



# The Mouse Pad



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Out at  
Our  
Pad"

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## APCUG articles from Computer Club members around the Country. Brief summaries below - more of the articles on our club website, tech newsletter page.

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Bluetooth 5.0 – Improved Wireless Technology, Phil Sorrentino, The Computer Club (Approx. 1021 words). 5.0 is a noticeable improvement over the previous version and is finally finding its way into new devices. If you have had problems with Bluetooth pairing or staying connected in the past. 5.0 may improve or even fix the problem. But, both devices will probably have to be up to the new standard....

Clean My Mac X is Now Everywhere Review, Frank Petrie (Approx. 639 words). We now have time to clean the garage, scrub the fridge, and even more. Why not clean up our Macs.

Cloud Computing, Dan Douglas (Approx. 615 words). The mystery of what is the “Cloud” is actually very simple.....

Connecting to Friends and Family Members, Dorothy Fitch, Green Valley Resort Computer Club (Approx. 490 words). There are many ways to communicate electronically with people these days, keeping a safe distance. This article explores ways to communicate with lots of people at the same time.

Desktop Linux Mint 19.3, Tom Burt, VP, Sun City Summerlin Computer Club (Approx. 910 words). Even though Tom is predominantly a Win 10 user, every 18 months or so, he teaches a seminar on “What’s New with Linux.” His favorite distro is Linux Mint and comes with a very nice graphical desktop.

Add a Caption to a Picture in Word, Nancy DeMarte, Sarasota TUG (Approx. 416 words). Any Word doc can be enhanced by a picture. To clarify what the picture represents, like its name or location, you can include text in the form of a caption. Find out how easy this is....

Freshly Squeezed Review: It’s all in your mind – It’s all in the mind, y’know, Frank Petrie (Approx. 827 words). You pay close attention to what and how much you eat and drink. You work out religiously several times per week. How often do you exercise your grey matter?

Genealogy Research Online, Frank Fota, Fredericksburg PCUG (Approx. 400 words). With being safer at home, some people are tackling tasks they have deferred for the proverbial “rainy day.” He’s often said to himself he’ll scan that box of photos and distribute the images to family members. The issue is....identifying the people in the photos. Enter some genealogical research.

GIMP 2.10, Cal Esneault (Approx. 444 words). GIMP 2.10 is an open-source image editor suitable for touching up photos or drawing original creations. It’s been around since the 1990s.

How Not to Send Your Email to a Bunch of People, Lou Cioccio (Approx. 310 words). This happens to Lou and probably happens to everyone at one time or another whether we are professionals or just “regular” people.

Lessons from the Lockdown – Tech and Other Observations

While in Captivity, Greg Skalka, Under the Computer Hood UG (Approx. 2520 words). - Most people seek the company of others and want to stay connected, but all the stay-at-home, work from home, self-isolation, and social distancing prevent most of our usual interactions with others. Technology can help. Video conferencing, phone calls, text messaging, and, to a lesser degree, emails, can all help us stay connected with those we can no longer interact with in person.

Make Windows 10 Faster, David Kretchmar (Approx. 891 words). In 2020 David can think of no reason for any user to be running Windows 8 instead of Win 10, especially since Win 10 is superior and is a free update to Windows 8.

Microsoft’s New Emoji Keyboard, Nancy DeMarte (Approx. 678 words). If you are an Apple user, you probably know about emojis. These little head icons express modes by the looks on their faces. MS has included a traditional on-screen keyboard (OSK) without emojis since the debut of Windows 7. MS updated the feature with the Fall 2017 update and again with the April 2018 update.

Modern Television Technology, Jeff Wilkinson, Sun City Summerlin Computer Club (Approx. 544 words). After a recent class on “Getting the Most from your Roku” and in preparation for a meeting on “Cutting the Cord,” Jeff reflected on how different TV viewing is today.

Nimrod’s Message, Cat Mews, Central NY TUG (Approximately 207 words). Trials and tribulations of the CNYTUG’s cat.

Not Another Sunset, Greg Skalka, UCHUG (Approx. 1751 words). Greg has seen the sun set on a lot of technology. As tech improvements are made and new innovations come to market to brighten our days, the old devices, systems, and ways of doing things often slowly pass over the horizon and out of sight. In many cases, this is a good thing but....

Ohsnap Review, George Harding (Approx. 257 words). This is a clever tool to make your phone easier to use.

Plan 9 for Windows 10, Greg Skalka, Under the Hood Computer UG (Approx. 1999 words). In “Plan 9 from Outer Space,” a low-budget 1959 sci-fi movie from Ed Wood, extraterrestrials in flying saucers try to stop the rash and violent humans on Earth from advancing their technology further and risking the destruction of the universe. In the present day, minute spongy beings from a part of the galaxy known as Redmond Washington strive not for the attention of humans, but for their resources.

Protect Your Computer Against Power Outages, Matt Batt, The Computer Club (Approx. 646 words). The two main causes of damage to computers, TVs, modems, and other sensitive electronics are a sudden loss of power and power fluctuations.

Recover Your Wi-Fi Password, David Kretchmar, Sun City Summerlin Computer Club (Approx. 504 words). Computer users often seek technical support when they are unable to access the Internet via their home wireless system. David takes through some Q&A between a user and a technician.

Smartphone and Tablet SIG Report, John Fair, Computer Users of Erie (Approx. 949 words). They didn’t have the opportunity to

answer several questions at their SIG meeting so John researched the answers and provides them in this article.

SOC – Save Our Connectors, Greg Skalka, Under the Computer Hood UG (Approx. 1646 words). When our tech devices are in distress, they seldom send a clear and unmistakable signal of their condition. We usually have to interpret indications of faulty operation to determine when and why our devices are having problems.

Social Distancing – Thanks to the Internet, Phil Sorrentino, The Computer Club (Approx. 1103 words). The Internet can't help you wash your hands or sanitize your environment, but it certainly can allow you to remove yourself from groups of people while allowing you to stay in touch.

Thinking of Buying a New Router? Jeff Wilkinson (Approx. 710 words). Purchasing a new router can be an intimidating task. Having recently gone through the process, Jeff offers some guidelines.

Thoughts from a Clicker – April, Tiny Ruisch (Approx. 764 words). Tony loves to go to carnivals. He doesn't go on many of the rides anymore but loves all the fun things there are to do. Unfortunately, carnivals can be dangerous too.

Transferring and Preserving Photos, Dan Douglas (Approx. 474 words). Transferring and preserving photos is probably the single most common activity that practically all of us perform. This article has two parts: A – the actual transfer of the picture files and B – how to store them.

Tuning Up Your Windows 10 Start Menu, Tom Burt (Approx. 946 words). Windows 10 was originally released in July 2015. Originally, Tom had mixed feelings about Windows 10's new hybrid "list and tiles" Start menu. However, he gradually came to like it as a way to declutter his desktop.

Video Chatting Apps, Tom Burt (Approx. 873 words). While practicing "social distancing," Tom got interested in ways to use video chatting to have face-to-face interaction with friends, family, and potentially with doctors (telemedicine) and that led to this article.

Virtual Meetings – How to get together – Without getting together, Phil Sorrentino (Approx. 1084 words). Under normal circumstances, we'd probably be looking forward to a meeting where we can get together with friends, but during these coronavirus days, it's better to get together without getting together.

What's new in my Toy Box? Jasmine Blue D'Katz, Lake County Computer Enthusiasts (Approx. 311 words). I wrote an article several months ago about the new SSD storage devices SanDisk has produced. Jasmine just purchased a second one....

What is Streaming? Dan Douglas, Space Coast PCUG (Approx. 551 words). On the surface, we have been 'streaming' since the days of radio. Now the TV as well.

What the Heck is That, and Why Didn't I Do This Before? Greg Skalka (Approx. 1854 words). The world is full of interesting things. As an engineer, Greg is usually in the habit of analyzing everything he sees. We all, at times, get in the habit of doing things a certain way. Even when it has become inconvenient or more costly, we often stick to our old ways despite having considered better solutions.

Windows 10 – Reset: The ability to Reinstall the OS, Phil Sorrentino (Approx. 1122 words). I don't think any other Windows OS version has included a feature that would allow you to easily reinstall the Windows OS, without having the installation media available.

### **Meeting Schedule:**

- ◇ September 2, 3 pm - Zoom Meeting Test and brief announcements. Be sure to download the Zoom software to your device. Di Binder will send out a reminder with the link and password. This is for members only. Members can share tech info or ask questions.
- ◇ October 7, 3 pm - Charlie Gamble, member will present a Zoom presentation on Roku and Xfinity Streaming services. You will receive a link and password info from Di Binder.
- ◇ November 4, 3 pm - Kevin Beauregard will be our speaker by Zoom. You will receive a link and password by Di or Kevin.
- ◇ December 2, 3 pm - TBA.

**Meeting Status for 2020:** In January our speaker was Jere Minnich on IOS. Thank You. February we watch an APCUG video. No meeting in March, April and May due to the virus. We did send out a few APCUG videos for viewing by email to members. All meeting for the remainder of 2020 will be by Zoom.

**Officer Status:** If you would like to serve as an officer of the Computer Tech Club, please let us know. Currently, we do not have a Vice President and Secretary. Barbara and Di are currently serving as your Treasurer and President/Program Chairperson.

**Thank You to our recent speakers:** Kevin Beauregard spoke on "Amazon Features and the differences between ChromeBook, Windows and MAC." And, Thank You's to additional speakers, Bob G, APCUG - Security; Jere Minnich, APCUG; Best Buy and other APCUG Videos.

**The next issue will be the 3rd quarter.**



*"I don't like it when he bangs on his keyboard when he gets frustrated with his computer. But he needs the exercise."*

**Quote: "Be Careful of Scams and DO NOT open emails that are suspicious."**

