

Their April meeting topic was *Cyber Hygiene* by Gary Olson, GHO Group LLC Managing Director / Consultant. Home wireless is the most common and is probably an unsecured connection. If we consider all the new connected devices (IoT or the Insecurity of Things) that have become prevalent, this exponentially increases the potential for a cyberattack. Ensuring good secure, and reliable connections is only the first part of Work from Home challenges.

Interesting and informative link on their website -- "Operation Clean Slate - In the last several years, the use of malicious software (malware) by online criminals has emerged as a global cybersecurity threat. Of the available intrusion devices, the "bot," or Web robot, is particularly pervasive, allowing an attacker to take control remotely of a compromised computer or computers. Invisible to victims, these networks, called "botnets," can include hundreds of thousands of machines around the world, controlled by a cybercriminal, or "bot herder." [National Cyber Investigative Joint Task Force.pdf \(wpcug.org\)](#)

WPCUG has WORKSHOPS FOR EVERYONE. Some workshops have a formal classroom-type approach; others are more informal meetings, discussing ideas and problems. While each Workshop takes on the style and flavor of the Workshop leader and its participants, most follow these guidelines:

**Beginner Level Workshops.** These are most like the standard classroom/lecture format. All questions, including those of the most basic nature, are welcome here. The sessions are run much like the classic teacher/student model (but no pop quizzes or exams!).

**Intermediate Level Workshops.** Though much of the material covered will be in the teacher/student format, members are encouraged to participate or occasionally lead their own sessions.

**Advanced Level Workshops.** These are full "round-table" format sessions, with the leader functioning as a moderator rather than a lecturer.

WPCUG offers a one-year membership to those in APCUG-member groups for a discounted rate of \$10 for one year (normally, the same membership is \$50). In addition, WPCUG conducts several workshops most weeks online via Zoom that are accessible only to members. The affiliated membership also includes access to WPCUG's award-winning monthly newsletter and separate Weekly Update eBulletins with workshop information and comments on tech. Please email [info \(at\) wpcug.org](mailto:info@wpcug.org) for further details.

**Club volunteers also assist outside organizations.** On behalf of WPCUG, club president Pierre Darmon is donating consultation time to Greenwich High School Baseball Program's charity auction on May 5.

**HELP WANTED** – (Great idea!) Team up with another member and work together to help run the club. Share one of these positions: program chair or intergroup liaison. Just think of the fun you and your partner will have. These are important positions and allow the club to provide members with interesting and informative topics.

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## REGION 2

**DC, MD, NJ, PA, VA**

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### New Jersey

**Brookdale Computer Users Group (BCUG)** [www.bcug.com](http://www.bcug.com) [www.facebook.com/BCUGNJ](https://www.facebook.com/BCUGNJ)  
[www.meetup.com/Brookdale-Computer-Users-Group/](https://www.meetup.com/Brookdale-Computer-Users-Group/)

BCUG shared news of a nearby library meeting with members, *Who Is Little Joe? Photo Detecting 101*. Maureen Taylor asked, "Do you have unidentified people in your family photo albums? Do you have a shoebox full of photographs of people you don't know?" Maureen, the Photo Detective, explained how to discover who's who in your family pictures. She described ten easy steps to name the unidentified in photo albums and discover new identities and connections in family histories.

General Meetings featured a presentation on *Topics in Internet Privacy, Oliver Roeder: Seven Games: A Human History - How our most popular games are affected by computers and Artificial Intelligence*.

Various Workshops covered diverse topics.

Windows: Windows 10/11 potpourri update reports; Open Shell / Classic Shell; and network 'fixes' after Windows updates. Main Topic: Buying 3rd party Antivirus programs "is for suckers," says one Windows workshop member. How good is Windows Defender? Various security settings refreshed collective memories about viruses, malware, phishing, and ransomware.

Word Processing: Editing and Proofreading Documents: Make changes to a document, insert saved text, Find the most appropriate word, reorganize a document outline, Find and replace text, Correct spelling and grammatical errors, and Finalize a document.

Present information in columns create a tabular list; present information in a table, format table information, perform calculations in a table and use a table to control page layout.

MacWaves: ShortCuts, successor to AppleScript & Automator, and Zones. Lee Maxwell – FileVault, iCloud Drive, and data security.

Making custom ring tones and computer alert sounds; getting the most out of Activities Monitor; what is the best activities dashboard app for macOS.

Multitasking on an iPad and experiences using M1 Macs.

Linux User Group: Bill Chriss demonstrated The Endless OS, which, according to its website, is “simple and easy for anyone to use. It is fully equipped with essential apps to learn, play, work, and connect in 2021. Once installed, no internet is required. The Endless OS Foundation provides the OS free for individuals and non-commercial use for up to 500 computers.” Lee Maxwell: New, occasional series of presentations on Better Know a Linux Desktop Environment. *Part 1: The Basics: What is a Linux Desktop Environment?*

Excel: Google Sheets ‘attempt’ at Flash-Fill (courtesy of Sergey Gleizer). Time Functions in Excel. Graphing gotcha plotting Day+Hr vs. CCs of blood collected from JP drain (Gory details will be omitted). Excel Potpourri.

Graphics: Andrea Tarr – a History and Evolution of the BCUG Graphics Workshop – an overview of memorable (and even some forgettable) meeting places, members, software used, and topics covered. Original member guest appearances share their memories; Ralph Heumann – last session on digitizing photos - positives and negatives: black and white & color/slides / and videos.

Free Video Editors: VSDC, FFmpeg, and MS Photo.

VSDC Video Edit; AI Speech Generation; wrap up of his digitizing series; conversion of miniDV video to final format.

3D photo To Lenticular Print, *Lenticular Adventures in the 4th Dimension – a historical overview of lenticular art* including definitions, types of lenticular art, types of lenticular prints, going from photography to producing a lenticular print, and more!”

Ralph Heumann presented *Bringing old technology into the digital world – Part 3 DVDs and tapes.*

General Meeting featured member Bill Chriss on *Looking Forward and Back (at computer trends)*---

## **Pennsylvania**

**CPUser Group a Computer & Technology Club** [www.cpusergroup.org/](http://www.cpusergroup.org/)  
[www.facebook.com/cpug.cpusergroup](https://www.facebook.com/cpug.cpusergroup)

Presentations included Data Privacy in 2022; Get Cash for Your Unwanted Gift Cards; Cord-cutting Revisited, Your Best Options, followed with a Q&A; 11 Free Movie Streaming Sites with No Sign-Up requirements; and latest tip/gadget/tech news.

Another meeting's assortment included My Favorite Android Apps; a preview of Linux distro “PCLinuxOS;” FreeTube (An almost ad-free YouTube alternative); and 5 Free Firewall Software Programs for Your Security/Protection.

**Philadelphia Area Computer Society** [Philadelphia Area Computer Society - Home \(pacsnet.org\)](http://PhiladelphiaAreaComputerSociety-Home(pacsnet.org)) SIGs met online:

Digital Photography: Guest author Will Daniel presenting on Riverscape Photography.

Guest presenter Cindy Monyek demonstrated basic techniques for editing photographs in Photoshop: lightening dark areas (or darkening bright areas) without changing the entire photo; removing unwanted elements and blemishes; and more.

Lessons learned from recent experience having photos printed for an exhibit.

Video Editing Fundamentals Plus and How To Shoot 4k Resolution Video With Your Smartphone Or Tablet

Apple MacOS/iOS: New Information, Tips, and Tools. Windows: Q&A.

WordPress: Finish review of tools to help simplify WordPress backend—solutions for easily duplicating a page or post on your website and how to work with multiple websites.

Novice Q&A via Teams: Q&A; then discussion of Windows 11, Gadgets, Utilities, and Configuration.

Alternatives to Quicken; The usefulness of Restore points.

Workshop of the Month: *Fix Your Photos - Without Photoshop* demonstrating three photo image-quality utilities by Topaz Labs: DeNoise AI, Sharpen AI, and Gigapixel AI.

Part 2 of *Words on (Microsoft) Word* is a continuation of the presentation on tips and tricks for Microsoft Word.

Update on VR Software Design and Experiences at Facebook.

Linux: Continuing installation of Gentoo with a ZFS root.

Access: Continuing Library Catalogue Database.

## Maryland

**The Chesapeake Area Technology Society (CATS)**

<https://www.meetup.com/Chesapeake-Area-Technology-Society/>

I VERY much enjoyed getting out and about, visiting CATS to present the third in my Apple series, *The Adventure Continues Apple Watch, HomePods, Home App, and Apple card Join iPad/iPhone.*

## Virginia

**Fredericksburg PC Users Group (FPCUG)** [www.fpcug.org](http://www.fpcug.org)

[goo.gl/Vt3nK9](https://goo.gl/Vt3nK9) (Facebook) [www.meetup.com/FredericksburgPC-Users/](https://www.meetup.com/FredericksburgPC-Users/)

At a General Meeting, President Patty Davis discussed GIMP, a freely distributed, open-source photo retouching, image composition, and image authoring application. GIMP is an acronym for GNU Image Manipulation Program.

At the Open-Source Software Workshop Zoom virtual meeting, Frank Fota discussed the open-source planetarium for your computer, Stellarium. Stellarium displays a realistic sky in 3D, similar to the view seen with the naked eye, binoculars, or telescope. The default catalog of over 600,000 stars, and extra catalogs with 210 million more, is so precise and complete, that it is used in planetarium projectors.

And, of course, FPCUG celebrated its annual Christmas party, with many cheery photos taken.

Other general meetings featured APCUG Advisor Bill James *An Introduction to Windows 11: Why Upgrade Now*, and Speakers Bureau member John Krout on the free app Avenza Maps. Digital trail maps of Virginia State Parks were recently added to the app. The app can be used on Android and iOS devices.

**Potomac Area Technology and Computer Society (PATACS)** [www.patacs.org/](http://www.patacs.org/)

**OLLI PC Users Group (OPCUG)** [www.olligmu.org/~opcug/](http://www.olligmu.org/~opcug/)

Lorrin Garson presented *Science: Opinion, Fiction, or Reality*. John Krout presented *Adding network attached storage to Your Router*, and Henry Winokur presented *A Little Bit of Windows (10); A Little Bit of Word*.

**Washington Apple Pi (WAP)** [www.wap.org](http://www.wap.org) <https://www.meetup.com/Waporg/>

Past President Jonathan Bernstein enthused, "how cool is it that this week the Pi is Zooming four meetings! Photo Sig, Unix Sig Afternoon Learners SIG, meeting I wrote about below, and our first Clubhouse Saturday of 2022!"

Meeting topics included *Password managers (and) Screen sharing for tech help, Avanza Maps and Virginia State Parks*, and Wired author Maryn McKenna on *Animals, Antibiotics, and the Future of Medicine*.

WAP migrated membership processing to the website JointIt, improving function and allowing more flexible member self-service.

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## REGIONS 3 and 6 IA, IL, KY, MI, MN, OH, TN, WI

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Although this might be considered the "Spring" Edition of REPORTS, many of the groups in Regions 3 and 6 have yet to see a spring arrival in their weather. But thanks to Zoom, many groups can still meet no matter what the weather is outside. For this quarterly report, I'd like to feature some of the presentations our groups have been having over the past three months. Suppose you are a group member in Region 3 or 6, and you don't see your group listed below. In that case, it might be because I don't receive communications from you about your meetings, or your communications lack the topics for your meetings and only the date and time for them. I'd love to share your meetings in the future, so please keep me informed.

The **Kentucky-Indiana Personal Computer Users Group (KIPCUG)** has concerned themselves with security and privacy. They had a meeting on *Encryption* and setting up a plan for *Robocall Defense*.

How about comparing Apples and Oranges? That's what one branch of the **Chicago Computer Society (CCS)** did when comparing the Apple OS and the Windows OS. At another meeting, they learned why *Should I have my own website?* And for something you should consider next January, do a presentation on *Tax Software* as they did. Finally, in a presentation I will consider for my club's program, and maybe a

Wednesday Workshop, one of their members helped them understand more about storage by *Comparing HDD vs SSD vs NVMe* (did you know that meant **nonvolatile memory express**? I didn't).

The **Wisconsin All-Computer Users Club** (WAUC) offered presentations on the *Newest programs for MobilityWare* and *eCommerce Pay* (which they got from the Speakers Bureau. Have you been taking advantage of this APCUG benefit?).

Two very popular topics that I usually see each quarter is *Purchasing a printer in 2022* and *Cutting the Cord in 2022*, which was heard during one of the monthly presentations from the **Southeast Michigan Computer Organization** (SEMCO).

Another hot topic that's on just about everyone's mind is Windows 11, so the **Lake County Area Computer Enthusiasts** (LCACE) tried to help their members understand better so they could make the right choice. They also used the Speakers Bureau by offering a very popular (have you had it) presentation on *Ergonomics: You, Your Computer, Tablet, and Smartphone*.

The **Central Kentucky Computer Society** tailored two programs specifically for their location. I'm sure you could make the necessary adjustments to fit yours. The two presentations were *How the Electric Car landscape is changing KY* and *Smartphone Apps to get you around Lexington*.

*Show us your new Gadgets* is a yearly repeated presentation for the **Twin Cities Personal Computer User Group** (TC/PC) where adults get to relive their elementary school days with a "Show and Tell," showing off what they got for Christmas. And they had another one of the very popular presentations on *Cutting the Cord in 2022*. One of their presentations that will be a Wednesday Workshop in May was on *Using a Headless Raspberry Pi*. You'll have to wait till May 18 to find out more.

Going to any of the presentations at the **Lorain County Computer User Groups** (LCCUG) meeting, you would hear personal ones. They included *Useful Websites and Utilities*, *Preserving Your Digital Photos*, and the *Pros and Cons of Backups* (could there be any 'Cons' for backing up? Guess I should have attended that meeting).

Did you ever get a gift that you never really liked and didn't know what to do with it? The **Canton Alliance Massillon User Group** had an open discussion on *Christmas Gifts and White Elephants* (gifts you dislike and want to sell). Maybe next year you might want to take part. Along with learning more about Windows 11, they had a program on *Windows 11: Gains, Losses, and Requirements* to help them know what they might be getting, or better yet, what they might miss if they do the upgrade.

Each year an *Annual Report on the CES Convention* is provided to the **Madison Personal Computer User Group** (MPCUG) to bring them up to date on the newest information in technology. And they are another club that uses the Speakers Bureau by requesting a popular presentation on *Finding and Using Historical Newspapers*. As we spread our Internet and networking needs around the house or property, we need a better *Understanding and Troubleshooting Wi-Fi Extenders and Mesh Networks*, and MPCUG provided that for their members.

The **Dayton Microcomputer Association** (DMA) went into the past and the future for two of their meetings. One member started in the past and presented *The Evolution of PC Technology*. And at another meeting, a member took them into the future, giving information on *Cryptocurrency & Blockchain*.

An evening of fun AND learning was had by the Central Iowa Computer User Group members when they played a game of *Computer Port Bingo* (testing your knowledge of computer ports and parts). And they



also had another one of the popular presentations (that can be found on the Speakers Bureau list) on password managers when they heard about *Bitwarden Password Manager*.

Finally, Region 6 has two clubs, the **Milwaukee Home User Group** (MHUG) and the **SouthEastern Wisconsin Windows Users Group** (SEWWUG), located not too far from each other. They invite members of each other's group to attend the other's meetings. One group meets in person, and the other meets online. So, if you want to meet with other people live, you go to the MHUG meeting. Or, if you're an MHUG member and can't attend your meeting, you can jump online with SEWWUG and meet with them (or I guess you could do both).

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## REGION 5 Florida OPEN

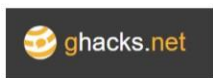
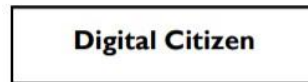
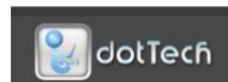
Charlotte County Computer Group Corporation [cccgc.info](http://cccgc.info)

# Charlotte County Computer Group

Their April presentation was Fran Robitaille discussing two-factor authentication, now becoming a requirement for access to many websites and applications, and also a focus on the teachings of Dick Evans, who is greatly missed and was a prolific contributor to CCCGC's knowledge base through articles, instruction, and presentations. George Kopenec's [\*Favorite of the Month\*](#) was about getting old and facts related to your date of birth.

CCCGC's March meeting was an Open Forum. Issues Discussed: Windows 10 Updates/problems, Apple security issues w/passwords, Security for Android tablets, cyber issues w/Ukraine/Russian Malware, programs & backups Carbonite (data only, not programs), Google Drive/OneDrive, Antivirus programs, HTTP vs. HTTPS, VPN (streaming internationally), Internet tracking – DuckDuckGo, and the Print Friendly extension.

The last page of their newsletter has a graphic for the source of the articles.



Royal Highlands Computer Tech Club [Computer Club of Royal Highlands - Home \(computerclubrhcc.com\)](http://computerclubrhcc.com)

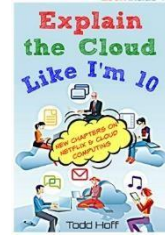


Does your group have a yearly theme? RHCTC does: [\*Welcome to 2022 - Our "NEW" Education Year - Theme: Learn something new each month.\*](#)

From January to April, their monthly meetings have featured presentations on *Microsoft Word vs. LibreOffice Writer*, Kevin Beauregard and Di Binder; *Ever Lost Your Smart Phone Android 11 and iOS 15*, John Krout, APCUG; *File Explorer and OneDrive* – both by Kevin Beauregard.

They have information about a fun book on their website: *Explain the Cloud Like I'm 10* by Tim Hoff; \$15.83 (paperback) or \$9.99 (Kindle) on Amazon.

“Funny and informative. This is a fun and easy-to-read book that explains the Cloud in a simple and easy to consume way. Love it! I think it is a great book for those who have no idea what the cloud is. It is easy to understand and uses many analogies that people can relate to. There are a million different ideas associated with the cloud, but for folks that just want to know what the heck everyone means when they talk about the cloud, this book will help.”



**Space Coast PCUG** [Space Coast PC Users Group Online \(scpcug.com\)](http://Space Coast PC Users Group Online (scpcug.com))

SCPCUG meets at the Merritt Island Library; Saturdays from 12:00 noon to 3:30 PM. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays are Learning Center meetings; the 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday is their Business meeting. The monthly meetings include presentations, door prizes and/or raffle prizes, and questions and answers as time permits. Saturday Help and Learning sessions include hands-on assistance with personal computers as needed, personal problem-solving assistance for computers and electronic devices, updates on the latest technology, and social interaction. At their January business meeting, they discussed proposed by-law changes. A copy of the redlined by-laws was included in their February newsletter. That makes it easy for the members to read and understand the differences before voting on them.

The Brevard Users Group and SCPCUG have been sister groups for many years; at its February meeting, the BUG president proposed SCPCUG take over one or two of their meetings that will continue at the BUG's usual location. SCPCUG officers will take turns attending their meetings, and, over time, the treasuries will be merged.

After 20 years as SCPCUG's editor, Rod Ingraham stepped down; congratulations to Barbara Mead for volunteering to be The Journal's editor.



From their website: **Home of the FREE Computer Repair Clinic**

We are one of the premier technology training centers in Pinellas County. Our members have their choice of attending over 30 computer and Internet user groups, classes, and seminars each month. See a complete listing of Special Interest Groups [here](#). We also offer structured classes. While we do charge as little as \$5 per classroom hour for some classes, most of our resources are shared with our members for free.



Their 'User Groups / SIGs' cover Chromebook Support, Cut the Cable Presentation, Cut the Cable Self-Help, Digital Music Meetup, EZ-Stock Trading, Podcasting, Q&A with Howard, Software Developers, Skeptic's Corner, Stocks, Options & Charts, The Thinkers' Salon, US History, Windows by Bill, and WordPress.

## REGION 8

### AL, KS, LA, OK, TN, TX

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### Arkansas

*Bella Vista Computer Club*

[Bella Vista Computer Club \(bvcomputerclub.org\)](http://bvcomputerclub.org)

BVCC had several learning opportunities in April: two Help Clinics (in-person and online), a hybrid general meeting presentation on *Digital Video Editing Fundamentals -- a presentation from APCUG (Association of Technology and Computer User Groups) by John Krout of the Potomac Area Technology and Computer Society*; classes on *Why, When and How to Backup Your C Drive, Data: Where Is It and What To Do With It*, and *Computer Security for Regular People, Pt 1* – all three in their Training Center.

Other general meeting presentations covered *Fraud Scams* by Carolyn Grieve of Arvest Bank on the many kinds of financial frauds and scams we may encounter today. President Joel Ewing gave a presentation on *Using LibreOffice Impress for Presentations*; the completely-free open-source LibreOffice office suite includes a word processor (Writer), a spreadsheet app (Calc), and a presentation app (Impress). Joel's presentation covered the basics of using Impress to create a presentation.

Their Genealogy SIG is an informal meeting of individuals interested in sharing their experiences, helping new members get started in genealogical research, and using computer tools to aid in that work.

### Kansas

**Senior Computer Users Group of KC** - [SenCom \(kcsenior.net\)](http://kcsenior.net)



Another call for Volunteers Needed! We need volunteers to help our board members and fill two positions: Programs and Education. We also need help with Publicity. If interested, please email me (Lou Risley, President) or another Board Member. Our email addresses are on the "Board of Directors" page under the "About Us" menu. Remember, this is your organization; please help us keep it healthy and growing. Again, LITTLE OR NO COMPUTER SKILLS REQUIRED.

SenCom Mission Statement: "Providing Senior Paced Computer and Technology Learning Experiences." Their classes/workshops certainly fulfill their mission statement: Windows Essential Tools, Windows 11, Intro to Android Tablets and Phones, Organizing Files & Folders, Intro to iPad/iPhone, Computer Maintenance, Transfer, Organize and Edit Photos, Basic Microsoft Word, Intro to Excel, Windows 10,

Intro to Facebook, Google's Other Features, Using Email, Internet Browser Features, Beginners Computer Workshop, and Internet Basics. The three-hour classes have an instructor and assistant; the cost is \$30 per class, \$15 for SenCom members. [Classes - SenCom \(kcsenior.net\)](#) for class descriptions.

## Tennessee

**Plateau PC Users Group** [HOME | Ppcug \(ppcuginc.com\)](#)



Plateau's April meeting covered *Computer Security, Preventing Fraud & Identity Theft* from AARP's Fraud Watch Network, and *Stop Pixel Tracking--How to shut out tracking advertisers* from a Kim Komando article, both by Bob Willis, Director. In March, President Steve Rosenstein presented *avoiding scams, robocalls, and online fraud*. February featured Bob Willis, a long-time tax preparer, presenting several tax topics that changed for 2021 taxes—both US and Kentucky changes.

Does your Board of Directors have a disclaimer included in your newsletter or on your website? **BOARD OF DIRECTORS DISCLAIMER** All members of the Plateau PC Users Group are willing to help one another in the area of advice and tutorial instruction over the phone. If you should require more involved services or instruction, we have a few very knowledgeable members in several areas. As a responsible consumer, it is up to you to discuss, before retaining a member any and ALL charges for repair services and time-consuming tutorial activities.

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## REGION 9 AZ, CO OPEN

### Arizona

Many groups in Arizona are part of a gated community; their 'seasons' run from October or November to March or April. The Viewpoint Technology Club is one of those groups.

**Viewpoint Technology Club** [Viewpoint Tech Club \(vptechclub.org\)](#)

Their last meeting of the year, the Annual General Meeting, was held on March 16, and except for the Linux class, all other activities have been suspended until the Fall when they are looking forward to when they will resume their regular class and meeting schedule.

A new Special Interest group (SIG) will be starting in the Fall for all members interested in the Linux platform for computers.



The club is comprised of three user groups: iPad/iPhone, Macintosh, and Microsoft Windows PC. They also partner with the Photo and Genealogy clubs to offer a variety of classes and training opportunities to their collective membership.

Annual club dues are \$15/person, which permits participation in all user groups and all classes offered by the club (some exceptions for out-of-park presenters). User group meetings include presentations specific to that group, discussions, question and answer sessions, and troubleshooting. Instructor-led small group training on various subjects is also offered to members.

They have many resource links on their website that enable their members to keep learning during the group's hiatus. ["HOW TO" INFORMATION \(vptechclub.org\)](http://vptechclub.org)

**Computer Booters**, Southeast Valley Friends in Tech, meets year-round and has many links to enhance its member's tech skills plus having fun touring museums --

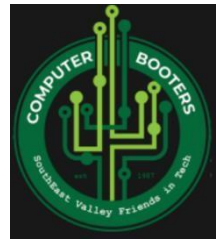
[Virtual Museum Tours – Computer Booters](#). Check out the Booters' website

[Computer Booters – SouthEast Valley Friends in Tech](#) for information about

Windows 11, Tech News, new videos added to their YouTube Playlist, How-To

Articles, plus links to recent articles such as 10 hidden Gmail features you should be

using, Your Phone Is Filthy, and You Should Be Cleaning It, How to Launch Windows Without Entering a Password, The Fastest Way to Take Voice Notes on Android....



Lunch and Learn is at the Grill 61, Springfield Golf Course; workshops are held at the Cottonwood Country Club, and general meetings are hybrid meetings with APCUG group members invited to attend.

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### California

**SCV Computer Club** [SCV Computer Club - Home](#)

The SCVCC is a small group located 35 miles NW of Los Angeles. They are a group of technology enthusiasts helping others in the Santa Clarita Valley keep up to date with what's happening in the tech world. They open their meetings with some fun photos and jokes, followed by presentations such as Bob Gostischa's *Computer Security in 2022*, member John Metcalf giving a presentation, and a hands-on demo of *Corel's Paintshop Pro*; member Dave Melton gave a presentation on *Distro Hopping*—his adventures with Linux. Dave subsequently gave it at a Learning Linux Wednesday Workshop. Judy also talked about Internet data brokers and where they find our information, how to download everything Amazon knows about



us, why Windows is called Windows, etc. Another presentation consisted of Funnies & Maxine Jokes—who writes them, Tips & Tricks, and Judy's *Home Automation in Our Kitchen* presentation, one she put together for the Durham group in Canada. The tagline line for this one was -- If only we were younger and had more money, we could buy some of the things in the presentation.

One of the pages on their website is Helpful Links. From APCUG to User Group Relations and a Security section from AARP's Fraud Watch to World Backup Day, there is information on many subjects. Also included is a link to *Best Buy's Keep Your Kids Safe Online*, a few ways to help establish a kid-friendly network. Some of the security links on that web page were used by a student to complete her online guide for her technology class. Her mom was so happy to hear she chose this topic as it is such a big problem today. "During her research, she came across this page - it was so helpful for her presentation - thanks so much!" from Ava's mom.... Ava suggested we add this page under the Security section. It's never too early to learn about security.

There is also a link to *Social Media Safety and Digital Citizenship*. One of the volunteers at a public school library in Wyoming showed this website to the library staff, and they loved it. It covers information on Social Media Safety, Cyberbullying, Identity Theft, and more. She got in touch and asked if we could add the link.

#### Laguna Woods PC Club [Home \(thepclub.org\)](http://thepclub.org)



*Cybersecurity Essentials* was presented by Dr. Debra Bowen, Academic Program Director for the Bachelor of Science in Information Technology Management (ITM) program at National University. Her presentation covered these topics:

- You've all seen the Internet represented with a picture of a cloud, right? What information of yours is in that cloud, how did it get there, and can you protect it, or is it too late?
- The threats of cyber-attacks have never been higher, so what is the hardware used to move data around the Internet, and what types of cybercrimes could happen to your personal information?
- Learn the basic steps everyone can and should take to protect themselves.
- And finally, discover what is happening in the digital world that will change everything!

Their March meeting featured Debbie Dotson, who gave a live version of her monthly technology show, Let's Talk Tech, on Village TV and YouTube. The hot topics presented were:

- What is the Internet of Things (IoT)? Crazy Sci-Fi? Nope! ○ Artificial Intelligence A.I.
- The future is here and in your living room ○ The need for two-factor authentication for online activities
- You can't be too safe
- Some easy tips on avoiding a cyber nightmare ○ Sweet dreams instead
- Best practices for safety and security on social media

#### April 2022 Let's Talk Tech [Let's Talk Tech with Debbie Dotson - April 2022 - YouTube](#)

**Tax Program.** The Laguna Woods PC Club, in partnership with United way, sponsors the Laguna Woods Free Tax Program. Their all-volunteer program prepared over 950 Laguna Woods residents' income taxes for free.

**e-Waste.** Laguna Woods Village provides pick up for computers, monitors, printers, and other electronic equipment.

## INTERNATIONAL

### Australia

**Melbourne PCUG** [Melbourne PC User Group – The Melbourne PC User group Inc \(melbpc.org.au\)](http://Melbourne PC User Group – The Melbourne PC User group Inc (melbpc.org.au))

**Free Tutorials - How to use Smartphones, Tablets, and Computers.** After nearly 40 years of “members helping members,” Melbourne PC User Group is now open to the general public to teach and mentor adults entirely free of charge to increase their knowledge and confidence in using the latest digital technology. With the increasing trend that everything is moving to the internet, it is important that all adults have the necessary skills and knowledge to carry out transactions online safely and with confidence. Each Wednesday from 6 April 2022,



the Moorabbin premises will be open to any members of the public to attend in person and bring along their portable device, smartphone, tablet, or laptop computer to receive help with operating their device. Spare computers and tablets are also available for attendees if they do not already own a device or if their computer is not easily portable.

**Their Featured Group.** If you want to learn about the Linux operating system, then the Northern Suburbs Linux SIG is the place to go. Covering all current versions of Linux but often concentrating on the very popular Linux Mint version, you will find these meetings - currently online - invaluable in helping you get the most from your device.

**iHelp SIG.** Members can obtain help with specific internet or device problems from their iHelp SIG via phone or email and participate in the club’s private online forum. The forum enables Members to share the latest tech news, help each other solve PC problems or simply chat about the day’s affairs.

**Volunteers are needed for the iHelp SIG.** "Users helping users" is the motto of Melbourne PC User Group. Here’s your chance to put the motto into action. Internet Help (iHelp) needs new volunteers to add to its team of front-line iHelpers. If you can spare 4 hours/week or more for the cause of better computing for members, give us a call.

You need:

- Familiarity with Windows (one or more versions), internet connection, email & browsers • A willingness to guide others with the problem-solving methods you already use
- Patience with elders
- Other expertise is valued and helps the team You'll receive:-
- Training and induction
- Support manuals where needed
- Access to licensed support tools
- Option to claim an allowance towards your Internet costs

# GENERAL HOW-TO'S AND TIPS & TRICKS FOR MEMBER GROUPS

by Gabe Goldberg, Advisor Region 2 (DC, DE, MD, NC, NJ, PA, VA, WV)

**Don't Leave Non-Zoomers Out/Behind! Run Hybrid meetings.** In the last two+ years, many groups and individuals have become familiar -- comfortable, even -- running and attending Zoom meetings. But there's still a significant contingent uncomfortable/unwilling/unable to use Zoom. Many of them have been long-time user group stalwarts, so it's important to recognize and respect their position and accommodate them as much as possible. When meeting venues and volunteers are available, consider offering hybrid meetings welcoming in-person and remote attendees. Doing this shouldn't require elaborate equipment; for example, I recently presented at FPCUG using just my iPad to run slides and share them with a Zoom meeting and my iPhone mirroring slides to a projector.

**User Group Funds -- Easy Come and Easy Go.** Well into the 21st Century, if your group only accepts dues/donations via cash or check and similarly only reimburses expenses by check, you're suffering more financial friction than necessary. Accepting online payments (via PayPal or any other systems), and making payments electronically, can reduce processing time, avoid issues with delayed or missing postal mail, and enable valuable options. For example, a powerful tool for maintaining membership is letting members select automatic renewal, so they receive notice before membership expiration that they'll be renewed using the last payment method. That eliminates the need to make yearly decisions on whether to renew; it requires explicit action for them NOT to renew. It makes the default renew rather than lapse.

For making payments -- for example, reimbursing expenses incurred for your group -- consider using PayPal or Amazon (or other) e-gift cards. Lately, when I've bought Amazon gift cards for use as PATACS door prizes, I've fittingly been reimbursed with -- guess what? -- an Amazon gift card.

Accepting and disbursing money this way means no stamps, no envelopes, no delays, and no problems in funds management.

**Packrats? Us?** Along with organizing and presenting exhibits spanning the broad history of computing, the excellent Computer History Museum -- <https://computerhistory.org/> -- collects artifacts and documents for preservation and research. If you have significant artifacts you might part with, consider donating them. Here's how: <https://computerhistory.org/collections/>  
<https://computerhistory.org/acquisitions/>

**Do-It-Themselves Session.** From time to time, most groups suffer a shortage of meeting speakers and topics. Consider a return to the golden age of user groups when many meetings offered member presentations. A pleasant alternative to formal presentations is occasionally running an open mic session with members giving short (ten minutes or so) presentations/demonstrations of favorite apps, utilities, websites, whatever. These can be nice fun/chaotic events with people sharing screens and describing computing tools they can't live without.

Just like fingerprints, everyone's collection of favorites is unique. We find these in different ways: web reviews, friends' recommendations, blogs, newspapers/magazines/radio/TV stories. So, our collections are, by definition, incomplete. We can't all know the best choices, so it's valuable to hear about others' must-have choices.

**Collect, Share, Preserve Online Meeting Wisdom.** Much Zoom meeting value is in chat sessions parallel to presentations or reflecting Q&A dialogues. Zoom hosts can harvest full chat discussions and share



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them with group members. So, attendees needn't record links and tips offered there, and nonattendees can still get value from what's shared.

**Who Are All Those People in Zoom Screen Hollywood Squares?** Especially lately, it's been harder to socialize with and get to know colleagues with most meetings online. And new members may not know much about people with whom they share a group. One way to remedy that is to include member profiles in the group newsletter.

An easy way to get started with that can be creating a template of standard questions for people to answer -- background, work experience, how'd they start using computers, favorite computer/technology, when they joined your group, what they like about it, current and planned technology use, biggest headache(s), etc. Nobody needs to answer all questions; they're just to get people thinking. Profiles can run as Q&A exchanges or as narratives.

**How Does Anything New Ever Happen?** Ideas and suggestions are initially fragile; it's easy to make them disappear. The two most annoying reactions I've heard to creativity are, "We tried that once, and it didn't work," and "We've never done that before, so we shouldn't try it." Scott Adams captured a flavor of that with <https://dilbert.com/stip/2018-08-09>. I used to observe -- painfully -- that a longago group in which I was involved had the prime directive, "Don't do anything for the first time." Especially for technology groups, that's hardly a productive attitude -- don't let it be yours. Seek change -- don't be stuck in a rut. Be brave; leave a decades-long comfort zone.

**Where Do New APCUG Members Come From?** I was recently contacted by the leader of the Apple group at a DC-area senior community, who'd been pointed to me by someone at a group where I'd spoken many times. The Apple group -- with 120 members! -- is a vibrant/successful group but suffers the common problem of finding speakers. The fellow was accurately told that APCUG might solve the problem. I described that APCUG could supply live speakers by scheduling in advance and offers many recorded programs for on-demand streaming. The lesson here is that communities, where members have spoken, may know of similar/related communities with clubs that can be prospective APCUG members. But people who've heard presentations by APCUG members may not think of referring other communities -- so ask for them!

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## GENERAL ARTICLES

**Sarasota Technology Users Group and Venice Technology Users Group MERGE** From Bruce Burnette, VTUG President, to their members,

Ann Ross, President of Sarasota Tech, and Jim Cerny, their 1<sup>st</sup> VP, will be at our March meeting and give a presentation and answer questions about their amazing club. You can get more info at their website. My friends, please attend this, our final meeting, and say goodbye. I have been privileged to serve as your President for the past nine years and have many fond memories of our fellow members. Thank you for all your support and your help. Michelle, and I will be doing a lot more traveling, starting with three months in France in May. Please stay in touch. Check us out, and friend me on my Facebook page.

## We live in exciting times!

By Jim Cerny, Education Chair & Forums Coordinator [Sarasota Technology Users Group \(thestug.org\)](http://thestug.org)

The great news this month is that the Venice (that's Venice in Florida, not Italy) Technology Users Group has decided to merge with us! Suddenly, we will be increasing our membership by over a hundred! Mr. Bruce Brunette of Venice has been working with us to help with this merger, we thank him very much!

I also must especially thank Nancy Dennis and Dick Bayles for helping a great deal to merge their membership list with ours. The new Venice members are getting a three-month free trial membership with STUG to get familiar with our group, and they will soon be receiving all our email notices. So be looking for new, friendly, and good-looking people in our classes and meetings!

With the addition of these members, we hope to provide more help and classes for everyone. If you are a new member from Venice (or even if you are not), would you please consider volunteering with STUG? You do not have to have any computer or technical skills, just being able to make some phone calls or send some emails would be a huge help for us. Of course, if you have some technical knowledge, we will have a place for that too!

We need teachers, of course, to provide more classes, but we also need volunteers to help those teachers teach. Just a couple of hours a month is all we need. Our volunteers are the ones who make everything happen!

I also would like to mention our STUG "Refurbishing Group," which takes donated computers and gets them working again to give to those who need a computer but cannot afford one. They have given refurbished computers to school children, charitable organizations, and seniors. Mr. Mike Hutchinson is the person to contact if you have a computer to donate or know of someone who needs one. You can find out all about the Refurbishing Group through [Sarasota Technology Users Group \(thestug.org\)](http://thestug.org)

At last, the COVID plague is easing, and we are still planning on having "hybrid" monthly meetings – both in-person and on Zoom. Our classes are still all on Zoom. If you can, please join our meetings in person. The STUG board is actively trying to find a permanent location to host our monthly meetings.

Thank you all for being part of STUG, and we hope to see you soon.

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## TECH TIPS

### Windows, Android, Apple, Penguin, and Chromebook Tips

#### "HELPING MEMBER GROUPS HELP THEIR MEMBERS"



**HOW TO ENABLE RANSOMWARE PROTECTION ON WINDOWS 11** - On Windows 11, you can enable the "Controlled folder access" feature to protect your files against ransomware attacks. In this guide, you will learn how. Microsoft Defender Antivirus is your default security solution to protect your computer against viruses, spyware, rootkits, and many other types of malware. However, you probably didn't know that the anti-malware solution also includes an option to protect your files from ransomware, but you need to enable the feature manually. [How to enable ransomware protection on Windows 11 - Pureinfotech](#)

**HOW TO FIX WINDOWS UPDATE WHEN IT GETS STUCK OR FROZEN** – For the most part, Windows Update works silently in the background. It downloads updates automatically, installs the ones it can, and saves others to install when you restart Windows. But sometimes it breaks and stops working. Here's how to fix Windows Update when it gets stuck or frozen. This can happen on Windows 7, 8, 10, or 11, but it's become especially common with Windows 7. Sometimes updates will error out, or sometimes Windows Update may just get stuck "searching for updates" forever. Here's how to fix Windows Update. [How to Fix Windows Update When It Gets Stuck or Frozen \(howtogeek.com\)](https://www.howtogeek.com/111111/its-how-to-fix-windows-update-when-it-gets-stuck-or-frozen/)

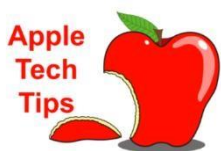
**WHAT IS GRAPHENEOS, AND HOW DOES IT MAKE ANDROID MORE PRIVATE?** – Using a modern smartphone comes with some privacy and security concerns. GrapheneOS aims to solve some of those problems. It's a custom version of Android that puts privacy and security above all else. Custom ROMs are not as prevalent in the Android world as they used to be, but there are still some solid ones kicking around. GrapheneOS is one such ROM. Let's look at this privacy and security-focused take on Android. [What Is GrapheneOS, and How Does It Make Android More Private? \(howtogeek.com\)](https://www.howtogeek.com/111111/what-is-grapheneos-and-how-does-it-make-android-more-private/)

**HOW TO START YOUR ANDROID PHONE IN SAFE MODE** – Safe mode has been a staple for troubleshooting system problems in computing devices for decades. Unsurprisingly, it comes in handy when your Android device is acting up as well. Booting your Android phone in safe mode disables third party apps from running. Safe Mode helps you diagnose any issues with your Android operating system, helping you pinpoint the source of the problem. [How to Start Your Android Phone in Safe Mode \(helpdeskgeek.com\)](https://www.helpdeskgeek.com/android/how-to-start-your-android-phone-in-safe-mode/)

**5 WARNING SIGNS YOUR SSD IS ABOUT TO BREAK DOWN AND FAIL** – Worried your SSD will malfunction and break down and take all of your data with it? Look for these warning signs. [5 Warning Signs Your SSD Is About to Break Down and Fail \(makeuseof.com\)](https://www.makeuseof.com/5-warning-signs-your-ssd-is-about-to-break-down-and-fail/)

**GOOGLE PHOTOS UPDATES ITS LIBRARY AND SHARING TABS TO MAKE PHOTOS EASIER TO FIND** – Google Photos is getting a pretty significant layout change that should make it easier to find the photos and albums you're looking for in the library and sharing tabs. [Google Photos updates its library and sharing tabs to make photos easier to find – The Verge](https://www.theverge.com/2022/3/14/google-photos-updates-its-library-and-sharing-tabs-to-make-photos-easier-to-find)

**HOW TO STOP MICROSOFT EDGE FROM OPENING AUTOMATICALLY** – Microsoft Edge—the stock web browser in Windows 11 and 10—sometimes launches even if you have a different browser set as default. It could load alongside the operating system at startup, preload various background-related processes during the login phase, or show up on its own after a restart. This post details multiple ways to stop Microsoft Edge from opening automatically on your PC. If you use Edge on a Mac, you will also learn to prevent the browser from loading without permission in macOS. [How to Stop Microsoft Edge From Opening Automatically \(helpdeskgeek.com\)](https://www.helpdeskgeek.com/microsoft-edge/how-to-stop-microsoft-edge-from-opening-automatically/)



**43 COOL NEW iOS 15.4 FEATURES FOR iPhone — APP UPDATES, HIDDEN CHANGES, AND MORE!** – The iOS 15.4 software has been available to developers since Jan. 27, 2022, and public beta testers since Jan. 28. The release candidate, the last stage in beta testing, was released after Apple's Peak Performance event on March 8 where the company revealed its new iPhone SE, among other things.

Apple pushed out the final iOS 15.4 build, as well as iPadOS 15.4 for iPad, on Monday, March 14. You can download and install the update manually via Settings → General → Software Update, or you can wait for it to auto-update at night if you have that set up. If you're not quite ready yet, check out the features

to see what you're missing out on! [43 Cool New iOS 15.4 Features for iPhone — App Updates, Hidden Changes, and More! « iOS & iPhone :: Gadget Hacks](#)

**SEAMLESSLY USE YOUR MAC'S KEYBOARD AND MOUSE ON YOUR IPAD OR ANOTHER MAC** – With the release of iOS 15.4, iPadOS 15.4, and macOS 12.3, Apple unleashed a ton of new features. We saw a preview of one of the most anticipated new features way back in June 2021, and now it's finally available for everyone with an iPad and Mac. [How to Seamlessly Use Your Mac's Keyboard and Mouse on Your iPad or Another Mac « Mac Tips :: Gadget Hacks](#)

**HOW TO SHOW BATTERY PERCENTAGE ON IPHONE 13** – How much juice do you have left? If you're using an iPhone 13 (or iPhone 13 mini, iPhone 13 Pro, or iPhone 13 Pro Max), the exact answer isn't always obvious at a glance. Luckily, there are two ways to quickly see a precise battery percentage on your iPhone 13. Here's how. [How to Show Battery Percentage on iPhone 13 \(howtogeek.com\)](#)

**HOW TO BURN A CD OR DVD ON A MAC** – If you own a Mac and need to transfer files between machines, make a temporary backup, or share files with others, sometimes burning a CD or DVD still does the trick. Luckily, macOS makes it easy. Here's how to do it. [How to Burn a CD or DVD on a Mac \(howtogeek.com\)](#)



**GNOME 42 – TOP NEW FEATURE AND RELEASE DETAILS** – We give you all the important GNOME 42 feature highlights and release information in this article. This article contains information about an upcoming release. It is continually updated until the final release announcement. [Read on.](#)

**25 USEFUL BASIC COMMANDS OF APT-GET AND APT-CACHE FOR PACKAGE MANAGEMENT** – This article explains how quickly you can learn to install, remove, update and search software packages using apt-get and apt-cache commands from the command line. [This article provides](#) some useful commands that will help you to handle package management in Debian/Ubuntu based systems.

**ELEMENTARY OS 6.1 “JÓLNIR” OFFICIALLY RELEASED, THIS IS WHAT’S NEW** – Dubbed “Jólnir,” elementary OS 6.1 comes more than four months after elementary OS 6 “Odin” and it's built on top of the Ubuntu 20.04.3 point release of the Ubuntu 20.04 LTS (Focal Fossa) long-term supported operating system series and powered by Linux kernel 5.11. [Here's what's new.](#)

**5 WARNING SIGNS YOUR SSD IS ABOUT TO BREAK DOWN AND FAIL** – Worried your SSD will malfunction and break down and take all of your data with it? Look for these warning signs. [5 Warning Signs Your SSD Is About to Break Down and Fail \(makeuseof.com\)](#)

**HOW TO INSTALL LINUX ON YOUR WINDOWS PC** – Want to run whatever browser you want and not be forced into Edge? Sick of being told to “upgrade” to Windows 11? Tired of one Windows 10 zero-day after another being exploited? A radical suggestion: Switch to Linux. It's simple to get Linux Mint up and running on a Windows PC. [Here's how you do it.](#)

**WINDOWS 365 NO DEAL FOR NON-BIZ LINUX USERS** – Microsoft's new Cloud PC with Windows 10/11 service potentially offers a way for some Linux users to sidestep what could be the last barrier for businesses to adopt the Linux desktop without leaving behind must-have Windows applications. But if you lack a company's backing, for the time being you can expect Microsoft's new platform to consider you unsuitable. So personal use of Windows 365 is not a real option for all Linux users. [Read about why here.](#)

**TOP 10 MOST BEAUTIFUL LINUX DISTRIBUTIONS** – There are many Linux Distributions that look stunning without any customization. The developers have made them so that you can experience the visual treat right after installation without any additional effort on customization. Hence, we compiled a list of the most beautiful Linux distributions you can try right now and give your PC a visual makeover. [Read which ones they are.](#)



**NO, CHROME OS ISN'T REMOVING SMART LOCK, JUST TWEAKING IT** – Recent reports have suggested that Chrome OS would be removing Smart Lock in the near future, but instead, Google is only tweaking the way it works, potentially to keep your account more secure. [No, Chrome OS isn't removing Smart Lock, just tweaking it - 9to5Google](#)

**4 BURIED TREASURES THAT'LL TRANSFORM YOUR CHROME OS EXPERIENCE** - All right, my fellow Chrome OS adventurer — see if this progression feels familiar:

- First: "Ooh, look! My Chromebook's getting a huge update this week! Cool new features! SO EXCITING!!"
- Then: "Oh. The update's here, but everything looks the same. Where's all the new stuff? So disappointing."
- It's an all-too-common pairing here in the land o' Googley matters, and that exact progression is in the midst of playing out for many an eager Chromebook owner this very moment. Have you felt it yet? This latest up-and-down got going when Google made a splashy announcement about its 100th Chrome OS release the other day — including, most notably, the long-in-progress launch of a snazzy new revamped Chromebook launcher (ooh, ahh, etc.). [4 buried treasures that'll transform your Chrome OS experience | Computerworld](#)

**CHROMEBOOK ZOOM COMPATIBILITY JUNE 2022 CHANGES** - Chromebook ChromeOS apps are being phased out across all operating systems by June 2022. Because of this, Zoom created the Chrome Progressive Web App (PWA), which is intended to replace the Zoom ChromeOS app, and allows you to use some of the same features available on the desktop client or mobile app within the Chrome web browser. [Chromebook Zoom Compatibility June 2022 Changes – CCTechConnect \(zendesk.com\)](#)

**CHROMEBOOK REVIEW — THE KEY PROS AND CONS IN 2022** - "Should I buy a Chromebook?" is a question that is asked with increasing frequency by individuals, businesses, parents and students looking to reduce their computing costs or work more collaboratively in the cloud. This Chromebook review explores the pros and cons of using Chromebooks and other Chrome OS-based computers, helps you answer that question and highlights a few Chromebooks that you might want to consider using. [Chromebook Review \(2022\) — Should I Buy a Chromebook? \(stylefactoryproductions.com\)](#)

**THE 20-MINUTE CHROMEBOOK TUNE-UP** - As far as computers go, Chromebooks are almost shockingly low-maintenance. Google's Chrome OS operating system updates itself silently and automatically — as do most of the core apps associated with the platform — and it doesn't get gunked up and slowed down over time, as traditional operating systems tend to do. There's no antivirus software to fret over, either, and little in the way of complicated settings or compatibility concerns. By and large, things "just work" — like, for real. But hey, you're a proactive person. You like knowing your tech is always in tip-top shape. Plus, you have impeccable tastes in tech-related reading material (clearly). So let me share a little secret

with you: Despite Chrome OS's minimal-upkeep nature, there are some things you can do to clean up your Chromebook, clear out its clutter, and keep it primed for optimal productivity (and/or procrastination — equally important, as far as I'm concerned). And they don't take long at all to power through. [The 20-minute Chromebook tune-up | Computerworld](#)

For more tips go to [APCUG \(apcug2.org\)](#)

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