Thank you Irene Nelson - excellent job!

Irene Nelson has been treasurer of the Space Coast PC User's Group for the last several years and resigned this month necessitating the search for a new treasurer.

She has done a fantastic job keeping up with the "numbers" for our group and has given much welcome insights and opinions at our meetings and Saturday sessions. We look forward to her continued presence whenever she is able to attend a session. Many thanks to Irene and a warm welcome to a new member who has volunteered for the position, Jim Born. Welcome Jim!

Barbara Mead-editor

Barb Mead, Editor

Happy Holidays to All!

The Space Coast PC Users Group is having its annual Holiday party
on **Saturday December 18th, from 1 pm - 4 pm**.
at the **Merritt Island Library,** 1195 N Courtenay Pkwy, Merritt Island, FL 32953.

We hope you will attend. The club will be providing sandwiches, dessert, and beverages.
Please note – we are not bringing dishes (potluck) to share this year.

There will be a door prize drawing for gift cards.
Register for the drawing when you arrive to the party.

We hope to see you at the Christmas party.

We've had lots of fun previously with an **Optional** "White Elephant" gift exchange, so plan to do this again. Here is how it works:

If you bring a wrapped gift (value $5-$10), either new or a re-gift, you will receive a   gift during the "White Elephant" gift exchange.

What is a "White Elephant" gift exchange? Here is how it works:

Members and guests who bring a gift will be given a number and be called by number for the exchange.

One person chooses a wrapped gift and unwraps.

The second person can take a different wrapped gift or take the gift the
 first person chose.

Then the next person can take a wrapped gift or take a gift from one of the two previous people, and so on.

Any person who has their gift taken may then take another wrapped gift.

Fun, laughter, and surprise!!

Bring a guest, and an optional wrapped gift for the gift exchange.
We look forward to seeing you there!

Please RSVP to Linda Glassburn by December 4th.

SCPCUG meetings 2022

**All 2022 meetings for the Space Coast PC User Group will be held on
Saturdays from 12:00 noon to 3:30 PM
at the Merritt Island Library Carlton-Taylor Auditorium
1195 North Courtenay Parkway, Merritt Island, FL 32953**

1st Saturday Learning Center	3rd Saturday Learning Center	5th Saturday Business meeting
Happy New Year	January 15	January 29
February 5	February 19	
March 5	March 19	
April 2	April 16	April 30
May 7	May 21	
June 4	June 18	
July 2	July 16	Jul 30
August 6	August 20	
September 3	September 17	
October 1	October 15	October 29
November 5	November 19	
December 3	December 17	

Minutes from the November 18, 2021 Monthly Meeting

President Dan Douglas called the meeting to order at 2:15 PM. Board members present were: President Dan Douglas, Webmaster Curt Potsic, Membership Chairperson Linda Glassburn, and Secretary/Journal Editor Barb Mead. Absent was Vice President Larry Bennett. The office of Treasurer is open following the resignation of Irene Nelson.

Attendance was 4 officers and 2 members and 2 guests for a total of 8 attendees.

Dan opened the meeting with the introduction of his friend from Germany Thomas Klein, and a new/old member Jim Proesel who has attended in the past and went ahead and joined at today's meeting.

Curt gave his Webmaster Report (featured in this issue)

Dan addressed the need for a new treasurer. New member Jim Born volunteered to be the new treasurer.

Dan also addressed the need for a secretary since Barb Mead wished to continue as Journal editor but not in her capacity as secretary. The group voted unanimously to change the Thursday monthly meetings of the club and the board of directors to the fifth Saturday of the months that occurs (4 times each year) at the Merritt Island Library Auditorium. The first board of directors meeting will be January 29, 2022 as part of the regular Saturday session.

The group also voted unanimously that the position of Learning Center Manager be removed and any board member could act in that capacity.

Membership Chairperson Linda updated the group with statistics from the last few years. The club gained 10 new members so far in 2021. We had gained 9 new members in 2020, 11 new members in 2019, and 9 new members in 2018. Dan noted that 5 members have passed away this year. We currently email a total of 125 members. Linda also offered to update the bylaws for the club using a word document that the members can discuss and finalize at the April 30, 2022 meeting. She will be copying what is on the club website and updating it according to the new additions.

Space Coast P C Users Group Board of Directors for 2022

President Dan Douglas

Vice President Larry Bennett

Secretary (UPDATE at the Saturday meeting November 20, 2022 Elizabeth Bishop volunteered to be secretary-Thank you Elizabeth!)

Treasurer Jim Born

Journal Editor Barbara Mead

Web Master Curt Potsic

Membership Chair Linda Glassburn

Barb updated the group on the journal. She plans to put out one issue a month to be available online at the webpage. Future webmaster reports will be sent to Barbara to distribute in the Journal. Members will receive an email from Member ship when the Journal is available to be read on the website.

Dan discussed plans for the Christmas party with the group. The holiday party will be at the Merritt Island Library Auditorium this year. Dan will also contact Linda to send out an RSVP to see how many members are planning to show up to a possible Christmas party this year. (Please see the Holiday Invitation Announcement in this issue for details).

Discussion of the location of the meetings for next year was discussed. The possibility of moving back to the Conference room at the library was discussed due to the lack of a white board and the small groups in attendance. (UPDATE at the Saturday meeting it was decided to stay in the auditorium and seek out the portable white board the library has had in the past or donate a new one to the library if necessary).

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Mead, Secretary.

Web Master Report Website Update - November 18, 2021

Home page updated: Search Engine reindexed: Nov 17, 2021 (111 pages, 25.0 MB data) News Table: Monthly Meeting is Nov 18. Next Learning Center Meeting is Nov 20.

Journal Current Issue page: Awaiting next Space Coast PC Journal for posting on scpcug.com. New Journal Editor Barbara Mead published her first issue Oct 30. It is posted on scpcug.com along with 12 past issues and available for download or reading online.

 The Following Are All Special Events Page Updates Note: Jere Minich has resigned as APCUG Advisor for Region 5 and moved to Tennessee. Jere's Tech Tips is now Windows & Android Tips by Judy Taylor, APCUG Speakers Bureau Member.

Windows & Android Tips by Judy Taylour - New items include: How Your VoiceMail Greeting Could Save Your Life / The Best Windows 11 Tips and Tricks / How to Restore Deleted Files and Folders in Microsoft OneDrive / 8 Ways to Make Your Old Laptop Feel New Again / Find Your Phone Number on iPhone or Android / Amazon is Bringing Alexa to Hospitals, Nursing Homes / How to Recover Accidentally Deleted Files in Windows / What is a Zero-Click Attack? https://apcug2.org/jerestips/

APCUG 2021 eBulletin, Digital Photo, Newsletter & Website Contests All contests closed Sep 30. (Since SCPCUG won 2nd Place in the 2020 Website Contest, I was asked to participate in judging the 2021 Website Contest. There were 3 judges for the Website Contest. I had to review 7 entries against 7 criteria.) 2021 Contest Entries and Winners were announced at the Nov 6 Annual Meeting and are posted at: https://apcug2.org/2021-apcug-contests/

October 2021 APCUG Workshop Updates

Complete Robocall Defense - Held Oct 13, 2021 Complete Robocall Defense with John Krout, Presenter and Newsletter Contributor, Potomac Area Technology and Computer Society, showed us: How to prevent your smartphone from ringing when someone outside of your Contacts list calls. How to create and install a custom voicemail greeting that includes the Special Information Tones (SIT) to convince robocaller systems that your number is not in service. How to use the free Audacity app to create a custom voicemail greeting, including the SIT recording posted online by the presenter. How a free app for Android enables the installation of a custom voicemail greeting via Wi-Fi. Learn how simple cables allow iPhone users to install a custom voicemail greeting. Video Now Added at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RSkBMQBglOY

Learning Linux - Held Oct 20, 2021 Learning Linux with Orv Beach and John Kennedy, Linux Evangelists. This month Orv started things off by reminding us "Why Linux is So Secure." He followed that review presentation with information about vi/vim, nano, ne, and tilde? Say what? He'll told us what they are, why we would use them, and how to use them. Then John told us about another feature of Linux in a presentation entitled "User Groups in Linux: Another Layer of Protection and Security." Following that, he shared with us "Workspaces and Virtual Desktops." What are they and the benefits of using them? And how do you set them up and use them efficiently? And a few keyboard shortcuts to head you down the road to becoming a "power user" (this is for beginners as well as experienced users). We also looked at how you can create custom keyboard shortcuts that add to what's available in your Linux distro. No Video Yet

Windows 11 Presentation & Demo - Held Oct 27, 2021 Windows 11 Presentation & Demo with Tom Burt, Vice President, Sun City Summerlin Computer Club, Nevada. Tom gave us a tour of Windows 11 with what's new, what's changed, and more. If your computer is Win 11 ready, you have a notice in Settings>Update & Security letting you know if your computer is ready for the download. You need to decide if you want to upgrade or keep Windows 10 for a while longer, try Linux, or even WindowsFX, or there might be a Chromebook in your future. No Video Yet

November 2021 APCUG Workshops

Windows Q&A Held Nov 10, 2021

Focus was on any and all questions about the Windows operating system. A team was available to start the ball rolling with answers and opened it up to anyone in the audience that might have the answer. No Video Yet.

Linux Q&A Held Nov 17, 2021

Focus was on any and all questions about the Linux operating system. A team was available to start the ball rolling with answers and opened it up to anyone in the audience that might have the answer. No Video Yet.

APCUG's Free Fall Virtual Technology Conference (VTC-42) Held Nov 6 2021

Details at https://apcug2.org/apcugs-free-2021-fall-virtual-technology-conference-vtc42/ No Videos Yet

Topics included:

Session 1 Track 1 Preserving Digital Photos

Session 1 Track 2 Finding and Using Historical Newspapers

Session 2 Track 1 Is Cyber Security Really Important?

Session 2 Track 2 Ever Lost Your Smartphone

Session 3 APCUG Annual Meeting. Held after the VTC with reports by various officers and committee chairs as well as information about the 2022 election and 2021 contest winners.

Speakers page updated: Our Nov 18 Monthly Meeting is a Computer Roundtable Q&A session moderated by SCPCUG President Mr. Dan Douglas (DataDan). In addition we will discuss 3 open BOD Officer positions (Secretary, Treasurer and Learning Center Manager) currently listed as Acting with Barbara Mead and Dan Douglas doing double duty. Also a discussion of the Dec 16 Christmas Party details is needed.

1 New Link

Security and Your Phone: What are the Risks and How to Stay Safe-Site has info on Mobile Cybersecurity Statistics, Risks Your Phone Faces, and How to Keep Your Phone Safe
https://wwww.cellphonedeal.com/blog/security-and-your-phone-what-are-the-risks-and-how-to-stay-safe

General Information Links page (http://www.scpcug.com/infolink.html)

I received the New Link recommendation an email from Erin Hernandez who works for Cellphonedeal.com and thought it would be a great addition to our General Information Links page. The site also has many additional helpful information articles. Check them out at https://www.cellphonedeal.com/blog.

Misc Items

Win11 Home Never Completely Lets Go

Per Fred Langa of the 15Nov2021 Ask Woody Newsletter Free Edition, "Win11 (both Home and Pro) continue to show serious rough spots and omissions-with drivers, especially-that can turn a simple upgrade into a multi-day nightmare." His almost brand-new Win10 Pro laptop with zero non OEM modifications, almost no software installed, and no peripherals plugged in turned into a nightmare of 9 installs over 5 days. With my newest computer now 5 years old I think I'll stay with Win 10 for now as Win 10 is supposed to receive Microsoft updates until October 2025. Bottom line is Fred says if you don't have to upgrade to Win11 right away, it'd probably be smart to wait a while-if not for Win11.1, then certainly for at least several rounds of patches to address the worst incompatibilities."

Read all the details of Fred Langa's story at https://www.askwoody.com/newsletter/free-edition-win11-homenevercompletely-lets-go/

SCPCUG WebMaster Report-November 18 2021 (continued)

FBI's Email System Hacked

Hackers have successfully broken into the FBI's email system, sending fake emails to over 100,000 addresses claiming the recipients were the victims of a cyberattack. This was caused by a flaw in the FBI's website that allowed hackers to use the FBI's legitimate email address. The email addresses were scraped from the American Registry for Internet Numbers (ARIN) database. The emails had a legitimate appearance, stating that the headers are authenticated as coming from FBI servers using the Domain Keys Identified Mail (DKIM) process. The FBI now says "the impacted hardware was taken offline" but it continues to look into this "ongoing situation".

New Amazon Echo Devices To Have Local Voice Processing

Presently when I speak to an Echo device, Alexa connects to the Internet to process the request and deliver a response. Some consumers have had privacy concerns. Amazon has now announced the new Amazon Echo devices, beginning with the Echo Show 10 and the 4th –gen Echo, will be able to process voice commands locally, rather than sending information to the cloud. Voice commands will be processed on the device itself allowing for use offline. Amazon says US customers could choose this as an option, so it likely won't be enabled by default. This would be great for things like turning lights on an d off but if the request is for specific information not directly available on the consumer's PC an internet connection might still be needed.
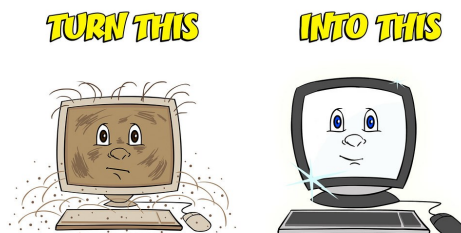
LibreOffice vs Microsoft Office

I use LibreOffice when I need documents compatible with Microsoft office. LibreOffice is free and since I am not a heavy user of Office-type program Libra Office serves my needs Most of the time Microsoft's WordPad in Windows 10 is all I need. How-To-Geek just came out with a very detailed article "LibreOffice vs. Microsoft Office: How Does it Measure Up?" at https://www.howtogeek.com/764727/libreoffice-vs-microsoft-office/which explains the differences between the two office suites

Elon Musk's Tesla Tunnel

Here is an interesting article I ran across about what it was like to take a ride below Las Vegas in Elon Musk's new Tesla Tunnel which was created by his Boring company. Read about it at:

https://www.reviewgeek.com/102914/taking-a-ride-in-elon-musks-tesla-tunnel-below-las-vegas-was-boring-and-i-loved-it/

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Space Coast PC Users Group

Learning Center Sessions
Merritt Island Library
1st, 3rd, &5th
Saturday of the month, 12 noon to 3:30 pm

The purpose of the Space Coast PC Users Group (SCPCUG) is to provide support and education to users of computers and related devices. Our membership boasts a wide range of interests from beginners to professional users.

Members receive the monthly electronic version of The Space Coast PC Journal that includes helplines, weblinks, and updates to technology, help and learning sessions, seminars, workshops, user group discounts and group purchases, access to help form SCPCUG computer experts, and an annual holiday party.

Monthly General 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 your personal computer as needed. Personal problem solving assistance for computers and electronic devices and updates on the latest technology as well as social interaction.

A LITTLE SOMETHING EXTRA AT THE END

A very informative and money saving article is "9 Streaming Services to Save You From Subscription Hell". This article in the November WIRED magazine talks about the expense of streaming Netflix, Amazon Prime Video, HBO Max, Disney+, Hulu, Discovery+, Paramount, Acorn, etc. and you are suddenly faced with a pretty big bill. In this article, they discuss the Roku Channel, Peacock, Crunchyroll, Kanopy, Hoopla, Pluto TV, Sling Free, Tubi, IMDb TV, Mediaverse by Plex and Crackle.

And of course, there is always good old fashioned antenna TV if you have a tv that will get it. Our area has over 60 channels.