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February 22
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Visitors
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February 22nd Fourth Saturday
Video Presentation will be in Board Room
by John Kennedy (APCUG)
on the Easy Transition from Windows to Linux
(Repeat - Due to low turnout in January)

REMINDER: \$20.00 Membership dues for 2020 are due.
See Kathy, John or Mike at the meeting or
mail dues to CAEUG, P.O. Box 3150, Glen Ellyn, IL 60138



Lamp Post 221
February 2020
by John Spizzirri

The Decorah Eagle cams (1) have been turned on. There is no activity that I have seen at the north nest. A pair has taken residence at the south nest and are rebuilding. The pair are feeding quite well with this mild weather. The first egg

was laid on February 22nd last year. It could be a few days earlier or later this year.

1) <https://is.gd/YAuMFO>

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Clearview AI made the news this past few weeks ((1), (2)). Co-founder Hoan Ton-That (3) seems to be the spokes person for the company. He has a dodgy past. He has created computer worms and phishing (4) scams that has put him on a police wanted list. Clearview AI has scraped (5) billions of pictures of people. They have a created a program of facial recognition that they claim is 99.6% accurate that will find all instances of the same person provided a current picture. Clearview AI is marketing its software to police departments and foreign regimes some of whom are noted for their human rights violations (6). In their marketing they have also misrepresented (lied) about the help the software was in the identification of a terrorist suspect (7). Clearview AI say they have tools that prohibit inappropriate use of the product yet they have advised police department personnel to take a selfie or 'Try your friends or family.' to test the power of the product (8). Ton-That has previously said Clearview AI is working with Department of Homeland Security (DHS (9)) on facial recognition. Twitter (10) and other companies have filed suit against Clearview AI for scraping without their permission (11). Others companies have sent cease and desist letters. Facebook (12) is 'studying' the situation. One of the Facebook board members (Peter Thiel) is a heavy investor in Clearview AI (13). The Clearview AI web site says that it helps identify criminals, it fails to mention that Clearview sells its product to private companies such as banks, private investigation companies, white supremacists, and casinos (14). When interviewed by CNN, Ton-That seemed a bit evasive ((15) see the video) on legal questions. Chicago Police Department is paying Clearview AI \$50,000 for a two year study of the product ((16) see the video), while the New Jersey Attorney General ordered all police agencies to temporarily stop using the software until a study of it is completed. Both Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC (17)) and Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF (18)) have called for a ban or strict guidelines on the use of facial recognition software so as to protect the rights of everyone.

- 1) <https://clearview.ai/>
- 2) <https://is.gd/WGBCvN>
- 3) <https://is.gd/zImDPk>
- 4) <https://is.gd/G3jskD>
- 5) <https://is.gd/pYkTUG>
- 6) <https://is.gd/qaP9MT>
- 7) <https://is.gd/f3VkjI>
- 8) <https://is.gd/8zTLgo>
- 9) <https://www.dhs.gov/>
- 10) <https://twitter.com/>
- 11) <https://is.gd/8zTLgo>
- 12) <https://www.facebook.com/>
- 13) <https://is.gd/cJn8T7>
- 14)

<https://www.courthousenews.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Surveillance-1.pdf>

- 15) <https://is.gd/6jDi5N>
- 16) <https://is.gd/ruPZlv>
- 17) <https://is.gd/xMJh9b>

18) <https://www.eff.org/node/102395>

One of our former members was explaining to me about the problems he was having with the Edge browser for the last few months. I told him that Microsoft (1) was going to update Edge soon. If he did not want to wait he could download the new Edge (2) right away and install it. He e-mailed me the next day thanking me for the tip. All the problems were solved with the upgrade.

1) <https://www.microsoft.com/>

2) <https://is.gd/nwgKLu>

In Linux there are multiple 'workspaces' or desktops. You can have the same thing in Windows by using the keys Windows key + CTRL key + d. A new desktop will appear. To switch back to the original desktop press the Windows key + CTRL key + left arrow key. To switch to the new desktop press the Windows key + CTRL key + right arrow key. To get rid of one of the desktops press the Windows key + CTRL key + F4 while on the desktop to delete. To minimize all open windows at once press the Windows key + m. If one application on any desktop has stopped working but will not close, try CTRL + Shift + Esc. That may shut down that application without affecting the other applications. Another way to do that is to open the Task Manager by right clicking an empty space in the task bar or press CTRL + ALT + DEL and select Task Manager. In the Task Manager select the Processes tab. Select the misbehaving application click the End Task button and click close. File manager can be opened by pressing the Windows key + E. (1)

1) <https://youtu.be/VeAK7Bv4F1o>

Kathy Groce, our newsletter editor, pointed out an issue that I did not know about. I keep the club web (1) site in my bookmarks (favorites). I seldom use Google Chrome (2) as I do not have it installed on any of my Linux computers. (I do have it installed on my Windows machines.) Kathy searched Google (3) for CAEUG. Our web site was not on the first page nor the second page. What was there? Sites hyping Cialis, a defunct Facebook page, various business services, a soundless ten minute Youtube of the first person shooter game Combat Arms, an Instagram picture of an Asian boy, a service offering to assist e-mailing to the e-mail addresses on our web site, and a company that stated that our 'company' was no longer on their (small business) web site. That was just the first page. The second page was more of the same. The third page had books in the public domain that Google had copied for display. I could find no relation to CAEUG to these books. Our web site was not on the first ten pages of Google. References to our web site were in those first ten pages. On page five was the Geeks on Tour Blog site reference to their presentation (4) last September with a picture. On page six is Joan Thompson's obituary (5) with a reference to CAEUG. Also, my web site (6) with a link to our web site. There are many foreign language sites. A search engine with similar results is Ask.com (7). Ask found my site on the first page but did not find our site searching on CAEUG. It did find our club searching

on Computers Are Easy Users Group as did Google. Duckduckgo.com (8) found our site searching caeug as first listing. DogPile.com (9) found our site searching caeug as first listing. Yahoo.com (10) found our site searching caeug as first listing. I will try to alter the code in our web site to try to get a better rating in Google. We used to be first just because of our name, but that in no longer the case. Companies that pay search engines are usurping our name (CAEUG) for higher placement on the Google and Ask engines. They get clicks. We get bupkis.

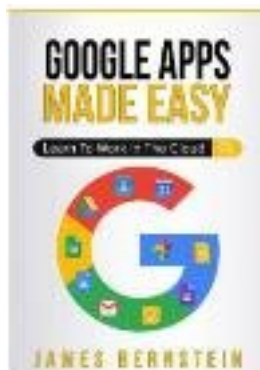
- 1) <http://caeug.net/>
- 2) <https://www.google.com/chrome/>
- 3) <https://www.google.com/>
- 4) <https://is.gd/V50UYQ>
- 5) <https://is.gd/TjyYh6>
- 6) <http://www.johnspizzirri.com/>
- 7) <https://www.ask.com/>
- 8) <https://duckduckgo.com/>
- 9) <https://www.dogpile.com/>
- 10) <https://www.yahoo.com/>

In a tweet movie star, Sasha Baron Cohen (1), said Facebook (2) should be regulated by governments. Mark Zuckerberg (3) should not have that much power. Elon Musk (4), co-founder, CEO, and product architect of Tesla, Inc. (5) replied in a tweet that people should "#DeleteFacebook It's lame." Previously, Cohen "... referred to Zuckerberg, YouTube CEO Susan Wojcicki; Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey; Google CEO Sundar Pichai and Google co-founders Larry Page and Sergey Brin as 'The Silicon Six', and called on governments to start cracking down on them ...". Sasha Baron Cohen's primary concern at the time (2019) was the Holocaust deniers that were and still are able to use these platforms to preach their message without hindrance or fact checks from 'the Silicon Six' (6). That fact is amazing to me because I have seen people banned from Twitter for far less outrageous tweets. Zuckerberg spoke at Georgetown University last month (7). He tried to make it clear that Facebook was a force for the free expression of people (except where it is banned). He neglected to mention that it is a force for advertising to middle and upper middle class people around the world that has made the 35 year old worth roughly 76 billion dollars. He did say he would make Facebook fairer to those who are banned by forming a board of appeals. We will see if this happens at all or how fair it will be. Time will tell. Can you trust him?

- 1) <https://is.gd/T2hHUm>
- 2) <https://www.facebook.com/>
- 3) <https://is.gd/Rz35ZE>
- 4) <https://is.gd/aYFKoL>
- 5) <https://is.gd/n264xO>
- 6) <https://is.gd/S3VvgH>
- 7) <https://is.gd/2XOD9P>

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

New to the Library
 Google Apps Made Easy – Learn to Work in the Cloud
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Just added to the club library is GOOGLE APPS MADE EASY – Learn To Work In The Cloud. Google Apps is Google’s response to Microsoft Office and LibreOffice. The table below lists the various functions and the names used.

FUNCTION	GOOGLE APPS	M/S OFFICE	LibreOffice
Word Processing	Docs	Word	Writer
Spreadsheet	Sheets	Excel	Calc
Presentation	Slides	PowerPoint	Impress
Database	N.A.	Access	Base
Forms	Forms	N.A.	N.A.
Note Taking	Keep	OneNote	N.A.
Photo Organizing	Photos	N.A.	N.A.
Vector Graphics	N.A.	N.A.	Draw
Email	Gmail	Outlook	Thunderbird
COST	Free	\$100/yr.	Free

What makes Google Apps different? First and foremost Google Apps are web based. You do not download and install a program on your computer. You use your web browser, preferably Google Chrome, to go to www.google.com and log into your account and there they are. You do not have to be concerned with updates, maintenance, and backup issues. They are also platform or operating system independent. It does not matter if you are using a M/S Windows, Apple MAC or Linux computer, an Android smart phone, iPhone or iPad. The applications and your files are there in the cloud for you to access from wherever you are.

There are several advantage and disadvantages to working in the cloud. Being on the

cloud makes it easier to share your files with others, which makes collaboration easier. There is no need to send email attachments back and forth or copy files onto flash drives. Also, all of your data will be consistent between your devices. If you make changes in Google Docs on your PC and later open the file on your iPad the changes are there. Even if you save the file locally to your computer it will be synchronized to the cloud version. The disadvantages are that you must have an internet connection since most of the things you will do with these apps are cloud-based and done online. The applications do not have as many features as the other office suites and some may have security concerns about their data being on the cloud.

From the chart above, you will note that each office suite has applications that the other does not. Google Apps does not have a database module, but this is not a frequently used application by home users. Many common database functions can be handled by a spreadsheet. M/S Office and LibreOffice do not have a photo editing module, but there are a number of good stand-alone programs to perform those tasks.

Google Forms stands out as a unique application. Forms does what the name implies. You can easily create forms to gather information or take surveys. The data is automatically transferred to a spreadsheet and reports created to summarize the results and display them in easy to understand charts.

One final point to mention – notice the bottom line in the chart above. Google Apps are free along with 15 gigabytes of cloud file storage. More space is available for a fee.



Sad news of the passing of club member

Obituary for John Thomas St. Clair

John St. Clair, 69, of Aurora, passed away February 11, 2020, at Season's Hospice in Naperville. Born December 16, 1950 in Aurora, he was the son of James Wyatt and Grace (Ahasic) St. Clair.

John was a member of the Aurora Noon Lions Club for 33 years and served as past president. His interest included computers, photography, motor cycling, scuba diving, ice diving, snow skiing, and flying. His greatest passion was being a pilot. He is most proud of his volunteer work with Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA Chapter 579) Young Eagles program that offers free flights in a light plane for 9 to 16 year olds who are interested in flying. He established a scholarship program, the John St. Clair Aviation Scholarship Fund, to award to several young students who ultimately earn their pilots license.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the John St. Clair Aviation Scholarship Fund, Fox Valley Sport Aviation Association, EAA Chapter 579, 422 Clinton Ave, Oak Park, IL. 60302

Interesting Internet Finds October 2019

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In the course of going through the more than 300 RSS feeds, I often run across things that I think might be of interest to other user group members.

The following are some items I found interesting during the month of September 2019.

How To Reinstall Windows Without An Installation Disc

<https://askleo.com/how-to-reinstall-windows-without-an-installation-disc/>

This question comes up all the time at user meetings. Leo Notenboom provides several excellent answers. Basically everything he says in the post boils down to being ready before the need comes up.

Is Linux Really Immune To Viruses and Malware? Here's the Truth

<https://www.leetvofficial.com/is-linux-really-immune-to-viruses-and-malware-heres-the-truth/>

Linux is becoming more popular now, especially with support for Windows 7 coming to an end. Before you switch you should be aware of the virus and malware issues.

How (And Why) To Use Google's Chromebook Simulator

<https://www.howtogeek.com/439256/how-and-why-to-use-googles-chromebook-simulator/>

If you are like me and considering buying a Chromebook, you should check out this post.

4 Things To Look For When Buying A USB Hub

<https://www.maketecheasier.com/things-look-out-for-buying-usb-hub/>

There are still a lot of USB devices around, and less USB ports on computers these days. If you don't have enough ports on your laptop, or desktop, you will need a USB hub. This post tells you what you need to look for to make the best purchase. (Note: I have several hubs that I use often.)

How To Optimize Your Google Drive Storage

<https://www.online-tech-tips.com/google-softwaretips/how-to-optimize-your-google-drive-storage/>

If you use Google Drive storage (and if you have a Google account you should) it should be optimized. This post explains how to optimize the storage.

Encrypt Public WiFi With Firefox Private Network For Secure Connection

<https://www.ilovefreesoftware.com/12/windows/internet/plugins/encrypt-public-wifi-with-firefox-private-network-for-secure-connection.html>

If you use Firefox there is now an option to have a free secure connections. Check

out this post to learn all about it. It is not the best option, but is better than no VPN at all.

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A Birthday you might have forgotten :-)

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September 19 is the birthday of something you might use every day. At the very least you are familiar with it even if you do not text, write emails, handwritten notes or communicate with other humanoids. In fact, it came into existence before there even existed text messages, the Internet, or email

Back in 1982, none of our modern digital communication methods, or even the networks that evolved, existed. On university campuses there existed something called USENET boards. USER Network message boards on which the locally connected users could carry out discussions, some scientific, some not as much.

Well... It all started on a Usenet message board on September 16, 1982 because some guy wanted to know how a drop of Mercury would react in a falling elevator. (Evidently the Physics department guys had a strange sense of humor.) After several rounds of remarks, some of them with attempts at humor, there developed a discussion about how to indicate to the readers that the message should be read as a playful joke, and not so seriously interpreted.

You can read an excellent summary of the message board conversation here:
<https://www.ttlg.com/forums/showthread.php?t=73941>

The key entry was on Sunday, September 19, 1982, by Professor Scott Fahlman of Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh

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19-Sep-82 11:44 Scott E Fahlman

I propose that the following character sequence for joke markers:

:-)

Read it sideways. Actually, it is probably more economical to mark

things that are NOT jokes, given current trends. For this, use:

:-)

These symbols, composed of normal keys used in standard text, and available on our keyboard, have long been used, albeit in simpler forms, for a very long time.

A summary discussion of the Emoticon at <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Emoticon>

An entertaining version, at <https://www.kidscodex.com/history-of-emoticons/> credits Victor Hugo with perhaps the first digitally transmitted emoticon

in 1862, Victor Hugo sent a telegram to his publisher with a single character, ?, to ask how his new book Les Misérables was selling. The publisher, equally clever, sent a single character telegram back, !.

So happy birthday to the smiley face Emoticon :-)

Sad Story, Happy Ending

By John Roy, President, The PC Users Group of Connecticut

August 2019 issue, The Program

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I have an Android phone and use Google Photos. I wanted to create some storage space on my phone and decided to delete photos that were already residing in the cloud in Google Photos.

Using a local photo application, I started deleting photos off my phone. Being a little tedious doing this one-by-one I looked for a select tool but couldn't find it. I then realized it was available on the Google Photo application so I then started some bulk deletes using Google Photos. I then had this startling revelation that I was deleting my cloud Google Photos and not the dupes residing on my phone. Panic quickly set in when I realized, in my haste, that I was no longer using the original phone application that was only deleting photos on my phone.

I took a deep breath and searched for recovery solutions. Hooray, there was an easy solution that I had never used. The photos were dumped into a trash bucket that holds deletions for 60 days. Following the steps below recovered the deleted photos.

Recover permanently deleted files from Google Photos in Trash

Files that are accidentally deleted from Google Photos will stay in your trash for 60 days. So, if you permanently delete your photos or video on your phone, you can try to fully retrieve them back in Trash during this period.

1. Open the Google Photos app and tap on "Menu." Then select your "Trash" folder.
2. All of your deleted files will be listed. Simply select the photos or videos you wish to recover, and then tap the Restore button to restore them.

February 2020 DVD of the Month

101Clips - Multiple clips on clipboard organized

ARI - Monthly newsletter
AudioBook - Free audio book

Calibre - Convert any mobile book format to any other

Dir2HTML - Create HTML file from a directory
DVDOMIists - Contents of CDs and DVDs of the Month

eToolz - Network tools

HDCleaner - Hard drive cleaner
HiddenWin10Features - Organized hidden features
of Windows

IcecreamPDFEditor - A PDF editor

MemberContributions - Things members send me
MetaFox - Simple to use video file converter
mp3DirectCut - MP3 and AAC audio editor and
MP3 recorder

OldTimeRadio - Old radio audio files
PartitionLogic - A free hard disk partitioning and data
management too
PHP - A general-purpose hypertext preprocessor
scripting language

Sandboxie - A sandbox that is free once again
SimpleFirefoxBackup - Backs up Firefox settings,
favorites, & preferences

UBCD - Ultimate Boot CD
UNetbootin - Create bootable Live USB drives

WhoisConnected - Shows who is connected to
your network
WiseYouTubeDownloader - A tool to search and
download videos from YouTube

YoutubeMultiDownloader - Download videos or
music from Youtube

Meeting Location and Special
Accommodations

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Mike Goldberg at

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in the program are requested to
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Goldberg at , at least five (5) days
prior to the program, so that
reasonable accommodation can be
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