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Room A

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YOU THERE!!**



**Meeting on April 23 (4th Saturday) In ROOM B**

Our April meeting will be  
Michael Goldberg  
will demo of his ACER Laptop which he upgraded  
from Win 8.1 to Win 10 home on 3/27/16  
this will be a live presentation not a video

**REMINDER**

**It is that time of year again.  
January yearly membership dues are due  
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10 informative CAEUG monthly meetings  
1 great annual picnic with great food  
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great donuts or bagels  
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# NIBBLERS

By Jeannine Sloan

## December Nibblers

compiled by Jeannine Sloan, Ambassador for Friendship Village,  
Twin Cities PCUG December 2015 issue, The Digital Viking  
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### Swiss to Capture Co2 From The Air

By next summer, the world's first commercial plant that captures carbon dioxide directly from air will begin operation in Switzerland. A handful of other startups are working on similar technology, but Climeworks AG may be first to start turning pollution into cash. The plant pulls air inside, where it gets absorbed in a reusable filter. When it's heated up, the filter releases pure CO2 gas that can be sold to industry.

Read more:

<http://www.fastcoexist.com/3052554/>

### Common Advice On How To Make A Strong Password Is Misleading

A study that tested state-of-the-art password-guessing techniques found that requiring numbers and uppercase characters in passwords doesn't do much to make them stronger. The results show that making a password longer or adding symbols is a better way to strengthen it than by adding uppercase characters or numbers.

<http://www.technologyreview.com/news/542576/>

### Windows 10's Apps & Features Tool

If you were running Windows XP, then you know that when you wanted to uninstall an application from your system, you went to the Control Panel and used the Add or Remove Programs tool. If you were running Windows 7 or Windows 8.x, you went to the Control Panel and used the Programs and Features tool. Now that you're using Windows 10, you'll go to Settings and use a new tool called Apps & features when you want to uninstall an application from your system. Let's take a closer look at how the Apps & features tool works and the features it provides. Here is a tutorial for using the tool:

[http://www.techrepublic.com/article/take-a-closer-look-at-windows-10s-apps-featurestool/?tag=nl.e019&s\\_cid=e019&ttag=e019&ftag=TRed47db54](http://www.techrepublic.com/article/take-a-closer-look-at-windows-10s-apps-featurestool/?tag=nl.e019&s_cid=e019&ttag=e019&ftag=TRed47db54)

### Trash-Collecting Boat

Baltimore's Waterfront Partnership is making a change for the better thanks to the Inner Harbor Water Wheel, affectionately known as Mr. Trash Wheel to Baltimore's residents. Installed in May 2014, the Water Wheel sits at the mouth of the Jones Falls River in Baltimore's Inner Harbor. The Jones Fall river watershed drains fifty-eight square miles of land outside of Baltimore and is a significant source of trash that enters the harbor. The Water Wheel has been astonishingly successful at trash removal, visibly decreasing the amount of garbage the lands in the harbor...Read more:

<http://www.digitaltrends.com/cool-tech/mr-trash-wheel-baltimore/#>

## **Consequences**

If you have told your computer to remember one or more passwords to web sites that require them the method involves the use of "cookies" hosted by your own computer. One site explains it this way: If you are a site member, your User Name and Password are stored in a "cookie" file on your computer. If you have to re-enter your login information whenever you access that site, your cookie file is being deleted from your computer between visits.

## **Logo or Windows Key Shortcuts**

### ***Since Windows 95***

Win+D: Hides all windows. Hit again to restore windows.

Win+E: Opens Windows Explorer.

Win+R: Opens the Run window.

Since Windows XP

Win+L: Locks the desktop.

### ***Since Windows 7***

Win+Up: Maximizes the current window.

Win+Down: Minimizes the current window.

Win+Left: Docks the current window to the left.

Win+Right: Docks the current window to the right.

Win+#: Switches to the corresponding program in taskbar.

### ***Since Windows 10***

Win+A: Opens the Action Center (notifications and quick settings).

Win+C: Activates Cortana listening mode.

Win+I: Opens the Settings app.

## **Do You Find Passwords Too Darn Hard? Then Poetry's Your Hidden Card!**

There's a new sort of password in town: the iambic tetrameter. In a word, poetry. Read this Sophos article:

<http://tinyurl.com/qbkwy3c>

## **Features in Windows 10's Task Manager**

Here's a rundown from Tech Republic of the enhancements and changes incorporated into Windows 10 Task Manager.

<http://tinyurl.com/qx9mz2s>

## **Web Site Recommendation**

Internet Archive is a non-profit library of millions of free books, movies, software, music, and more. Great site to waste time.

<https://archive.org/>

(Twin Cities' Editor's note: check out the Electric Sheep)

## **AARPTEK**

Learn how to use the technology in your life. "I've been impressed with the AARPTEK classes I've taken. They have a website with online tutorials for how to use technical devices and social media sites. The site is for the techno hesitant ....

[http://aarptek.aarp.org/?cmp=RDRCT-TEK-ACADEMY-AUG\\_015](http://aarptek.aarp.org/?cmp=RDRCT-TEK-ACADEMY-AUG_015)

This info originally came from Linda Nelson, but I am a fan. Submitted by Dianne Runnel

### **New Features in Windows 10's Task Manager**

This article at TechRepublic will provide you with an overview of all the information that Windows 10's Task Manager provides.

<http://tinyurl.com/qx9mz2s>

### **FCC Regulation**

"Do Not Track" requests are just that and only that, requests. And according to the Federal Communications Commission, they're requests that don't have to be, and often aren't, honored. In a rather alarming admission on Friday, the FCC said that it couldn't force Internet companies, including giants and huge collectors of personal data like Google and Facebook, to stop tracking their users and their online behavior. Read more:

<http://www.digitaltrends.com/web/requesting-do-not-track-settingscompanies-are-just-laughing-in-your-face/#ixzz3rl88D44q>

### **New Version Number**

With the Windows 10 Fall Update, Microsoft introduces a new numbering scheme. Instead of Windows 10.1, the new version is called 1511, which stands for 2015 November. Anyone buying or downloading Windows 10 from now on, will receive version 1511; until the next update. Other new features are also described in this article:

<http://www.makeuseof.com/tag/insider-review-windows-10-fall-update/>

### **Google's About Me Page**

Choose the privacy settings that are right for you Signing in to your Google Account is the best way to access and control privacy settings and personalize your Google experience. Sign in to adjust what information you make public and what data Google can use to give you better recommendations and faster results. Once signed in you can change setting in these categories:

Your Google Search history Your YouTube watch history Your YouTube search history Google Ads settings Google Analytics opt-out Chrome Cookie settings

[https://myaccount.google.com/intro/privacycheckup?hl=en\\_US&pli=1](https://myaccount.google.com/intro/privacycheckup?hl=en_US&pli=1)

### **Emoji Keyboard™**

Finally a keyboard that speaks your language.

<http://emojiworks.co/>

### **Free Game**

What Game Has Been Included Free With Every Copy Of Microsoft's Operating System?

<http://www.techspot.com/article/1086-story-of-so>

Windows 10 is intended to bring together the disparate PC user base to help Microsoft more effectively distribute bug fixes and other important updates. Read more:

<http://tinyurl.com/p52ts4s>

**Anonymous Hackers Begin Offensive Against Isis** (Editor's Definition of "Anonymous": Confederacy of hackers attacking whomever they disagree with.) They have been called a "digital

vigilante group”). After declaring war on the Islamic State, Anonymous says it has taken down more than 5,500 Twitter accounts associated with various IS members and associates.

<http://www.csmonitor.com/World/Global-News/2015/1117/Anonymous-hackers-begin-offensive-against-ISIS>

### **Want To Stop Apps From Sharing Your Data? There's An App For That, Too**

Northeastern University researchers launched an app called ReCon to track and limit the personal information that's collected and shared by other smartphone apps.

<http://tinyurl.com/onbwkzp>

### **Windows Journal**

Do a system search for journal and you'll come across Windows Journal, an application you might not even have known existed. This tool first came to life in Windows XP Tablet PC Edition, a touch-orientated version of the operating system which didn't sell particularly well, allowing users to create and organize their handwritten notes. In order to type into Journal you need to insert a text box.

<http://www.makeuseof.com/tag/5-traces-windows-xp-inside-windows-10-revealed/>

### **Compare Anything**

Recently Compared, Every Day vs Everyday, Carpet vs Laminate Floor, Guarantee vs Warranty, Hyperthyroidism vs Hypothyroidism, WordPress.com vs WordPress.org, Hydrocodone vs Oxycodone, Dominant vs Recessive, Double-Hung Windows vs Single-Hung Windows, Gout vs Pseudogout, HDMI vs VGA. Good site to consider checking:

<http://www.diffen.com/>

### **Battery Saver Settings**

Windows 10 comes with a new tool called Battery Saver. Once your battery charge falls below a certain percentage, Battery Saver automatically kicks in and throttles back various mechanisms that draw power, thus extending the battery life. To access Battery Saver, select Settings from the Start Menu/Screen. When the Settings screen appears, select the Battery Saver tab. Read instruction with illustrations here:

<http://tinyurl.com/o8v6z7r>



### **Lamp Post 179**

by John Spizzirri

April 2016

The Decorah eagles **(1)** had two eggs successfully hatch about two and a half weeks ago. The eaglets are being fed every few hours by both adults. The Berry College (Georgia) eagles **(2)** are almost ready to fledge.

1) <http://www.ustream.tv/decoraheagles>

2) <http://www.berry.edu/eaglecam/>

I recall in the early days (8 months ago) of the general release of Windows 10 **(1)** all the pundits and magazines were praising the OS for its speed of startup and shutdown. Microsoft (MS **(2)**) told

us how much better Windows 10 is over it's previous versions. They wanted us to think that they learned how to perfect the OS. Of course they wanted us to think that with each upgrade to Windows. I remember those perfect versions of Windows; ME (3), 2000 (4), Vista (5), and 8 (6). The reality is that each of those versions was a bigger failure than the previous failed version. All those failures degenerated into slow, unreliable systems rapidly. MS has now presented us with Windows 10. Eight months after its official release there are magazine articles telling us how to speed up Windows 10 ((7), (8), (9)). I seem to recall that this happened before (with each new version of Windows). What are the tips to speed up Win 10? Stop programs from loading at startup, get rid of applications that you no longer use, disable or limit background applications, get rid of needless junk on you hard drive, and defragment your hard drive. Have you heard these tips before? I have. Those are the same tips that were given to speed up all versions of Windows since Windows 95. Additional tips that were added in Vista include turning off all the transparency, shadows, animations, gradient colors, remove sounds for non essential events, and stop pop up information balloons. The tips that were added since Vista essentially make new Windows look and act like Windows XP. Really??? Other tips include using a good antivirus program i.e. one that does not use massive amounts of system resources ( Bad; Symantec Norton (10), McAfee (11):Good; eSet (12), Avast (13), AVG (14)). One additional tip that has materialized in the last seven or so years is to seek out and remove spyware. Tips that are unique to Windows 10 are disable OneDrive, disable Cortana and Bing search results, and disable Notifications and Action Center. The tips unique to Windows 10 will make Windows 10 act more like Windows 7. Golly gee willikers (15), it sounds as if MS adds things that must be turned off in order for the OS to run properly.

- 1) <https://goo.gl/VGVWTA>
- 2) <https://goo.gl/zi2P7p>
- 3) <https://goo.gl/XaEEVW>
- 4) <https://goo.gl/gj1ZI3>
- 5) <https://goo.gl/nknZDg>
- 6) <https://goo.gl/570hrx>
- 7) <http://goo.gl/WrnjRM>
- 8) <http://goo.gl/4zWVgx>
- 9) <http://goo.gl/0bB8No>
- 10) <https://goo.gl/RT57Nm>
- 11) <https://goo.gl/mzbDn8>
- 12) <https://www.eset.com/us/>
- 13) <https://goo.gl/GnWxgd>
- 14) <http://goo.gl/ge5TzZ>
- 15) <http://goo.gl/czwG9c>

I was at a computer training seminar near Starved Rock (1), recently. One of the lecturers was a bank Information Technology executive. Part of the knowledge he imparted was that it is just a matter of time when you will be attacked not IF you will be. Those criminals that do extortionware or ransomware are on the increase because the crime is lucrative. Their main targets are individuals not corporations because corporations generally have backups, involve law enforcement, and are required to do some things by regulation. If you pay the ransom, there is only a 60 to 70 percent chance of getting your data back. The Columbus Dispatch Newspaper ran an article about how to make companies less vulnerable to ransomware criminals (2). The article states that there were

about 2500 'reported' cases that grossed \$24 millions. The tips to help you be more secure are; make regular backups to devices that are connected to your computer only during the backup, keep your system patched and updated, use a quality antiviral, antispymware software(s), educate yourself on the methodology of these criminals, and when you are attacked, do NOT pay the ransom - recover from your backup.

1) <http://goo.gl/QWC1QT>

2) <http://goo.gl/nt6Uk8>

Argonne National Laboratory is having an Open House on Saturday May 21st **(1)**. You must register on the web site to be admitted to the grounds. I have had a limited tour of the Argonne computer facility and found it very educational. This can be an excellent opportunity for children or grand children.

1) <http://www.anl.gov/community/open-house>

Our editor, Kathy Groce, was perusing Parade Magazine **(1)** this morning and brought a story to my attention. After reading it I noticed an advertisement for Wow! Computers. The Wow! Computer is billed as "A Simple to Use Computer Designed Especially for Seniors!". This piqued my interest. The main points in the ad were its screen size (22 inch Touch Screen Monitor) and that it is easy to use. They also hit a number of hot button issues for many people including USA based customer support, free software updates forever, quick set up, and all the software built in (no need for any additional outlays). I found the Wow! web site **(2)** but in the process found a number of web sites that are aimed at selling products geared to seniors. On the Wow! site one of the claims is, "It's so easy to use, you won't have to ask your children or grandchildren for help." The price of this computer is not in the Parade ad. On the web site it is listed as \$1099. That price seemed a bit high so I searched the site for the hardware / software specifications. The computer is an all in one with a wireless mouse and keyboard. Here is the hardware specs:

Screen - 21.5" High Definition Touch Panel

Processor - Intel Celeron Quad Core Processor

Memory - 2 GB RAM

Hard Drive - 32 GB SSD Flash Drive (Additional Cloud Storage Available)

Webcam - Built-in 1.0MP Webcam with Microphone

Rear Input/Output - 6 USB Ports, 1 Microphone In, 1 Earphone Out, 10/100/1000 LAN, HDMI (out)

Wireless - 802.11 b/g/n

Speakers - Stereo Speakers with Premium Sound

Input Devices - Wireless Keyboard and Mouse Included

The site says you cannot run your own software on the machine. It does not run Windows. Digging into the site **(3)** I found they use Tiny Core Linux **(4)** as the OS. When you control the hardware, you can control the software just like Apple **(5)**.

How are this company going to make money? Obviously, by charging too much for the product but also offering 'VIP Service'. You can get handholding phone service (allegedly from a U.S. based tech) for only \$9.95 per month. For just under \$120 per year you get to call a tech who can remotely

access your PC for training and repair. That is not a bad deal except you are paying in advance of trouble that may not come.

- 1) <http://parade.com/magazine/>
- 2) <https://www.mywowcomputer.com/>
- 3) <https://goo.gl/avwvEs>
- 4) <http://www.tinycorelinux.net/>
- 5) <http://www.apple.com/>

Between you, me and the LampPost, that's all for now.

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**April 2016 DVDOM**

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- ARI** - Monthly newsletter
- AstroGrep** - Search inside files for key words
- AudioBook** - Free audio book
- AuslogicsDefrag** - Updated disk defragger
- BitDefender** - AntiRansomware
- cCleaner** - Updated disk cleaner
- Clipjump** - Clipboard capture program
- DVDOMlists** - Contents of CDs and DVDs of the Month
- FireAlpaca** - Painting program
- FreeOffice** - Office suite
- JPEGSaver** - Screen saver using selected jpeg files
- JRT** - Updated junkware removal tool
- MediaCreationTool** - Create Windows 10 media for installation
- MemberContributions** - Things members send me
- NetworkTrafficView** - View network traffic in real time
- NotepadPlusPlus** - Updated text editor
- OldTimeRadio** - Old radio audio files
- OpenShotVideoEditor** - Updated video editor
- RestorePointCreator** - Create and restore easily
- SendAnywhere** - Send any file anywhere
- SpywareBlaster** - Updated anti spyware program
- SuperAntiSpyware** - Updated anti spyware program
- SystemInfoViewer** - Display Windows, Network and hardware info
- TDSSKiller** - Updated root kit detector / deleter
- USBOblivion** - Erase all traces of USB drives from the registry
- XMPPlay** - An audio player
- YAC** - PC cleaner

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Hardware problems, XP, Win 7, Linux and Virus Removal  
- John Spizzirri

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