



THE MOUSE PAD

Royal Highlands Computer/Tech Club Newsletter

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"Knowledge is Power"
(Di's favorite quote)

Kevin talks about a VPN at the April Meeting

What is a VPN? Put simply, a Virtual Private Network, or VPN, is a group of computers (or discrete networks) networked together over a public network—namely, the internet. The most important thing you need to know about a VPN: It secures your computer's internet connection to guarantee that all of the data you're sending and receiving is encrypted and secured from prying eyes. (source...lifehacker) Thanks Kevin

Clean up your browser - Summer, Fall or anytime

Cookies are like the gunk in your roof gutters: you can't see them, but they're there, clogging everything up and keeping your computer from running fluidly. The same goes for download history.

A free program called **CCleaner** helps you sort out the cookies and archives you don't really need. When you download the app, you can focus on a specific browser that you would like to clean up. CCleaner analyzes its backlog of information and lists the data that seems unnecessary. (see our website for more on this subject) Link: <https://www.computerclubrhcc.com/>, See Members Page - Articles to download). Word of Caution - Check the list of cookies, because it might delete cookies you want to keep. To download CClean, go to <https://www.ccleaner.com/>. For the free version, click the green button - under CCleaner Free. Do not enter your email, unless you want to receive offers and ads. (articles source...KK website)

Computer/Tech Club News - Classes - Misc:

- ◆ See you September 5 for our "Welcome Back" Meeting, 3:30 pm. The remaining meeting dates 2018: **1st Wednesday of the month.**
October 3, Kevin B. November 7
December 5 January 2, 2019 (Seasonal Party)
- ◆ **Classes - Check out the September Community Newsletter.**
- ◆ Scams - It never hurts to stay "Alert." See the September Community Newsletter for an article and reminders. Page 20.
- ◆ Reminder - Passwords should be changed occasionally. And, the longer the password - the better to protect yourself from Scams and Hackers.
- ◆ Important, as we get older - Please make sure a family member or friend has access to the location of your passwords, codes, 2 factor authentication and more. Check out our club website (middle column, Home page) for more information.
- ◆ 2 new articles on the Members Page, 8/22 and 9/2.
- ◆ Block robo calls - Check out Nomrobo.com. Free on Landline.

Things you don't do anymore, because of technology:

1. Remember Phone numbers.
2. Use phone book to look up businesses addresses/contact.
3. Math in your head.
4. Call a family member to ask their location.
5. Time by clock on the wall.
6. Photo albums, CD's/Tapes.
7. Call theater of movie times.
8. Record favorite TV shows on tape or watch live.
9. Run to the store to shop.
10. Cut things out of the newspaper.
11. Send a handwritten note
12. Look up spelling in the dictionary.
13. Use a phone booth.
14. Carry enough change to make a phone call.
15. Use a travel agent.
16. Getting your old checks back from the Bank each month.

Di's Notes: The November and December Programs are pending at this time. I am in the process of seeking speakers for those meetings. Please let me know of any suggestions you might have for 2019. *Hang out at our Pad, Di*
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