The Space Coast PC Journal

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CHRISTMAS 2021—TOGETHER AGAIN!

Party in the Merritt Island library…yeah!

December 2021 found SCPCUG together again in real life at our annual Christmas party at the Merritt Island library December 18th with 23 people in attendance.

We had sandwiches from Jersey Mike's and chips and cake for dessert. A white elephant gift exchange is a traditional event at these gatherings and this year's event was fun and lively as always. We look forward to gathering again in 2022.

Happy New Year!

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	

Web Master Report Website Update - December 16, 2021

Home page updated: Search Engine reindexed: Dec 16, 2021 (111 pages, 25.3 MB data) News Table: Christmas Party is Dec 18, Next Learning Center Meeting is Jan 15 2022.

Journal Board of Directors page updated: Now lists Elizabeth Bishop as Secretary and Jim Born as Treasurer. Learning Center Manager position has been removed as part of the 2022 Articles of Incorporation Bylaws revision for Officers.

Journal Current Issue page: Awaiting Dec 2021 Space Coast PC Journal for posting on scpcug.com. New Journal Editor Barbara Mead. Nov 2021 Journal 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 in November became Windows & Android Tips by Judy Taylor, APCUG Speakers Bureau Member.

Windows & Android Tips by Judy Taylor - No new items as of 12/16/21. Still has November items as of 11/1/21. Could be Judy Taylor will not continue what was formerly Jere's Tech Tips. https://apcug2.org/jerestips/

October 2021 APCUG Workshop Updates

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." No Video Yet as of 12/16/21

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. Video at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2zSHOSNVOCo

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. Video at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Ae9S6RhD5g

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. Video at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A4BmWuypUKw 1

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 as of 12/16/21 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

December 2021 APCUG Workshops

Electronic Holiday Greeting Cards - Held Dec 1, 2021
Bob Bowser, Director, The Senior Computer User Group of Greater Kansas City showed us several options for sending holiday greetings to our friends and family. He took us on a visit to several websites varying from free electronic cards to membership-based electronic cards and options to purchase physical cards from home with ways to distribute them and/or get them sent to your home for you to mail. (No Video Yet)

Not Your Parent's PowerPoint - Held Dec 1, 2021
Marcia Berkey, Class Instructor, Sarasota Technology Users Group. PowerPoint is more than just presentation software. This presentation demonstrates many unusual uses for PowerPoint, from documenting your memories to creating greeting cards for the holidays. You will learn how to create a Photo Album for life events, not to be confused with Photo Books from other vendors. However, there is a cool trick that you can use in PowerPoint to make your Photo Books better. You will also learn how to narrate your slideshows, add music to them, and how to export your PowerPoint as an .mp4 video. You can share your creations through your favorite social media sites. Have fun with Marcia learning more about PowerPoint. No Video Yet

Make Your Own 2022 Photo Calendar at Home - Held Dec 8, 2021
John Krout, Presenter & Newsletter Contributor, Potomac Area Technology And Computer society. We are all awash in digital photos, not only our own but those of our relatives and friends. So why not make a calendar to show off the best ones? All you need is Power-Point or LibreOffice Impress and a color printer. Learn how you can download and customize the calendar table files (containing 12 calendar months and white space for photos) by adding your photos and calendar entries such as birthdays, anniversaries, and so forth. This presentation also includes information on how John prints and binds his calendar copies at home and ways you might work with commercial printing companies to do that. Note: As of April 2021, the 2022 calendar files are posted online for free downloading. Video at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ohu22hflpB8

Learning Linux #11 - Software Installations and Removals - Held Dec 15, 2021
There have been numerous questions about software asked at previous Linux Workshops, where do you get the software, how do you install software, and how do you remove the software. At this workshop, we focused on those very topics. There are several places you can get the software, and we covered them (starting with the distro's software center and going out to the Internet). There are also many ways to install the software, and we covered them (starting with the distro's package manager, the newest container packages, the command line, and even compiling them yourself). Finally, we discussed reversing the process (uninstalling) based on the way you installed it. You can choose precisely how technical you want to get in this whole software process (including being safe). No Video Yet

Speakers page updated: There is never a Main Monthly Meeting in December. **Annual Holiday Party is Dec 18, 2021**. For 2022 Articles of Incorporation Bylaws are being revised for Officers and we will have Elizabeth Bishop as Secretary and Jim Born as Treasurer. BOD page has been revised accordingly. Also Main Monthly Meeting will now be called the Business Meeting and meet on only 5th Saturdays. There will no longer be Main Monthly Meetings on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

1 New Link
All You Need to Know About Cyberbullying - Site Covers: What Is Cyberbullying, Frequency, Different Types, How to Identify, Where It Occurs, Special Concerns, Additional Resources, and Laws And Sanctions. https://privacyhq.com/news/all-you-need-to-know-cyberbullying-prevention/ Virus & Net Hoax Info page (http://scpcug.com/vhlink.html) - General Security Information Links I received this New Link recommendation in an email from Katie Hylton. The site also has other helpful information articles such as: DNA Data Security Concerns, Government Accountability and Data, What Funds Your Internet Fun, Senior Citizen Internet Security Resources, and How Secure Is My Password Tool. Check them out at: https://privacyhq.com/.

Misc Items
Amazon Web Services Outage Dec 7, 2021 Amazon's Web Services (AWS) suffered a major worldwide outage on Tuesday, Dec 7th. I first discovered it the morning of Dec 7th when all of a sudden my Artificial intelligence (AI) Assistant Alexa would not respond to any commands. I then tried my Google Assistant and had no problem. That is when it became clear to me that I had made the correct choice in having a Smart Home with both Amazon's Alexa and Google's Assistant. In making that choice I also made sure that my choice of brands for smart plugs and smart bulbs would work with either assistant. As with most technical stuff it is always best to have a backup in case of a system failure. Once Alexa started not responding I went to a site called downdetector.com to find out what was happening and the scope of the problem. This excellent site monitors online service providers to help us understand what's going on with an outage and provides real-time insights into the problems. If you want to read more about this AWS outage go to: Amazon Web Services outage impacts Google, Venmo, DoorDash, Spotify, multiple banks https://www.usatoday.com/story/tech/2021/12/07/amazon-web-services-outage-impacts   google-fidelity-capital-one/6419782001/ and Amazon Web Services outage causes issues at Disney+, Netflix, Coinbase https://www.cnbc.com/2021/12/07/amazon-web-services-outage   causes-issues-at-disney-netflix-coinbase.html.

Microsoft Testing Voice Control in Windows 11
Microsoft is currently testing Voice Control access in the Dev channel for Windows 11. It will be a while before this feature makes it into release builds of the Operating System. But once it does it could be quite exciting. It would allow people with mobility disabilities (along with the rest of us) to control our PCs and write text using our voice. No longer would we need to touch a mouse or keyboard to navigate around screens. You can read more about this in the Windows Insider Blog at: https://blogs.windows.com/windows-insider/2021/12/08/announcing-windows-11-insider-preview-build-22518/. Look for the heading "Introducing Voice Access."

What Is the "God Mode" Folder in Windows 10, and How Do I Enable It? Here is something I had never heard of before. God Mode is a special folder that when enabled exposes most of Windows' admin, management, settings, and Control Panel tools in a single, easy-to-scroll-through interface. The God Mode folder offers an easier way to browse through 206 of these tools and get to know them. To find out more go to: https://www.howtogeek.com/402458/enable-god-mode-in-windows-10/

Windows 11 is Now on Almost 9 Percent of PCs
AdDuplex reports that as of Nov 30, 2021 Windows 11 is on 8.9% of PC's worlwide. That is a jump of almost 5% from October. All versions of Win 10 were at 91.1% with ver 21H2 at 3.7%, ver 21H1 at 36.3%, and ver 20H2 at 31.8%. This data was obtained by AdDuplex surveying around 60,000 Win 10 and 11 Pcs

We are on the web!
scpcug.com

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.

Quarterly 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

Cool smartphone Apps you may not know about include:

SkySafari-point your phone at the night sky and get info on thousands of planets and if you are up for a history lesson, it can also simulate the night sky from anywhere on earth at any time.

Magnifying glass-most phones have it built in or you can download an app for it.

Tape measure-the phone's built in camera and augmented reality can calculate distance using the AR Measure app among others.

UV meter-The EPA has created an app called the SunWise UV index that uses data from your GPS to determine your UV index.