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(doors open at 6:30 PM)

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Located at the southeast corner of
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The meeting room is then straight ahead.)



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This Month's Main Meeting Topic:

**Eric Malcolm from Malcolm Digital will present
"Building A Word Press Website"**

Dues were increased to \$30 per year, with the digital newsletter, at the November meeting.

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

DUES: \$25/YEAR

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Four Month Meeting Schedule:

DECEMBER 2018

4 - SHCC Eric Malcolm from Malcolm Digital will present "Building A Word Press Website"

5 - COMP meeting
 9 - SEMCO meeting

FEBRUARY 2019

5 - SHCC Main Meeting
 6 - COMP meeting
 10- SEMCO Meeting

MARCH 2019

5 - SHCC Main Meeting
 6 - COMP meeting
 10- SEMCO Meeting

JANUARY 2019

8 - SHCC Main Meeting
 2 - COMP meeting
 13 - SEMCO meeting

Other Computer Clubs:

As a member of SHCC, you can attend meetings of other clubs where we have reciprocating membership agreements, at no charge.

Computer Club of Marysville and Port Huron (COMP)

Time: 1st Wednesday, 7:00PM
 Place: Mackenzie Bldg, Room 201, St Clair Community College, Clara E McKenzie Library-Science Building, 323 Erie St. Port Huron, MI (810) 982-1187
 Reciprocating: Yes

South Eastern Michigan Computer Organization (SEMCO) (new location)

Time: 2nd Sunday at 1:15PM
 Place: Lawrence Tech (Southfield Campus) 21000 W 10 Mile Rd, Southfield; Wayne H. Buell Management Bldg, Room M213
 Web page: <http://www.semco.org>
 Reciprocating: Yes

Royal Oak Computer Club

Time: Every Wednesday at 12:30
 Place: Mahany/Meineger Senior Community Center
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Newsletter submissions are due 10 days before the club meeting, but the earlier the better. They should be sent to :
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The President's Pen by Don VanSyckel



This month is the fourth meeting at the new location of Baker College Clinton Township, and the last time I'll state this. For those of you who haven't made it there yet, we meet in the Community Room which is next to the Student Center. Enter from the Little Mack Avenue side.

SHCC had officer elections last month. The four current officers were each nominated for the same office they hold now and there were no other candidates. So the four were elected unanimously for 2019.

At the September meeting a motion was made to amend the constitution to increase dues from \$25 to \$30 for members receiving the electronic newsletter, and from \$45 to \$50 for members receiving the paper newsletter. The motion was discussed again in October. Last month the motion was up for a vote. The motion passed, unanimously I believe. At least no one voted against it, so dues have been increased.

Cutting the cord continues at my house. Last month I wrote about dropping cable TV and keeping Internet. So far my wife and I have not missed cable TV. In fairness, my wife only watches a hour or so a day and the channel is available via streaming so she's all set. I have the TV on more than I actually watch. I am still finding interesting DVDs at the library and haven't even bothered much with the "free" movies that are offered on Crackle, PBS, Pluto TV, Roku Channel, Tubi TV, and Vudu all of which I have signed up for. Plus there are others that I haven't checked into yet. Popular Netflix and Hulu are both pay to play so I'll leave those until I exhaust the free channels, no hurry. Ya know, there's only so many hours in the day, just how much TV content do you need? How many hours a day do you want to be chained to a TV?

Some of the services require you to select items by clicking through

what seems to be endless lists of movies which are in no particular order. At least the movies are in genre lists, but still the lists are long. Some services show dates and some show ratings. I found in Tubi that you can go on line and "easily" search (using the PC's keyboard) for various items by title, actor, or date. Then once you find a movie, you can search for that title on the Roku/TV, but this uses a select-the-letter process using the arrow keys on the remote. This sure beats choosing via the endless lists. Some services interrupt the movies with advertisements and some don't. So far the Tubi movies have played straight through, with no ads. All in all, there's a lot of movies and other content out there, with some not worth watching, but there's a lot that is, and much of it is free.

This month at our meeting, Eric Malcolm from Malcolm Digital will present "Building A Word Press Website."



Member Ads

Ads are available free to SHCC members, and are limited to computer related items for non-commercial purposes. Any ad shall be a maximum of twelve newsletter lines of text.



If your e-mail or mail address changes, please e-mail: secretary@SterlingHeightsComputerClub.org

Door Prizes

Door prize drawings are held at regular club meetings. The winner's circle for November included:

Paul Baecker won DVDs

Richard Katnik won a ream of paper

Bill Appleberry won a ream of paper

Pat Little won DVDs

Walter Jendhoff won a flashlight

Sharon Patrick won a flashlight

Paul Cozart won a power strip

Irene Kramer won a CD case

Mike Galat won an extension cord

James Waldrop won a Lexmark print cartridge

Martee Held won a Dell monitor



Last Month's Meeting

Last month we were pleased to have Mr. Richard Tapaninen of Micro Center Madison Heights present "What's Hot for the Holidays". Mr. Tapaninen has presented to SHCC several other years and did a great job again this year. It's always interesting to learn about the new stuff on the market. Check out Micro Center and make you wish list.



Could Someone Set Up A Facebook Account In My Name?

From the Ask Leo Newsletter

I avoid Facebook. There are too many problems associated with it, plus it's just not my thing. However, I have received email invitations (whatever that is) and I've deleted them. One person sent several over a few months. Do they get paid to recruit accounts? The invitations were from people that rarely if ever email me that have somehow retained my email address. But I digress. Can someone create a Facebook account in my name without my permission or knowledge? How do I check for any? What unique identifier does Facebook use? An email address? If found, how do I delete an erroneous account in my name? Obviously, if I didn't create an account, I have no idea what the password is (assuming Facebook requires accounts to have passwords).

There's a lot to this question. Let's work it in reverse order.

Facebook accounts

A Facebook account is no different than any other online account. Your "unique identifier", as you call it, is your email address, and indeed, you are required to set a password on the account. You log in to your Facebook account with your email address and password.

When you associate an email address with a Facebook account, you must verify that you actually own that email address. Facebook sends an email to that email address, containing a link you must click to confirm that ownership. While you can associate multiple email addresses with a single Facebook account (a good idea for account recovery), you *cannot* use the same email address on different Facebook accounts.

Most importantly, you can't use an email address with a Facebook account without the owner of that email account clicking the link to confirm it's what they want. Put another way, no one can open a Facebook account using your email address unless *you* click the confirmation link to confirm it. (Unless, of course, your email account has been hacked, in which case you'll likely have other problems.)

Facebook impersonation

What people *can* do is create Facebook accounts in your *name* using some *other* email address. It's not your email address that was used; it's someone else setting up their own Facebook account and making it look like you.

It's very easy to set up imposter accounts. Somebody can set up an email address using a free email service like Outlook.com or Gmail, and then create the Facebook account using your name and other information.

If you have a Facebook account, they can also use anything that's publicly visible to make their account look more legitimate. If they can see your birthday, your location, your associations, likes, and follows, they can use all that. They can even make copies of and use any photos — including your profile photo — if those are publicly visible.

Even if you don't have a Facebook account, they can use any information they know or are able to find to make their fake account look more like the real you.

And, to be extra clear, since it's not using your email address, *it's not your account*, and you do not have control over it — even if eve-

rything in that account looks to be like you. The best you can do is hope Facebook will help and warn your friends there's a fake 'you' on Facebook.

This kind of impersonation is, unfortunately, relatively common, and sadly, there's little you can do about it.

You should definitely contact Facebook; they have a Report an Impostor Account page.

If it starts to cross the line into illegal activity, defamation, or worse, you can try to contact law enforcement. (Just be forewarned that law enforcement has little time for this type of thing, and often very little expertise.)

Invitations

Invitations — from Facebook or any other service — are nothing to worry about.

All an invitation means is that someone has your email address and can send you email. That's it.

Given the number of people with whom we share our email address so they can send us email, it's no surprise that those email addresses make their way into online services like Facebook, who would love for us to have an account.

There's never been a bounty that I'm aware of, but there is an ... interesting ... technique that is also not unique to Facebook.

Sharing contacts

When people set up an account with Facebook (and many other services), they're asked to share their contacts with the service. This contact list can be used in either of two ways:

- It can be used to identify your friends who already use the service. Since email addresses uniquely identify users, and your

contact list is full of email addresses, all the service needs to do is see who already has an account and connect the two of you, or at least suggest the connection. This is what most people expect when sharing their contacts with a service, and is the way that most “please share your contacts” requests are worded: as a service to you.

- And/or it can be used to identify the email addresses of all your friends who *don't* use the service. The service can then send them all invitations to sign up for accounts. Many people consider this [spam](#), and it's the biggest reason *not* to share

your contact lists with online services.

So, other than a little spam, there's nothing really underhanded about invitations you receive. It's just the service being a little over-aggressive trying to recruit new members.

As long as somebody isn't actually trying to impersonate you, the best thing you can do is delete the invitations you get.

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Using The iPhone Or iPad Keyboard To Enter Text

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There will be many times when you will want to enter text on your iPad or iPhone. You probably have already used your screen keyboard many times. But here are some helpful things you may not know your keyboard can do:

- Touch in any area where there is text for you to edit or a place for you to enter text and the keyboard should appear on your screen. If you do not have your keyboard displayed, you are not able to key in or enter text.
- If you touch in a place where there already is text, you will see the “insertion point” (which is a small vertical line) appear BETWEEN two characters where you touched.
- To MOVE the insertion point to a different place, touch at that place. This can be very tricky to do on a small screen, but you

can do it! Just keep trying – if you get a black bar that says “Select – Select all – Insert photo” just touch somewhere else on the screen and that bar will go away. If you are entering text into a blank or empty space, you cannot position the insertion point, it must be at the beginning of the blank area.

Now, on your screen keyboard, notice the following:

- Touching the small left pointing arrow with a small “x” in it will DELETE the character to the LEFT of the insertion point. Hold this down to delete many characters quickly.
- Touching the up arrow will “shift” the keyboard to capital or uppercase letters. Touch twice to keep uppercase for many letters (caps-lock for you who remember the old typewriters). Touch again to get back to lowercase.

- Touch the “return” bar at the lower right to go to a new line.
 - Touch the small button with the little microphone on it to SPEAK your text. Try it, you may like it.
 - Touch the “123” button to enter numbers and other characters. On this keyboard that appears you can return to the regular keyboard or you can touch “# + =” to get more characters.
 - Touch the “emoji” button (the one with the smiley face) to get hundreds of small symbols to insert as a character. When on the emoji screen you can touch “ABC” to return to the regular keyboard.
 - To EDIT text, touch TWICE in the text area and a small grey “highlight” of text will appear with two small “lollypops”, one at each end. Carefully DRAG a lollypop to expand or reduce the highlighted area. If you make a mistake, just touch outside the highlight and you can start over.
 - When some text is highlighted, you will see a black bar with “Cut – Copy – Replace” on it. Cut will remove the text (which you can “paste” somewhere else next if you like), Copy will leave the text there but will make a copy you can paste and Replace will let you type new text in its place. Other tools/options are available by touching the right white arrow on the bar.
- Strangely, there are TWO places to adjust settings for the keyboard. At “Settings – General – Keyboard” you can turn on or off the keyboard options or even select or add a new keyboard for a different language. Here the “Text replacement” option will allow you to have a full long text string replace a shorter text. For example, you could have the text you enter as

“omw” be automatically replaced with “on my way”. Also, here is the “Predictive” option that, if turned on, will provide you with a band of three words immediately above your keyboard as you type. If one of the words is what you were starting to type, just touch the word at it will complete it for you. I like this option. If one of the predictive words is in quote marks, touching it will enter that text exactly as it is even if it is not a real word, and it will not correct the word.

The other place to change some keyboard settings is at “Settings – General – Accessibility – Keyboard” which has a few more settings such as “key repeat”, “sticky keys”, etc. It seems to be almost overkill to have

so many settings and options for the keyboard, many of which you will probably never use, but they are there.

And don’t forget that if you have any questions about ANY option, just ask Google! Be specific, such as “What are sticky keys on my iPhone?” or “How do I make my iPhone keyboard easier to see?” There are so many options I am sure some of them will appeal to you, so happy typing!

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E-mail Basic Review

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I am going to assume you already have an email address and are enjoying sending and receiving emails. But perhaps you are not aware of the fun and helpful options available in all email applications. Hopefully something in this article will push your curiosity button and encourage you to “ask Google” for more information. Although each email provider (app or program) may look different on your device (and even the SAME provider can look quite different on a Windows computer than on an iPad, etc.) all are capable of doing the following:

Entering people in your “TO:” box – If you just start typing the name of someone, your email will search your “contact list” or “address book” to find a match and list what it finds. Just click on the name you want. Be sure to keep your contact list of email addresses current. It is easy to click on a name which may have an OLD email address. If no name matches, you have to enter the email address yourself. Why not add that person to your contact list for next time?

Learn to use “group” email addresses. You can use your contact list to create a “group” email such as for a club or family group. This means you only have to enter the group name, and ALL the email addresses in that group will be placed in the “TO:” box for you. This is a great time saver. Of course, you need to keep the group current. It is easy to learn how to “add” or “delete” people from a group.

Clean out your “inbox” by deleting old emails or keeping only the emails you want by moving them to a folder. Your “inbox”, “deleted emails”, “drafts”, etc., are all folders or places – you can add your own folders to this list and move the emails you want to keep to them. I have a folder for STUG emails and for another club I belong to. This

keeps the emails in my inbox to a minimum.

Learn to SEARCH for emails in any or all folders. You can search and find words in the subject line or in the emails themselves. You can search for all emails to or from a specific address too. This is helpful if you forget where you put an email.

Emails you delete will go to the “deleted emails” folder and they need to be deleted again from that folder to be deleted forever. Check to see if your email has an automatic delete setting for this folder. I have my email set to delete emails older than 90 days from my “deleted emails” folder. Do NOT keep thousands of emails! (Yes, there are people who like to keep everything. They call them “hoarders” and they have their own television show!.)

Sharing photos using email is easy. You just “attach” the photo (or ANY file) to your email before you send it. Yes, you can attach more than one, but don’t go crazy and attach too many. Usually three or four is plenty. Photos take a lot more time to send than text.

Learn to access your email on another device. This is very helpful when you are traveling or need to use another computer to get to your email. You should always be able to access your email by going to your email Internet webpage and entering your email account and password there. I highly recom-



mend that you try this to be sure you can do it when you need to.

All emails provide many tools and options to help you. Most of them are easy to use, too. Please “ask Google” or use YouTube and watch a short video about your email and the possibilities it provides. There is always more to learn, and I hope

this information will be helpful for you to find and use the tools you need for better emailing!

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Microsoft, We Deserve Better

From the Ask Leo Newsletter

Updates to Windows seemingly can't be trusted, and yet they're forced on us. Something must change.

In recent weeks, I've seen calls from several sources suggesting that Microsoft stop, take a breath, and seriously review their update process.

I agree. This madness must end. Or at least slow down.

Summary:

- Most people should still take updates, backing up first.
- Taking updates feels akin to Russian Roulette.

Microsoft can do better, and I offer specific actions they can and should take.

This isn't about hate

I've always heard from the Microsoft -hate crowd; they're not new. They're the folks for which Microsoft can do absolutely nothing right. Even the most minor glitch is seen as some kind of exposé of Microsoft's evil intent.

That's not me. It never has been. I'm no Microsoft hater.

Windows - yes, even Windows 10 - is an awesome operating system. It's an amazing feat of engineering. In the last decades, Windows' ubiquity and usability paved the way for a myriad of things we now take for granted. Had Windows not existed,

some other solution would likely have done so, but the fact remains Windows happened, and it's Windows that brought technology to where we are today.

I still believe that *most* people should take all updates, albeit with extra attention to backing up first. Windows Update usually works. By “usually”, I mean that for millions upon millions of machines, Windows Update works without major issue. These are the machines used by people we don't hear from because they're busy getting stuff done. Their updates are, for the most part, a non-issue.

But then there's the unlucky few.

Windows Update as Russian Roulette

Let's assume that one hundredth of one percent (0.01%) of Windows 10 installations have a significant problem. That seems like a tiny number, right? (I don't know what the real number is; Microsoft isn't saying. If anything, I suspect my assumption is *low*.)

Let's also assume that there are two billion desktop computers currently in use in the world¹. Let's assume half of them

run Windows, and half of those run Windows 10, meaning about 500,000,000 machines. If our assumption of 0.01% is even close to correct, that means 50,000 computers may experience a problem due to Windows Update. That's still way too many.

Particularly since updates are forced, it's a little like playing Russian Roulette. There's no real predicting whether or not the barrel is loaded when you're forced to pull the Windows Update trigger — or more correctly, when the gun is pointed at your machine and the trigger is pulled on your behalf.

Even if your chances of experiencing a problem are one in ten thousand (aka 0.01%), it's certainly enough to make people nervous.



Microsoft, you can do better.
Microsoft, you *must* do better.

In my opinion, this is what “better” looks like:

Return control to the user — all control, to all users. Allow all editions of Windows to defer any and all updates indefinitely. Honestly, it's the height of hubris for an operating system to force updates to begin with. There are hundreds of reasons why an individual machine might not *or should not* take updates for an extended period of time. Stability matters, and right now, given the risk that updates appear to present, stability matters more than security (the most quoted reason for automatic, unstoppable updates).

Let all computer users choose if, when, and which updates should be installed. Period. Sure, make the default action 'take everything automatically', but give everyone an out. You don't know their reasons, you can't know their reasons, and *there are valid reasons*. Encourage, educate, and build a track record of trust. But never force.

Stop feature updates completely.

Focus on stability and security, at least until you improve your track record. Many — myself included — feel too many things are being updated too quickly. All the moving parts being updated contribute to the recent rash of Windows Update horror stories. Windows is an incredibly complex beast, and one of the costs of that complexity is speed: you cannot, and should not, keep changing it as frequently and as dramatically as you seem to want to.

Focus on quality. Everyone says they focus on quality, but the proof is in the pudding, as they say. The last major Windows updates have had more quality issues than is reasonable or tolerable. Deleting

people's data is simply unacceptable. That type of behavior was what we called a "showstopper" back in the day — yet it shipped anyway. Someone missed something *incredibly* important.

Apologize, and mean it. Admit your mistakes. Promise to do better, *and then do better*. Microsoft, you need to regain and re-earn our trust. As I said above, what matters most is the result, but it's time to be open and honest and take responsibility for the mistakes made along the way.

Microsoft, you can do better. From individuals to families, organizations, and corporations, we *need* you to do better.

We shouldn't be forced to play games.

Especially not Russian Roulette.

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cameras and video cameras, along with navigation devices and the usual computing suspects (smart phones and portable computers). Already weighed down with so much stuff in my carry-on backpack (which only carried tech stuff), I decided to leave my Windows laptop behind and rely only on my Chromebook. This helped lighten my load but also limited my capabilities. While the Chromebook is so great at quick web use that I would not leave home on a trip without it, it has some significant limitations, at least to me. It has limited internal storage, making it incapable of storing the vast quantity of photos and videos I like to take on my travels. It also can't as efficiently do some of the Windows things I've come to depend on, as it can't edit all file types off line and can't view all multimedia file types. It also can't run my Thunderbird email client, leaving me with only web mail access.

On our five-day weekend trip in early May, my wife and I flew up to San Jose for sightseeing and wine tasting in the Napa Valley area. I was a bit rushed in the run up to this trip, and so decided to take both my Windows 7 laptop and the Chromebook. There were several personal issues I anticipated having to deal with while on the trip, and so I wanted to have all the archived emails that Thunderbird

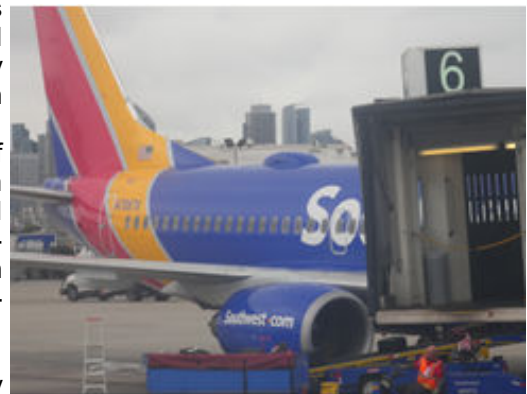
The Return Of The Chromebook

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We use a lot of technology in our everyday lives. When we travel away from home, we often want a lot of those tech devices to accompany us on our journeys. Computers, phones, digital cameras and navigation devices are only the tip of the tech iceberg we may be traveling with; we also need the accompanying cables, adapters, memory cards, headphones and battery packs to fully utilize those devices on our trip. And no matter how often we travel, it seems every trip brings new tech challenges, new device issues, new things overlooked in packing and new things to put on the list to take next time.

I've gone on three airline trips in the last ten months and have been trying to refine my tech travel items with each trip. Each trip was different, and I took a different set of devices on each. While in every case the choices I made worked out, I am learning and refining my travel tech lineup to balance travel efficiency with travel capability.

My trip last August with my wife to see the total solar eclipse in Nebraska was on the low end of efficiency, as we brought so many devices with us. To document this rare event, we took a wide assortment of still



Satellite antenna dome on SW aircraft

would provide me on the laptop, as well as all the normal Windows capabilities. Though I left a lot of the cameras and nav gear behind

on this trip, my tech backpack was still a bit too heavy.

Only two weeks after my Napa trip, I wound up on another journey. On this trip, I was accompanying my parents back to Nebraska for a week, for visits with relatives and a high school reunion. This time my wife stayed home.



Free TV on Your Device Provided by Southwest

My parents are in their 80's and though they do still take short driving trips, this was to be their first air travel in over three years. I had a feeling I'd be helping them out quite a bit on this trip, so wanted to pack and travel light. I didn't want to bring my relatively heavy laptop, but also didn't want to leave my email archive and other data behind. Through the magic of technology, I found a way to have all the files and capabilities in my Windows laptop, but only have to carry my much lighter and smaller Chromebook. That magic came through a program called TeamViewer.

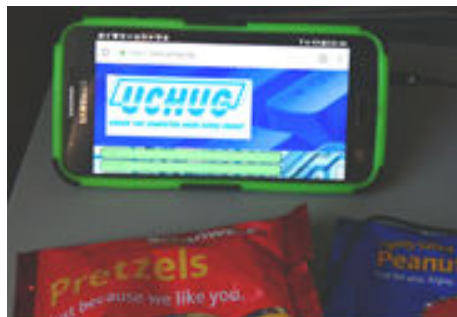
TeamViewer is a commercial software product that provides remote control, desktop sharing, web conferencing, VPN and file transfer capabilities between devices with Internet access. It is like Windows Remote Desktop, but can be used between most any tech devices, including Windows, Linux, Android, Chrome OS and iOS devices. It is very powerful and secure, and best of all is free for personal and non-commercial uses. With TeamViewer installed and running on both devices I had, at home, used my Chromebook downstairs to read my email through Thunderbird on my laptop upstairs. I figured it should work as well when the Chromebook

and I are halfway across the continent.

My parents live in Orange County, CA, while I live in San Diego. To make my travels easier, I planned to fly out of San Diego and meet them at their Southwest Airlines connection in Las Vegas, and then travel with them on the same flight to Omaha. We would do the reverse operation going back, with our paths separating in Denver to our respective home airports.

My flight from San Diego left almost an hour earlier than my parent's flight from Orange County's John Wayne Airport, so I was already through the security checks when I got a call from my mom that they were running late. There had been a mix-up with the airport shuttle, and now my sister's husband would be driving them to the airport. I had just enough time to call my wife to warn her of their travel issue before having to board my plane, where I would be subjected to phone call and text silence for the duration of my flight to Las Vegas.

Southwest now offers Wi-Fi on all their flights for \$8 per day (all flight segments on your trip). You can see the little domes on the top of the plane's fuselage just ahead of the tail, where the satellite antenna resides. I normally would not buy Wi-Fi, but since I saw email as my only hope for finding out while in flight if my parents got on their plane, I bought it. It also helped to know I would also be allowed to use it on the Las Vegas to Omaha flight. While in flight, I was able to



UCHUG Web Site Viewed Through Southwest Wi-Fi

communicate with my wife through email (web mail on my phone), and she relayed to me that my brother-in-law had dropped them off in time, but there was no way to know if they got on the plane before it left. I was in a rush to make the connection and get information, so I didn't try my VPN service "Private Internet Access" with Southwest's Wi-Fi.

It was while playing with the Southwest Wi-Fi that I realized that the smart phone is the best multimedia device to use in the crowded confines of the airplane. Passengers can use smart phones and tablets at any time during the flight (while in airplane mode) if they are handheld. Laptops that weight 2 lbs or more (my Chromebook is 2 lbs 6 oz) must be stowed while the plane is below 10,000 ft, presumably because they are large and need to have the tray table lowered to use them.

When I arrived in Las Vegas, I asked if my parents made their flight, but due to security, Southwest could not tell me. I had to wait at their flight's arrival gate to see if they came off the plane. Fortunately, they did. The second leg of the trip was uneventful, except that the Wi-Fi was broken on that plane, so I didn't get as much as anticipated for my \$8 Wi-Fi fee.

I found my VPN worked fine with the hotel Wi-Fi in Omaha for the one night we stayed there but did not work at the hotel in Hastings where we spent most of the trip. The VPN would engage, but when I tried going to a web site, it would time out or churn continuously. With the VPN switched off, I could connect fine in Hastings. I found the Wi-Fi was much faster in the more expensive hotel we stayed at in Hastings; it was 30.26 Mbps down and 10.02 Mbps up, as compared to 3.53 Mbps down / 1.45 Mbps up in Omaha.

My TeamViewer connection plan worked great in both hotels. I was able to use my Chromebook to con-

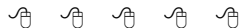
nect to and show the desktop of my Windows 7 laptop at home. There was a slight lag in operation, but for the most part I could do anything on the laptop that I could do if I was in front of it, including emails, file access and printing - even freak out my wife remotely. She has a network printer sitting next to her in her home office; when I created a document that said I missed her and printed it there (unexpectedly for her), she didn't appreciate it as much as I would have thought.

I used Google Maps on my smart phone for navigation on this trip, which again worked fine in urban areas, but fell flat in much of the state that is rural, due to the lack of cell coverage. Fortunately, my knowledge of Nebraska state geog-

raphy and the paper AAA state map I brought got us through to our destinations.

With my TeamViewer travel experiment a success, I can now carry my entire home network with me in my Chromebook case, so to speak. If I have good Internet access, I should be able to do anything on the computer that I can do at home. I wonder if my poor laptop will ever get to travel again?

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a particular year into a "Year" folder. And to continue that idea, you would put the "Year" folders into the appropriate decade folder. So, in a hierarchical scheme you would have in your "Pictures" folder, a folder for each decade, and in the decade folder you would have a folder for each year, and in the year folder you would have event folders for the pictures taken at that event. An organization might look like:

PicturesPS

1980s would contain 1980 thru 1989
 1990s would contain 1990 thru 1999
 2000s would contain 2000 thru 2009
 2010s would contain 2010 thru 2019
 2010
 2011
 2012

... And so on to 2018.

I called the Pictures folder "PicturesPS" just to separate it from "Pictures," the folder that comes with the Operating System. "PicturesPS" could be in "Pictures" or in another folder of your choice.

So, once you have the basic chronological folder structure set up, all you must do is create the "event" folders. If you are getting pictures from a camera, there are software Apps that help in organizing the pictures into "event" folders. Microsoft Photo Gallery lets you import pictures from your camera into a folder that you can name. You can set it up to use the current date, like yyyy-mm, and you can add a description, so you have something like "2018-02-Billy's Birthday" as the event folder and then each of the pictures imported will be named 2018-02Billy's Birthday-nnnn" where "nnnn" will start with 0001 for the first picture and increment for each following picture. Photo Gallery is very helpful in organizing your imported pictures and provides a lot of picture editing tools. (After importing a set of pictures, I always seem to need the "red-eye reduction" tool for a few pictures.) Unfortunately, Microsoft does not support Picture Gallery any longer, but if you can

Organize Your Pictures - Don't Just Save Them

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How to organize your pictures has been a question since we have had pictures to organize. Before computers, the choices were: put them in an album, or leave them in the packet they came in, or maybe just put them into an old shoe box with all the other pictures. I'm sure many of you have looked through a shoe box of old photos; you might even have inherited a box or two. Many of the pictures in albums or shoe boxes were very precious because there were very few of them. Film was not cheap, and every roll of film had to be sent away for costly processing. With the advent of digital cameras, our picture taking habits have been greatly changed. The job of organizing our pictures has been turned over to the computer, well... sort of. About a year ago I wrote an article discussing Picture Management. In it I mentioned that picture management software does not move your pictures; it only lets you view your pictures in a particular way by acting as a lens into your picture collection. The files stay in their place, but the User Interface accesses them in the

way that was asked for, like by date, or activity or even by person, and then presents them to you.

As you may know, Google Photos is a picture management App and a cloud picture storage service. If you upload all your pictures to Google Photos, you can get some very interesting organizations of pictures in what they call "albums." Google stores the pictures in whatever way they want and returns them to you in any fashion that you select. Google Photos uses some sophisticated software and facial recognition software to put together albums of a person that you select. It is amazing that they can even pick out side views of a person.

But back to Organizing Your Pictures. One way, that fits into the way that many software Apps work, is to keep "event" folders in chronological order. (Many Apps import your pictures into folders that you can name.) You might then put all the "event" folders for

get it, it would be a good tool to use to help keep your pictures organized as the size of your picture collection increases.

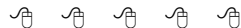
There are other picture Apps that help in importing your pictures. Faststone Image Viewer provides the ability to import your pictures from a camera but is not as flexible in naming the folder. Faststone also provides basic picture editing tools. XnView, Irfanview, and GIMP are software Apps that provide picture editing tools and may provide some of the tools you need for keeping your pictures organized. (XnView also allows for importing pictures.)

Importing your pictures from your smartphone may not be as easy as importing them from your camera. But, by one means or another you can probably get the pictures into event folders on the computer. If the method you use allows you to name the picture files, you're ahead of the game, but my experience has been that the pictures remain named something like "IMGxxxxxx," where the xx's may or may not represent the date the picture was taken. If you do end up with these cryptic names, once you

get the pictures into the appropriate event folders you can use an old File Explorer trick to change the picture name of all the pictures in the folder in one operation. Many of you probably remember this from the File Explorer class. With all the pictures in a folder, select the first picture and then Shift-click the last picture. Then, on the first picture do a right-click and select "Rename" in the menu. Next, name the first picture such as "2018-02-15Billy's Birthday." All the pictures will be renamed with this name and a number indicating the number of the picture in the selection. Pretty cool.

Now that you have all the pictures in event folders named and the event folders with appropriate names in the year folder, and the year folder in the decade folder, in your Pictures folder, you're all ready to go out and collect a lot more pictures.

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Quicken 2018 Review

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Having gone through a lot of issues with Quicken over the course of the last year, I thought I'd bring you my "report."

The first thing to know is that Quicken is no longer owned by Intuit. Intuit has other financial products but Quicken was sold to a group of investors. Those investors have, IMHO, made sizeable and mostly welcome changes to Quicken—some things Intuit should have done years ago, but didn't.

Quicken 2018, unlike previous versions, is a "subscription" product (like Microsoft Office 365), and Quicken, the company, is trying to

get everyone to move to it, which makes sense. If you're a Quicken 2015 user, it's time to update, as support ends on 4/30/18. Likewise, Quicken 2016 will go out of support on 4/30/2019 and Quicken 2017, will go out of support on 4/30/2020.

One of the new things is that there is now Mac version equivalents to the Windows versions, which can only be a good thing for Mac users.

There are 4 versions of the Windows product. I'm not going to rehash all their features here. You can read about them on Quicken's

web page at www.quicken.com: The first is the Starter edition, which is the simplest and least expensive of the 4. But in my view, it doesn't do much, and barely scratches the surface of what Quicken is capable of. Each version after the Starter edition adds more features based on the "product ladder". Check out the web page for specific details to the different packages.

What I will clue you in on, is that if you want to pay your bills electronically, you can. Quicken will work with some banks nicely, but not all—don't ask me how I know. If your bank doesn't support direct bill payment (such as Capital One Bank), you can sign up with Quicken Bill Pay (QBP).

Even though the QBP web site (www.quickenbillpay.com) says it only takes a few days to get signed up, that isn't (based on personal experience and comments from the folks I'm in contact with at Quicken) correct. It can take 2 weeks or more, and you must stay on top of them. That is, if you haven't seen 2 small deposits in your bank account within 2 weeks you need to follow up with them. For some reason, when I attempted to do it, the emails they were sending me were getting lost in the Ether. It took the intervention of QBP Support to get things squared away.

While Deluxe is the most popular version, according to Quicken's web site, if you plan to use QBP, you should opt for either the Premier or Home & Business edition. Those 2 editions include Bill Payment for free, which is a very substantial savings over the course of a year.

Quicken does run sales of its products from time to time or you can often find it less expensively on line. My favorite shopping bot is www.google.com/shopping. Another good place to check for lower prices is eBay.

Following up with some additional info about Quicken Bill Pay: It turns out that once the first account has

been registered with Quicken Bill Pay, subsequent accounts (even from different data sets) are approved immediately upon registration. The 2nd account I registered was at the same bank as the first one, and perhaps that's why it was instantaneously approved. I suspect that if one were to try and set up a 2nd account at a different bank, then it'll take at least 2 weeks for the required "monkey business" to be done.

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Creating A HomeGroup

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Q1. How do I create a HomeGroup so two computers on the same network can interact?

A1. First, the HomeGroup. It's easy, if both computers are on the same network!

1. Decide which computer is the 'primary.' All other computers in the home-group are secondary. Use this to create the home-group.
2. Open Control Panel.
3. Click on HomeGroup.
4. Click on 'Create a HomeGroup.'
5. Click on 'Next' in the 'Create a HomeGroup' window.
6. Indicate what you want to share but clicking on the dropdown arrows. (I suggest sharing everything if it's just for your benefit. Click on Next.
7. The 'Create a HomeGroup' window will create a Password. Write it down, as you will need it for other computers you want to add. You can also click on 'Print Password and Instructions' to have the instructions on how to join the HomeGroup with other computers. (I just leave the window open, so I can see it while

on the other computer I want to join the Home-Group.) Don't turn off this computer.

8. Click on Finish.

On your other computer:

1. Open Control Panel and Click on HomeGroup.
2. If things are working OK then you should see a message that a HomeGroup has been created by whom and which computer.
3. You can click on 'Join Now.'
4. In the 'Join a HomeGroup' window, click on Next.
5. Select what you want to share – presumably the same things as on the 'primary computer.'



6. Click on next.
7. Enter the password (case sensitive) in the box.
8. Click on Next.
9. Let the computer do its thing.
10. Once you have the 'joined' message, click on Finish.
11. Don't close the 'Change HomeGroup' settings window or turn off the computer until sharing is finished. The contents of the window will change once that is done. You've now created the HomeGroup. It's been my experience that the HomeGroup connection is sometimes 'disconnected' without apparent reason.

If you want to see the HomeGroup, open File Explorer (the folder icon on the taskbar), scroll to the bottom of the tree on the left pane and you'll see the HomeGroup listed. Click on the HomeGroup name and you should see both (all) the computers in the HomeGroup and the folders you have selected for sharing (except for printers).

If you want to share a folder that's not 'standard' right, click on that folder (such as the Desktop – scroll up in the tree view) and click on 'Share With' and pick an option. When you do this, you should see the items that are shared in the HomeGroup change.

WaveLink Wireless Doorbell

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I received this product for review. It has several parts: a plug-in unit that produces the bell sound, two buttons, a motion detector and a door open/close alert sensor.

This product is very easy to install and use. The plug-in unit simply plugs in to a wall outlet and is ready to use. It has two buttons on its side, one for a selection of tones, the other for volume. The tone selection is extensive, consisting of 52 different tones and 4 volume levels.



pieces are attached using screws, anchors or double-sided tape.

This kit, consisting of bell, buttons, sensor and alert unit, is easy to set up and install. I had some trouble figuring out how to pair the motion detector to the bell unit, but I was given access to a YouTube video explaining the procedure, which gave me what I needed.

WaveLink Wireless Doorbell by Fosmon
www.fosmon.com

The two buttons are simple affairs, with a quarter-sized button that lights up when you press it. Each button can be attached to a wall or a door frame with wood screws, anchors or with double-sided tape. Screws, anchors, and tape are supplied. The buttons are each powered by a small 12v alkaline battery.

Price varies by components in package, \$15-\$35

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Presenters Wanted

The officers invite any member to make a presentation at the main meeting.

If there is some software you have been using and think others may be interested as well, or there is a computer topic you would like to present to other members, please call or e-mail Don VanSyckel. Making presentations is not that difficult. The hour goes by before you know it and there is always enough material to cover in a software package so that the hour is easy to fill.

If there is a topic you are interested in or something you would like demonstrated, please see any of the officers. They are always interested in what the members would like to see.



VISIT THE SHCC WEB SITE:
<http://www.SterlingHeightsComputerClub.org>

SHCC Emergency Cancellation

Sterling Heights Computer Club meets at Baker College in Clinton Township. We will meet if Baker College is open and will not meet if Baker College is closed. Baker College closure is announced with other school closings on many local TV and radio stations and on their web site. All members of SHCC have an email address. One of the SHCC officers will send an email to the addresses SHCC has on file alerting members to the event cancellation. If your email is broken, call an officer; and don't leave a message. Call another officer if you don't talk to someone live. It is your responsibility to keep the email address you have listed with SHCC current.



The motion detector senses motion and triggers the doorbell. Thus, you get an advance warning of a visitor. It is powered by two AAA batteries. The unit attaches with a small plate that screws to a wall and has a movable ball attached, so that the detector can be pointed in any direction.

Lastly, the door alert sensor comes in two parts, a thin piece, about 3/4th inch wide and 3 inches long. The other piece is about twice as wide and is powered by a AA battery. The narrow piece attaches to the door and the larger piece attaches to the frame. When the door opens, the bell rings, giving you an alert that the door has been opened. The two

Club Dues Amounts

The dues were raised 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 does not meet.

A paper version of the newsletter is available in place of the digital newsletter, for an additional \$20 per year.

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



If your dues are paid in or before the month they are due, as shown on the invoice the club sends, you automatically get an extra month of membership. This policy has been in effect for many years but newer members may not be aware of this "free month" policy.

WYSIWYG WEB WATCH (www)by Paul Baecker webwatch@sterlingheightscomputerclub.org

This column attempts to locate sites containing valuable, amusing, and free content, with no overbearing pressure to purchase anything. Club members are encouraged to submit favorite sites (a description is optional) to the e-address noted above, for inclusion in a future WYSIWYG issue. Also check the SHCC web site

("Web Page Reviews") for previous gems.

You *agreed* to be tracked, but how much info is Google getting from your phone? You'll be surprised. (5-min. video)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0s8ZG6HuLrU>

Ultimate guide to birdwatching (about birds, how to start watching, bird identification, birdfeeders, more).

<http://www.tripbuzz.com/birdwatching-guide/>

How to prioritize Wi-Fi networks on your Android phone.

<https://www.guidingtech.com/prioritize-wifi-networks-android/>

Know your CATs! Demystifying Ethernet cable types — difference between Cat 5e, Cat 6, and Cat 7.

<https://planetechusa.com/blog/ethernet-different-ethernet-categories-cat3-vs-cat5e-vs-cat6-vs-cat6a-vs-cat7-vs-cat8/>

Our power infrastructure keeps getting older, and brown/black outs occur more frequently, causing significant (and often invisible) damage to your delicate electronic toys (computers, monitors, TVs, audio amps/receivers, etc.). Here are tips to selecting an Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS), to help those devices last longer.

<https://www.howtogeek.com/161479/how-to-select-a-battery-backup-for-your-computer/>

How to download (and correct or delete) your personal data from Apple.

<https://www.pcmag.com/feature/364479/how-to-download-your-personal-data-from-apple>

System Restore Points are a VERY useful tool for correcting problems that pop on a Windows PC, and having multiple Restore Points are a valuable asset. They all take up hard drive space, so you CAN selectively delete System Restore Points, but consider their individual value before doing so.

<https://www.winhelponline.com/blog/selectively-delete-system-restore-points/>

It can be useful to be able to copy/paste text into the command prompt window in Windows systems. Here's how to do it in Windows 7/10.

<https://www.isumsoft.com/it/how-to-copy-and-paste-in-command-prompt-on-windows-7-10/>

5 free media players for Windows.

<https://www.makeuseof.com/tag/top-5-free-media-players-for-windows/>

Turn the light on and give me your passwords! Just one example of spyware masquerading as a useful app. Use extreme caution when adding apps, and use a reputable mobile security solution to protect your device from latest threats.

<https://www.welivesecurity.com/2017/04/19/turn-light-give-passwords/>

Has your Facebook account been hacked? Here's how to tell (and fix it).

<https://www.makeuseof.com/tag/facebook-hacked-heres-tell-fix/>

Protect your Facebook account from hackers.

<https://www.maketecheasier.com/protect-facebook-account>

Know the words of your favorite tunes, so you can sing along. Search by artist, album, or song.

<http://www.songlyrics.com/>

What is a "Banking Trojan", and how do you stay safe from them?

<https://www.maketecheasier.com/what-is-banking-trojan>

NOTE: Many of the links in the digital newsletter connect to the Internet if clicked. For those that do not, copy and paste the link into your Internet browser.

World Wide Web Column on the Club Web Site

Check out the WebPageReviews section on the club's web site. You can see past web sites reviewed in this column on our club web site. They are arranged into various key word categories to help locate a specific site.