April Newsletter: Sent out 4/4/21

MEMBERS - You are receiving two (2) emails from me - this one about the meeting and our computer club newsletter, AND, a second email from me after this one with the LINK to the meeting on Wednesday, April 7, 3 pm.

April Royal Highlands Computer Club Meeting Reminder and Monthly Newsletter:

…April Newsletter: April 7, Wednesday, 3 pm is our regular zoom meeting. Please attend and share with any resident you think might be interested. Our speaker is going to be very interesting speaking on "How we …

… sent quarterly by the APCUG Group to all computer clubs. I have included one article on the mouse. I will be publishing all the articles on our website within a day or two. Check the members by Wednesday.

The article on the Mouse is attached and is a pdf. (attached)
Below are the articles and brief summary that will be posted in one or two days on our club website. Just another benefit from the APCUG.

Alerts, Notifications, and Alarms – Oh, My! Dorothy Fitch (Approx. 873 words). Dorothy has started using alerts, notifications, and alarms to get her attention. Some of these come to her phone and some by email. Most of the time, she can choose what works best for me for each purpose. Of course, there are notifications that you get even if you didn't specifically ask for them, such as MD appointment reminders, books that are ready to pick up at the library, and many more.

Apps and Applications – Mobile and Desktop, Phi Sorrentino (Approx. 1013 words). When we talk about computer software nowadays, we typically use the term Apps, referring to any software that is running on a computer, smartphone, or tablet. The term Applications was originally used for software other than the OS, but that seems to have changed over the last few years with the migration towards mobile devices, smartphones, and tablets.

Arduino Programming, Dick Maybach (Approx. 1871 words). Two fruitful approaches to learning computer programming are the Python and the Arduino C languages. The first leads to developing applications on a PC or a Raspberry Pi and the second to developing hardware control programs using a variant of C++.

Bits & Bytes of Memory, Dorothy Fitch (Approx. 343 words). Down in these parts of AZ, south of Tucson, if your memory momentarily fails you, you might say you are having a "Green Valley moment." Your computer, of course, also has memory. Dorothy takes a look at how it is organized.

Blocking Unwanted Email, David Kretchmar (Approx. 634 words). Sooner or later this happens to all of us. You continuously receive unwanted emails, (spam) from an individual or organization. Legitimate organizations usually have an Unsubscribe button within their message, which enables you to be dropped from their email list. If you attempt to unsubscribe from a less-them-legitimate mailer you are just confirming that your email address is good and even more spam will come your way.

A Brief Tour of the VLC Media Player, Tom Burt (Approx. 816 words). The free VLC Media Player, by non-profit VideoLAN Corporation, is a useful and powerful program for playing all types of audio and video files, including video DVD and Bly-ray disks. It also can convert audio and video files from one format to another.

Casting, not in the theatrical sense – Cast your data to the screen, Phil Sorrentino (Approx. 1012 words). Most modern computers have HDMI outputs so it is easy to display your computer screen on a big-screen TV, but what about displaying your smartphone screen on that same big screen?

Changing the Mouse Pointer, Cal Esneault (Approx. 340 words). A key item in the Windows desktop graphical interface is the "pointer" (controlled by either a mouse or by a laptop touchpad). Since we use it often, finding it quickly makes our sessions more efficient.

Chromebook Update, Jeff Wilkinson (Approx. 533 words). Jeff has become more interested in Chromebooks as an alternate for the Sun City Summerlin Computer Club members who need to replace an outdated desktop or laptop computer.

Computer Bun and Games, Dorothy Fitch (Approx. 385 words). We all need a little fun in our lives these days. Dorothy has links in her article to some entertaining things she has discovered.

Crossword Puzzles on the Internet, Tom Burt (Approx. 844 words). The COVID lockdown for the Sun City seniors has meant staying at home and doing much of their daily interactions with the outside world via the Internet. One of the ways he likes to fill his time and keep mentally sharp is to work crossword puzzles. While he still does some puzzles on paper with pen or pencil, he has also found he enjoys working puzzles online.

Do You Trust Your Technology? Greg Skalka (Approx. 1586 words). These days, trust seems hard to find. Our world runs on technology, yet many of our most contentious agreements involve whether certain technologies can be trusted, or whether society can be trusted to use them correctly.

Get a Grip… GravGrip™, Frank Petrie (Approx. 679 words). Our smartphone cameras and GoPros have become increasingly sophisticated. Some can actually shoot 4K Dolby. And as picture quality has increased, you likely want to increase your production values to achieve quality results. One of the most important tools you will want is a gimbal to stabilize your moving shots and, with the aid of an extension pole, shoot from all angles, low and high.

Google Voice and Its Many Uses, Dorothy Fitch (Approx. 709 words). Dorothy recently had a use for an additional phone number. Google Voice to the rescue! Her article shows us what she learned in the process.

Having Fun Making Lists, Dorothy Fitch (Approx. 1433 words). Dorothy is an inveterate list maker. She has always made lots of lists and during the pandemic, she seems to be making more and more—probably because she has additional time on her hands. Some people might dread lists, thinking only of "to do" lists, which can, she admits, be daunting. However, she enjoys making lists and finds them indispensable. Her article features several ways of creating lists.

HD TV Technology and Content – What's New? (Approx. 1113 words). One of Tom's occasional club seminars is a review of High-Definition TV technology and sources of HD content. He decided to convert his seminar slide show to an article and update it to reflect the latest 2020 offerings.

How Do I Remove a Virus from My Browser? David Kretchmar (Approx. 1104 words). Our computer operating systems have become more secure, so developers of malware have turned their attention to a more vulnerable target, our web browsers. Chrome, Edge, Firefox, Safari, and Opera are the browsers most of us to connect to the Internet. All of these browsers can be infected by a redirect virus, despite their built-in security.

How Reliable is Reliable Enough? Greg Skalka (Approx. 1499 words). Google defines reliability as consistently good in quality or performance; able to be trusted. We all want our technology to perform well, as we depend on it more and more in our lives. In placing a call, turning on our lights, driving to the store, checking our bank balance, or taking a commercial flight, we all want (and perhaps expect) 100% reliability in our experiences with technology.

How to ruin your video image during Zoom meetings, John Krout (Approx. 1020 words). Many groups have been meeting for almost a year using Zoom and when we can finally meet in person, some groups might become hybrid groups. So, being seen on Zoom will continue to be a habit. By now you have seen your friends, family, and club members on Zoom, and you know that some are not easy to recognize. John has some fixes in his article.

In 2021, vow to start using a password manager, Kurt Jefferson (Approx. 530 words). Kurt keeps telling students in his CKCS classes that they need to start using a password manager. You should be using a password manager on your iPad, iPhone, Mac, Windows PC, and Linux PC. Seriously? Yes.

Interesting Internet Finds, Steve Costello (December – 315 words), January (405 words), February (415 words), March (458 words)

Intro to Geocaching, John Krout (Approx. 1779 words). What does geocaching mean? The word is derived from GEO, meaning the world, and CACHE, meaning a hidden container. The noun geocache means a box hidden somewhere, usually outdoors. The verb to geocache, or geocaching, refers to the process of the game. Another noun,

geocacher, means anyone who plays the game. The game got started in the general area of Portland, Oregon in 2000.

March Newsletter – None as we had 2 zoom meetings

To RH Computer Tech Club - March 3, Wednesday, 3 pm.

Hi Members:

1. Reminder - March 3 meeting, Zoom, 3 pm, Wednesday. **The link will be sent in a separate email, following this one.**

2. The March 3 speaker will be a representative from the Leesburg Library speaking on all they offer. Please join us for a good showing.

3. For your easy access: The March newsletter in color is on our member page on our club website.   Our club website is https://www.computerclubrhcc.com/. Remember the password - if you forget - email me.

Hi all: See below two (2) zoom meetings that our club has been invited to attend if you wish. The Lake Sumter Computer Club link for April 1 is below.

The other zoom meeting is held by the Leesburg Library - if you want to attend that one you need to sign-up on their website in order to receive the link. Here is the link to the Leesburg Library: https://www.mylakelibrary.org/

Go to the programs drop-down box and choose calendar. That meeting is tomorrow, but, I just received this email. Di

Reminder: Don't forget our Club Zoom Meeting next Wednesday, April 7 with Ray Baxter speaking on "Music." This should be a fun meeting. I will send out the link to this meeting on Friday or Saturday - MARK YOUR Calendar. Di

---------- Original Message ----------
From: Lake-Sumter Computer Society <lakesumtercomputersociety@gmail.com>
To: undisclosed-recipients:;
Date: 03/30/2021 2:34 PM
Subject: LSCS: Zoom Meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 1

Dear Lake-Sumter Computer Society members,

Our regularly scheduled first-Thursday of the month Zoom meeting is set for this Thursday, April 1, at 2 PM EST. The topic is iPhone/iPad Basics. Topic and Login details are provided below in the note from Jere Minich.

Also, just a reminder that the Leesburg Public Library is featuring a Zoom meeting tomorrow, March 31, 10:00 AM EST, on Password Managers and PC security topics. It is open to all, but attendees must pre-register at the library's web site. A link to the Zoom meeting will be provided by email from the library prior to the meeting.

 SignUp | Demco Software (evanced.info)

 Sincerely,Roger Ehrig

February Newsletter:
To: Computer Tech Club Members
From: Diane (Di) Binder, President
Subject: Meeting Reminder and Tech Newsletter, February issue of "The Mouse Pad"

Hi Members:

- **Reminder - Computer Tech Club Meeting via Zoom, Wednesday, February 3, by Zoom at 3 pm. I will send out the link for the meeting in a separate email on Sunday. Our speaker will be Jere Minich by Zoom speaking on Windows 10 Troubleshooting and Q and A. So, get your Windows questions ready.**

- Our Computer Tech Club Newsletter is below. I decided to do it in an email rather than an attachment. There are some links, but, if you do not want to click them in this email - they can also be found on our member's page of our website: https://www.computerclubrhcc.com/index.html.

- NOTE: You will be receiving another email immediately following this one on Cogniciti, (focus on self-care & more ways to stay "brain healthy". A few years ago we had a seminar - this email is a follow-up if you want to take the test again and an invite to a seminar.

- Club February newsletter below:

February Newsletter: "The Mouse Pad", Royal Highlands Computer Tech

Club Newsletter

- **March Program via Zoom** - Elaine Kelly, The Leesburg Library will be speaking about the "Library and all the features and benefits for Lake Country Citizens." Mark your calendar, March 3, 3 pm by zoom, Wednesday. Please show up and support our club.

- **April Program via Zoom** - Ray Baxter, "How we listen to music in our cars now". Ray is a member of our national tech group APCUG and we are fortunate to have this presentation. Please join us on April 7, via zoom, 3 pm, Wednesday.

- **Here is a note from Kevin** on one of the zooms he attended. Per Kevin: "Just wanted to let you know that I enjoyed the meeting on Drones with Larry Fortna. He taught us a lot. There was a nice Q&A session at the end too. I was pretty surprised at the turnout... I don't think

I ever had been on such a large zoom meeting. There were 100 folks at the meeting, which included the APCUG BOD people. (Note from Di - Thanks Kevin for the follow-up on the "Drone" meeting - so glad you enjoyed it).

- **Our latest survey results** - Of those who answered: Most were in favor of keeping our dues so we could meet our commitments; Most thought it was ok to let outside people (like-minded seniors) join our club and zoom meetings; and, most liked the zoom meeting. A few members who are not attending our zoom meetings say that they did not like zoom meeting (preferred in-person) or they did not know how to use the zoom. (Diane's comments: At this time (1) I think we will continue our zoom meetings through May at no dues and then we will review where we are in September/October. (2) We did have a zoom training meeting at the beginning of this zoom situation. If you need help with zoom, just email Diane (Di) dbinder2004@comcast.net with any questions about the zoom and I will attempt to answer them. Thank you for answering the survey. I will look at the other suggestions and comments at a later time.

- See "Tech Tips" on the **Members page** of our club website: https://www.computerclubrhcc.com/index.html

- Thank You to Jere Minich for our meeting last month. We appreciated your presentation and time. And, a thank you to Barbara Arnone, Treasurer who keeps us straight on our finances, and to Kevin Beauregard who always has time for us.

Helpful Links:

- https://www.howtogeek.com/ How To Geek Website

- https://www.pcmag.com/ PC Magazine website (They have a how-to category)

- https://apcug2.org/ APCUG Website

- https://www.techforsenior.com/home Group doing Mondays sessions on Chromebook from APCUG

- https://finance.yahoo.com/tech/reviews Yahoo Tech Reviews

- https://finance.yahoo.com/tech/how-to Yahoo Tech How-To's

Thank you - See you at the February 3rd zoom meeting. Again, the link to the meeting will be sent out Sunday, January 31st.

January Newsletter:

Hello Members - Royal Highlands Computer Club:

PLEASE answer the questions below - so we know what to do for the future for meetings and dues:

Thank you to those who attended the Zoom meeting on Wednesday. We had a great speaker, Jere Minnich, and a great subject. Thank You, Jere - We appreciate your time. **Next month (February 3rd, 3 pm) Jere Minnich will speak again on Windows 10 Trouble Shooting. This also is a good subject. Please mark your calendar.**

Questions: WE MISS YOU if you are not attending zoom meetings !

1. **ARE YOU still interested in being a Computer Club member?**

2. **We are still having meetings - by Zoom. Are you interested?**

3. **If you are not attending, is it because the meetings are by Zoom?**

4. **Do you need help with Zoom?**

5. **Do you know you can attend the Zoom meetings and just listen - you do not need to turn on your video?**

6. **Will you be attending if and when we return to (In-person) meetings?**

7. **Do you wish to remain on the Computer Club emailing list to be reminded of meetings?**

8. **We are considering reducing the "dues" for Zoom meetings only of $5. The in-person/face-to-face meetings (when resumed) will be the normal fee of $10 per year/household. Do you have an opinion? [Note: Our dues are used to pay our committments of membership to the National Computer Group APCUG, our Lake Sumter Computer Group, Our Website domain name and hosts fees for a year, our Zoom account fee and any equipment maintenance (note equipment - which is not needed at the moment during zoom meetings).]**

9. **The zoom meetings are fun, (if you have not attended) and give everyone a chance to ask questions and chat briefly. The club now has a zoom account, so we can unlimited meetings for unlimited time. On zoom we can have better speakers and interesting topics we could not access due to speakers traveling to our location at in-person meetings)**

10. **Don't forget - all members. If you want to be notified by text reminders - I need your mobile number. This will only be used as a reminder for meetings and/or cancelations.**

- Diane Binder (Lady Di)

- Editor, RH Newsletter, current
- RH Computer/Technology Club President, Currently Zoom Meetings.