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Viewpoint Technology Club Newsletter

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Board Talk

We understand Viewpoint has granted permission to the Quilt Club and Woodworkers to open their rooms. To the best of our knowledge no other rooms have been permitted to open. At this time our meeting and classroom plans have not changed. As soon as we know more we will share with you.

The club has joined the **Association of Technology and Computer User Groups (APCUG).** APCUG is an International, platform-independent, volunteer-run, nonprofit organization devoted to helping member User Groups offer enhanced services to their members. We believe

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Catch these upcoming online workshops—no registration required

- **Sunday Nov 1, 2020 at 2pm EST — Geeks on Tour**
  - ∗ Topic: How to make your password secure. What you need to know.
  - ∗ Watch here — **https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1SN_W1Ljrpg&feature=youtu.be**
- **Wednesday Nov 11 at 7:00pm EST — The Sun City Center Computer Club**
  - ∗ Topic: Malwarebytes — how it can help protect you and how it differs from other antivirus
  - ∗ Watch here — **http://www.youtube.com/c/SunCityCenterComputerClub**

Apple iPad & iPhone

- **iPhone 12 vs. iPhone 11: Every major spec Apple changed in 2020.** Here's how the iPhone 12 compares with the iPhone 11 and whether you should upgrade. **Read the article here**.

- **iPhone 12 MagSafe accessories: How Apple's snappy new magnet feature works.** We answer your top questions about Apple's big bet on magnetic phone attachments for all four iPhone 12 models. **Read the article here**.

- **iPad Air is here, but which iPad should you buy?** Apple's new iPad Air is pretty great. But let's break it down compared to the iPad and iPad Pro and figure out which model you should get. **Watch the video here**.

- **Is Apple Care worth the price?** If you own, or are thinking about owning, an Apple product, you've probably wondered if the company's add-on product protection service, AppleCare+, is worth the price. With how costly iPhones, Macs, and other Apple devices are, is it worth paying yet another chunk of change on top just for peace of mind? **Read the article here**.

- **Master iOS 14 Home Screen app management on iPhone.** Besides popular features like widgets, default browser selection, and Picture in Picture support, iOS 14 features fundamental changes to the way the Home Screen works. In order to help you master iOS 14, we've put together a list of key Home Screen management tips and tricks for iPhone. **Read the article here**.

Windows

Windows 10

- **Looking for help with a computer problem?** Several Technology Club members are available to help other club members.

  For remote help with a Windows PC contact Al at # 4926 or send an email **here** with an explanation of your problem.

- **What's new in the Windows 10 October 2020** Update. The Windows 10 October 2020 Update has started to become available to customers as a free update. **Watch the video here**. **Read the article here**.

- **Computer cookies: What they are and how to manage them. Read the article here**.

- **Best password manager to use for 2020: 1Password, LastPass and more compared.** Ditch

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the sticky notes and get peace of mind. One of our favorite password managers can be your first defense against getting hacked. Read the article here.

- **Computer Booters of Sun Lakes is offering FREE online workshops for our members.** They have arranged for the Microsoft Store of Chandler to sponsor some private workshops. The workshops require no downloads and will be presented via your browser (Edge, Chrome, etc.).

  November
  - Fundamentals of Word on Nov. 10th @ 10am
  - Fundamentals of Microsoft 365 on Nov. 12th @ 1pm

  December
  - PC Tune Up in a Snap on December 8th @ 10am
  - Present Your Ideas with Sway on December 15th @ 10am
  - Getting to Know Windows 10 on December 22nd @ 10am

  All times are local Arizona time. The workshop schedule and registration form are on their website here.

  Workshop registration requires your name and email address. Select Viewpoint from the drop down list for Club/Group Affiliation. *After your registration is received, and prior to the workshop you will be sent an event link. You will use this link to join and attend the workshop.*

- **The Sun City Center Computer Club will have a discussion on Malwarebytes** at their monthly meeting on Wednesday night November 11 at 7:00pm EST on their YouTube channel at http://www.youtube.com/c/SunCityCenterComputerClub.
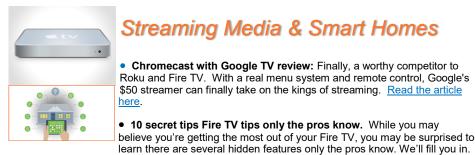
  Jeff Keiderling, Senior Manager of Support at Malwarebytes will lead a discussion on Malwarebytes products. Jeff will demonstrate in real-time how Malwarebytes finds what other antivirus leaves behind and why Malwarebytes has been a trusted brand for more than 10 years.

Android

- **Three easy steps to cast or mirror your Android phone screen on a TV.** Whether you're streaming a movie, taking part in a video call or playing your favorite game on your TV, mirroring your Android phone's display to your television set is a step worth taking. Read the article here.

Streaming Media & Smart Homes

- **Chromecast with Google TV review:** Finally, a worthy competitor to Roku and Fire TV. With a real menu system and remote control, Google's $50 streamer can finally take on the kings of streaming. Read the article here.

- **10 secret tips Fire TV tips only the pros know.** While you may believe you're getting the most out of your Fire TV, you may be surprised to learn there are several hidden features only the pros know. We'll fill you in. Read the article here.

- **C by GE rolls out new smart bulbs and light strips that don't need a hub**. You can connect and control them with both Alexa and Google Assistant right out of the box. Read the article here.

- **Your Amazon Echo has new privacy features.** Here's how to use them. Read the article here.

Other Technology

- **25 Years Ago Bill Gates Predicted Videoconferencing. Here's What He Says Is Next.** At the GeekWire Summit, the Microsoft founder shared his views of the future.

- **Zoom will work with all these new apps and services soon.** Get started. The video chat platform is making it easier to use apps like Dropbox and Slack and find virtual events like concerts. Here are all the details. Read the article here.

- **Everything you need to know before buying a TV.** Read the article here.

- **OLED vs. QLED: Which HDTV Is Best for Viewing Angle Concerns?** Read the article here.

- **APCUG's FREE 2020 Fall Virtual Technology Conference is on Saturday, November 7, 2020.**

  Click **here** to register. You do not need a Zoom account to attend the VTC.

  - TRACK 1 - 1:00 PM ET - **Navigating the Post-COVID Era** - Ron Brown, Program Coordinator Silvercom Computer & Technology Club

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- TRACK 1 - 2:00 PM ET - **Staying Safe and Secure** - Bob Gostischa, Avast Evangelist
- TRACK 2 - 1:00 PM ET - **How Technology Has Changed the Way We Listen to Music** - Ray Baxter, Acting President & Treasurer APCUG
- TRACK 2 - 2:00 PM ET - **Learn with Geeks on Tour, they are Geeks Who Teach** - Chris and Jim Guld, GeeksOnTour
- 3:15 PM ET - **Annual Meeting** - Everyone is encouraged to attend to learn about what is happening with APCUG.

Live Virtual Meetings and Classes

Technology for Seniors

A weekly Presentation for Seniors on Monday starting at 9:00am Arizona time.

Click here for more information on joining the meeting

Apple Computers, Cutting the Cord,

Available on Facebook at "Tech for Senior"

Tech for Seniors
Hosted by Ron Brown & Hewie Poplock
Sponsored by the
Silvercom Computer and Technology Club

https://sctc.myclubcircle.com/Page15

Sun City Center Computer Club

Click here to see the show.

Their website is https://scccomputerclub.org/meeting.

Computer Booters of Sun Lakes

For some time now, Microsoft has created and presented workshops specifically for the Computer Booters. Microsoft has agreed to open this up to other AZ groups. At Microsoft's request, the Computer Booters agreed to head up this effort.

It is key that this opportunity is ONLY for AZ USER GROUPS. Do not promote this to your out-of-state friends who do not belong to an AZ user group. It could cause the loss of this excellent opportunity.

Workshops are free and held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday and Thursday of the month at either 10:00am or 1:00pm. The workshop schedule and registration form is on their website at https://computerbooters.org/resources/microsoft-virtual-workshops. After your registration is received, and prior to the workshop you will be sent an event link to join and attend the workshop.

Online Self-Study Training

Association of Professional Computer User Groups (APCUG)

APCUG offers information on a variety of technical topics including Android, Apple, Chromebooks, Linux, Windows, and others. **Visit their website for more details.**

ZOOM Online Meetings

- **Getting Started with Zoom. Desktop, mobile, training, Q&A**. **Read the article here**.

- **Live Zoom training webinars.** Our Zoom trainers host free and interactive live-training webinars daily. Get up to speed in less than an hour. **Read the article here**.

Geeks on Tour - Teaching Old Dogs New Tricks with Technology

Jim and Chris Guld travel the country by RV and specialize in teaching technology for travelers. Nationally known, popular seminar presenters, Jim and Chris are Geeks Who Teach. They've both been in the Computer Training and Support industry since the early 80s. From 2003-2017 they lived fulltime in a motorhome and toured the country presenting Technology Seminars at RV Rallies, Computer Clubs, and even people's homes.

Chris wrote the book on Google Photos. Google Maps is their #1 smartphone app, and they can teach you how to make your own travelog website with Blogger.

Watch their Live YouTube Shows Sunday at 2pm Eastern time, most weeks. Check their Home Page at GeeksOnTour.com where they post a yellow note about plans for the upcoming Sunday.

Dotto Tech - Steve Dotto

After spending over 15 years hosting and producing Dotto Tech on TV (Canada) Steve Dotto now focuses on delivering excellent how-to content on YouTube.

Access his YouTube channel here - https://www.youtube.com/user/dottotech

Each week he publishes two productivity videos, focusing on using your computer and smart devices for personal productivity **including how to use Zoom**. He will also be publishing videos on: Growing a YouTube Channel, MasterCaster Videos, how to Screencast, podcast, webcast and produce webinars and tutorials.

For more information on the show visit his website at: https://www.dottotech.com

Apple - YouTube Channel

Apple revolutionized personal technology with the introduction of the Macintosh in 1984. Today, Apple leads the world in innovation with iPhone, iPad, Mac, Apple Watch and Apple TV. Apple's four software platforms — iOS, macOS, watchOS and tvOS — provide seamless experiences across all Apple devices and empower people with breakthrough services including the App Store, Apple Music, Apple Pay and iCloud.

Apple YouTube Channel - https://www.youtube.com/user/Apple

From cropping videos on your iPhone and iPad, to downloading apps right on your Apple Watch, learn more about what you can do in iOS 13, iPadOS, macOS Catalina, and watchOS 6. Watch these "how to videos" here.

Apple Tutorials - Palette Forward

Payette Forward's mission is to help people solve problems with their technology and communicate useful information using language that everyone can understand. Since its inception in 2013, Payette Forward has evolved from a small startup into a trusted provider of the highest-quality information for people searching for solutions to problems with their iPhones, Macs, and other technology.

- Resource for iPad/iPhone/Mac/IOS - Palette Forward (UTube) https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL9D4IcLFMx0LuJNAZP-RbRocpc_bE--Xb

- These tutorials are clear and concise. Just add what device (click on top of screen) you are using for any of the tutorials. https://www.payetteforward.com/category/iphone/ios/

Microsoft Windows

The Official YouTube Channel of Microsoft Windows   https://www.youtube.com/user/WindowsVideos

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Online Tools offers several online learning options

Lynda.com offers 4,000 free, self-paced online video courses taught by experts. Build your tech, business, and creative skills with courses ranging from design techniques, business productivity methods, photography, software, and much more. Requires registration with your Mesa Public Library card number and PIN.

Please note recent changes to this service. Lynda.com is now LinkedIn Learning and requires creating a free LinkedIn account to login. Please read terms of service and contact a library staff member if you have any questions about account settings or data privacy.

- GCFlearnfree.org - Free online tutorials for basic computer skills, email, Internet, popular software, and social media.
- LearningExpress Library - Interactive video tutorials to learn popular software and computer basics. Free, but requires registration with your Mesa Public Library card number and PIN.

Other computer tutorials online:

- Computer basics tutorial from GCFLearnFree.org
- Typing tutorial from GCFLearnFree.org
- Typing Tutorial from Keybr.com
- Typing Tutorial from PowerTyping.com
- Using a mouse tutorial from GCFLearnFree.org
- Computer basics and more from Learning Express Library (Free, but requires registration and login with your Mesa Public Library card and PIN)

Cord Cutters News

Cord Cutters News is the go-to source for all things entertainment. We serve up the news of the day as well as produce in-depth reviews of streaming services and devices. For example, with regard to streaming services, We cover everything from Amazon Prime and Netflix to YouTube TV and Sling TV—basically, if you can stream it, we cover it. As for streaming devices, we have published dozens of how-to and review videos about Roku, Amazon Fire TV, Apple TV, Google Chromecast, and many others

- Cord Cutters News YouTube channel - **https://www.youtube.com/user/LukeBK**
- Cord Cutter News website - **https://www.cordcuttersnews.com/**

this membership provides many benefits to our club, including the following:

- Speakers Bureau
- Virtual Technology Conferences – Free Online Presentations
- Regional Conference
- User Group Newsletters Online
- Attract Vendors for Presentations
- How-To Guides
- Help for Your Group
- Solutions to Your Problems

We expect this will help our club offer more opportunities for you to learn about both existing technologies we encounter every daily as well as emerging technologies we will use in the future.

Find more information on their upcoming Virtual Technology Conference held on Saturday, November 14 on **page 4 of this newsletter**. Registration is FREE.

Beginning with this edition, the newsletter will also be available on the club's website (**www.vptechclub.org**).

Thank you and be safe.

Bob King, VPTC President

We would appreciate your feedback on how we can help you better use technology. **Click here to provide your feedback.**