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February Meeting Minutes 2/11/2023

Open Meeting: by Neal

Question and answers: 1) Keep getting ads for driver’s license study info in lower right hand corner of screen after search, may be extra icon or extension inserted in task bar from website; right click and close or go to settings and uninstall; 2) When window is off screen, using shift/ right click allows screen to be adjusted; 3) Shift/ left click on Word icon opens new blank sheet; 4) If calculator tool is missing, do search and download from store; 5) Computer battery replacement-

obtain from computer manufacturer, BatterysPlus.

Treasurer’s report: presented by Joe I and approved.

Old business: Website relocation complete.

New business: 1) Keurig coffee maker working well; 2) Club board meeting at Angelo’s-Dixon, Wed., 02/15/23, 5:30 pm; 3) Many new events at WCSC this month; 4) Lab open for business.

Adjournment:

Program: 1) Emergency contact information can be put into driver’s license database in Illinois sos.gov website; 2) Setting up emergency

contacts on iPhone-settings/emergency contacts, fill in information; 3) Chatgpt- AI app that answers your question at least in most cases quite accurately, it is free but you have to sign into chat.open.com, use quotes around question; 4) Getting Zoom- search for Zoom, click to get download; 5) SCUG website at new location, new address is sauk.apcug.org

Next month’s program: - Judy Taylour, apcug, Zoom presentation “Cyber Crime Senior Scams”. -Pctech2u, potentially in April.

*Respectfully submitted by
Secretary Tom Rich*

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Meeting was called to order by: Neal
Attending the meeting were:
Neal, Joe F, Gloria, George, Lorraine, Cheryl, Nancy & Tom.

Treasurer's report was presented by: Joe F.

Discussion Highlights: 1) Will update business cards for SCUG with new website, 2) The Gazette sent email requesting information for their Kaleidoscope magazine,

3) Will include wireless key-boards and mouse for club meeting drawings the next couple of months.

Future Programs:
-Judy Taylour next month on Cyber Security.

-pctech2u will potentially be April program.

Adjournment:

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Jokes

What did the gunslinger say when their computer wasn't working?

"Looks like I need to do some Troubleshooting"

What do you call 12th century guitar music transcribed into a computer format?

Midieval.

Me: Sorry I'm late. I was having computer issues.

Boss: Hard drive?

Me: The commute was fine. It's my laptop.

I never wanted to believe the rumors about my company's tech department being abusive until I had to have them come fix an issue with my office computer.

And then IT hit me.

How to delete your email and phone number from Facebook

By Jovi Umawing

If any of your friends have ever uploaded their contact list to Facebook then Meta probably has your phone number, even if you've never had an account. Here's how to delete and block that.

It's common knowledge that Facebook knows everything about you, even the data you choose to with-hold. Take, for example, your contact number or email address. Many of us opted out of giving this away when we signed up for Facebook, Facebook Messenger, or Instagram because we didn't want to be searchable using these pieces of data. But, alas, many of us have realized that even if we don't provide data to Meta directly, someone else will. When someone signs up to any of Meta's services, they are asked if they want to share their entire address book to make it much easier to find connections. This is how Facebook got hold of details even if the user had never had a Facebook account.

Thankfully, we now have a tool to delete and keep our contact numbers and email addresses from Face-book permanently, even when someone we know agrees to share their entire address book. A tool no one's talked about

According to Business Insider, Meta quietly rolled out this tool sometime in May 2022, but the company didn't say anything about it. The link to the tool appears to be pretty much tucked away in an obscure page in Facebook's help section where no user typically ventures.

Below are steps to remove your contact number or email address from all of Meta's apps.

1. Visit the contact info removal tool page.
2. You can then choose from three options: your mobile number, landline phone number, or email address. You can only pick one, so to remove all the above info from Meta, you must repeat these steps for each option.

For this example, we pick "mobile number."

3. Enter your mobile number. The tool also asks where it wants you to look for your data: Facebook and Messenger, Instagram, or both. You can tick both.
4. If you picked mobile number, you'll receive an SMS from Facebook containing your

confirmation code. If you picked landline phone number, you'll receive an automated voice call to that number to give you a confirmation code. If you picked "email address," the tool will email you the confirmation code.

5. Clicking "Next" takes you to a page that tells you Meta has found your number and that someone (if not you) has uploaded it to Meta's platforms. By clicking "Confirm", you tell Meta you want your mobile number deleted from its database and block the number from being re-uploaded.

6. Once you have confirmed, the tool takes you to a page saying it has deleted and blocked your mobile.

7. During testing, I double-checked whether the tool had worked by going through the steps again with my mobile number. After entering the confirmation code the tool sent via SMS, I got the message that Meta doesn't have my mobile number anymore.

While many will take having their contact numbers and email address permanently removed or blocked in the future as a sign that Meta is serious about user privacy, Heather Burns, author of the book "Understanding Privacy", thinks that the tool is just "privacy labor."

"They collected data they should not have collected in the first place and are now shifting responsibility on you to remove it," she told Insider.

We don't just report on threats—we remove them Cybersecurity risks should never spread beyond a headline. Keep threats off your devices by downloading Malwarebytes today.

*Posted: November 2, 2022 by Jovi Umawing
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TECH-NO-PHOBIA – are YOU a VICTIM YET?

By Jim Cerny

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How did all this happen so quickly? Some days I feel like I am left in the dust behind the high-speed train technology. Yes, I am glad technology is progressing. We all benefit from the advances in health care, safety, entertainment, and portability. But there is a downside too. What do you find overwhelming about technology? Let's compare some everyday things from the past to today's latest internet-connected mega-optioned computer-controlled devices.

There were no real "couch potatoes" watching TV in the old days; we got our exercise by having to get up OFF the couch to change the channel or adjust the volume. Today in my living room, I have four device controllers for the TV (the TV itself, the internet TV box, an old DVD player, Apple TV, and a few more I can't identify) – and all of them have dozens of buttons to push. My daily challenge is to figure out which one I should use before I even try to guess which button. Unfortunately, I usually guess wrong the first two times.

The big thing for young kids in the past was being able to read the comics in the Sunday newspaper. Remember Sunday comics in color? My parents would encourage me to read them, and I would pretend I could – but my mom and dad were so proud I was learning to read at the age of 7 or 8. Today parents shove an iPad or iPhone into their kid's hands to amuse them at one-and-a-half. By age two, the child knows more about the phone than their parents. And by age four, they are answering tech hotline questions.

Learning to drive when I was a teenager was a real adventure. I learned the gas, brake, clutch pedals, gear shift, and the two-gauge dashboard (speedometer and fuel). Radio was a luxury. To-

day cars have several computers to monitor all the "systems" on the vehicle and, hopefully, keep you safe. And don't forget the ever-bigger TV screen on the dashboard -- it gives you access to thousands of options and a nice view when you back up your car. In a few years, there will be no need for car windows (see predictions later in this article).

Going grocery shopping was fun years ago; there were different stores for different things. You would walk to the downtown or shopping street (before malls) and get meat at the butcher's, bread at the bakery, can goods and cereals at the market, and you had to hope fruits and veggies were available in season somewhere. Today it is all online, even fresh fruit and veggies. The downside is that you get what they deliver. Somehow, I find no enjoyment in ordering food online, where I see only a picture of what I may get.

So, what do you think the future will hold for our children or grandchildren with technology? Will you allow me to make some predictions?

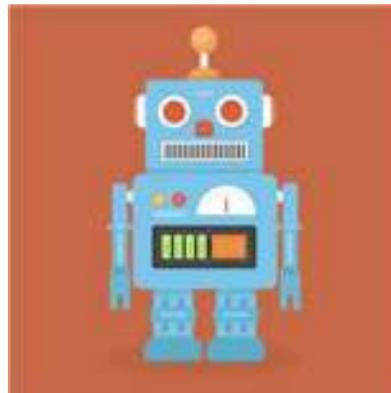
All windows will be replaced with high-resolution TV screens (sort of like Disney's Star Wars hotel). So, you will see what you want or want someone else to see.

Food will be ordered based on your eating history and automatically delivered to you when you need it – even placed into your kitchen pantry or fridge by personalized food delivery services.

There will be no need for germ-spreading handshakes, touching, or personal contact.

All entertainment will be provided for you, including images for your sight, ears, nose, and nerve sensations by technology directly to your brain.

And shortly after all this, computers and robots will take over the world, and we will no longer be needed. So, I recommend we enjoy the technology we have while we can.



By Jim Cerny, Education Chair & Forums Coordinator

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Zoom Sessions

Neal is hosting a weekly evening Zoom; (Each Friday) @ 7:30 PM Central Time

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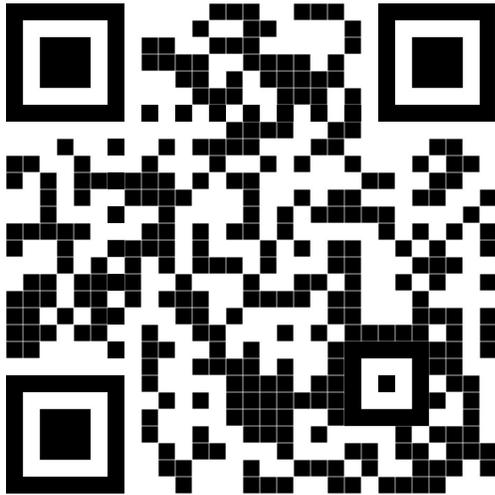
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You're welcome to check in and visit, or ask a question, maybe even get an answer.



Scanning this QR code should take you to our web page.

There will be a Question & Answer. Bring any questions you have about your computer or problems you may be having. It will be conducted by:
Neal Shipley

The next meeting of the Sauk Computer User Group will be

March 11, 2023

Question & Answer : 1 PM

Presentation: 2 PM

Business Meeting : 3 PM

Place: **Whiteside Senior Center**
1207 West 9th Street
Sterling, Illinois 61081

JUDY TAYLOUR FROM APCUG WILL DO A PRESENTATION ON CYBER CRIME & SENIOR SCAMS LIVE ON ZOOM