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Thank you Ron Ingraham - fantastic job!

Ron Ingraham has been our multi-award winning editor of the Space Coast PC Journal for the last two decades and has decided to pass the baton. He has been a huge asset to the club in multiple capacities from his detailed,

wonderful Journal editions to his faithful attendance and follow up on meetings and members. He cannot be replaced and is missed more than he can know but is welcome to attend any meeting he would like as a relaxed

observer and welcome friend.

This new edition will be much shorter and cover the basics until it and I, the editor, find our legs.

Looking forward to good things for SCPCUG in 2022.



Barb Mead, Editor

President Dan Douglas Answers 10 Questions

Q: Tell us how you first got involved in SCPCUG.

A: I ran an ad in Florida Today when I was repairing computers out of my house. Larry Bennett (our vice-president), saw it and contacted me to ask if I would be willing to do a presentation for the club. I had never heard of the SCPCUG up to this point, so I was curious to see what it was about. This was back in December 2013. I attended my first meeting in Jan 2014 and Larry invited me to speak in Feb 2014, which I did. It must have gone over well because I was asked to serve on the Board of Directors in April 2014 and elected President!

Q: What has surprised you the most while working with SCPCUG?

A: I have been involved with many computer user groups since 1984, including one I started in Toronto called SMUG (systems management users group), so I'm no stranger to the ebb and flow of group membership growth and stabilization. I'm glad to see that through the efforts of about 10 -20 core members, SCPCUG is still surviving when many other groups faded away, even before Covid prevented conducting many of the activities we always took for granted.

Q: What is the best and/or worst thing that has happened since you joined?

A: Meeting great people has been the best; the passing of both board and regular members, whom I have gotten to know as friends, has been the worst.

Q: What do you wish other people knew about us?

A: We truly want to help them with their technology problems and usage. And it's FREE!

Q: Tell us about some of the people you have met since being President of the club.

A: I truly appreciate all the work each board member puts in; it's so easy to let someone else step up to get done what must get done. So many members have these fascinating military backgrounds and I love hearing their stories. I got to know the first Brevard County High School Computer teacher who had some amazing stories about launching computer classes with no direction at all.

Q: What might we be surprised to know about you?

A: I was born in Canada. (I guess that wasn't much of a secret). How about this - I've been a member of various Corvette Clubs as well as Computer groups. I got my nickname 'DataDan' back in college when it turned out I was a natural at programming.

Q: What do you think will change in the club over the next 5 years?

A: Your guess is as good as mine here - we could evolve to just doing Saturday 'learning' or 'teaching' sessions every week perhaps and dispense with monthly meetings altogether. We'll see what the membership desires over the next few months/years. If enough people continue to volunteer their time, which means they continue to get some personal benefit out of doing it, the club will continue.

Q: What trends do you see in PCs/laptops or iPhones (you pick)?

A: Both the same answer - smaller, lighter, faster. Maybe both tied to a VR headset/glasses. I do love the Heads-Up Display (HUD) in my car.

Q: What do you do when you are not volunteering for the club?

A: Help my wife with her PC issues!! Besides running my PC repair business - I like to travel, visit friends/family, go on cruises, smoke cigars, watch movies and football, etc.

Q: What is your personal philosophy about what direction the club should take?

A: Not for me to decide. I'd like us to explore ideas along the lines of #7 above.

Thank you Dan for your time and your continued service to the club. See you at the next meeting!

Minutes from the October 21, 2021 Monthly Meeting

President Dan Douglas called the meeting to order at 2:09 PM. Board members present were: President Dan Douglas, Webmaster Curt Potsic, Treasurer Irene Nelson, and Secretary Barb Mead. Absent were Vice President Larry Bennett and Membership Chairperson Linda Glassburn.

Attendance was 4 officers and 6 members for a total of 10 attendees.

Dan opened the meeting with a Zoom presentation from Mr. Norbert "Bob" Gostischa from Avast Antivirus software who presented "Is Cyber Security Really Important?". Bob first worked with Avast in 2003 and has been a regularly featured presenter for our club. This was our first time seeing him as a Zoom presenter at our meeting motivated by the ongoing concerns of COVID protocols.

The Zoom presentation ended at 2:49 PM.

Curt gave his Webmaster Report (featured on page 4)

Irene gave the Financial Report for September 2021:

Three people paid for their nametags (\$15 each) and we printed 500 new brochures to promote the club.

Checking

Beginning Balance	\$583.55
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Ending Balance (includes \$23.41 snack fund balance)	\$583.55
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Savings

Beginning Balance	\$305.32
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Ending Balance	\$305.33
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Total Accounts Balance	\$888.88
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Irene also announced that she would be absent every few months starting next year so this would be her last year as Treasurer.

Dan and the club thanked her for her excellent performance and Dan noted that volunteers would be welcome for her office.

Barb updated the group on the club's booth at the Cocoa Village Arts and Craft Show the previous weekend. Pete Vander Haeghen did an excellent job on the booth along with Nanette Cazier, Dan and Barb. Other members that came by to help were Elisabeth Bishop, Irene, Lucinda Duncan and Dan's wife, Gail. There was a good crowd on a beautiful weekend and we got one paid member and one interested possible member along with getting the word out to a number of new people.

Dan discussed plans for the Christmas party with the group. We decided that Dan would contact Paulette Davidson at our normal location for the Christmas party in Merritt Island to see if it available this year. Dan will also contact Linda to send out an RSVP to see how many members are planning to show up to a possible Christmas party this year.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Mead, Secretary.

- There was no September 2021 meeting due to the resurgence in COVID.



Highlights of Web Master Curt Potsic October 21, 2021

October Monthly Meeting Is Oct. 21. Next Learning Center Meeting is a bonus session on Oct. 31.

Journal Current Issue page: Awaiting next Space Coast PC Journal for posting on scpcug.com. The Journal Editor position is currently in transit. The 12 past issue including the last issue (July), have been posted. All posted issues are available for download or reading online.

Special Events Page Updates:

Jere's Tech Tips—Windows, Android, Linux tips from Jere Minich, APCUG Advisor, Region 5 (AL, FL, GA, SC)

New items can be found at <https://apcug2.org/jerestips/> and include Quick Tip of the Day: Is there a way to Extend Windows 11's Roll-Back Period Past 10 Days? ; also The 3 Best Ways to Scan and Digitize Old Photos.

*****NOTE:** Jere Minich has just resigned as APCUG Advisor for Region 5 and is moving to Tennessee. No further info available on if he will continue Jere's Tech Tips.*

SCPCUG at Cocoa Village Art and Craft Fall Festival—Held October 16 and 17, 2021

SCPCUG participated in booth #605 at the Fall Festival. The Festival featured over 200 Unique Artists and Crafters. Working on adding photos.

October 2021 APCUG Workshop Updates

Complete robocall Defense with John Krout-held October 13, 2021

Learning Linux with Orv Beach and John Kennedy-held October 20, 2021

Windows 11 Presentation & Demo-held October 27, 2021

Encryption Software & Safety for Seniors-held September 22, 2021 -video now added at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=atO16Tl0ls>

APCUG's Free Fall Virtual Technology Conference (VTC-42) - To Be Held November 6, 2021 (Details not yet available)

1 New Link

Internet Slang Glossary—listing of shortened phrases and acronyms that help people type text quickly on the Internet.

<https://router-network.com/education/internet-slang-glossary>

This is on a specific page of the router-network.com site but actually the whole site is impressive with all kinds of articles such as : HTML for Beginners, Internet 101:A Brief History of HTML, Modems and Routeres: What is the Difference?, The Basics of Wi-Fi security, How to Find Your Saved Wi-Fi Password, etc.

Check it all out at: <https://router-network.com/posts>.

MISC ITEMS

***Slow PC Market Growth in Q3**-this slowdown is attributed to the end of the COVID-19 pandemic buying spree and the ongoing supply chain issues; however, business PC demand continued strong.*

***Microsoft Blames Russia for Cyberattacks**-Microsoft says that Russia is responsible for more nation-state Cyber attacks than all other nations combined.*

***Firefox Browser Coming to the Microsoft Store**-Mozilla has recently updated Firefox across desktop & mobile and Firefox will be available in the Windows store later this year.*

***Microsoft shows why Windows 11 needs TPM –even if some PCs are left out in the cold**-interesting article can be found at techradar.com/news/Microsoft*

*A good article on howtogeek.com is **Should You Upgrade to Windows 11?***

This is a condensed rendering of the Webmaster's full report. To access the full report and related items, please go to our website at scpcug.com.

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Space Coast PC Users Group

*Learning Center Sessions
Merritt Island Library
1st, 3rd, & 5th
Saturday of the month, 12 noon to 3:30 pm*

The purpose of the Space Coast PC Users Group (SCPCUG) is to provide support and education to users of computers and related devices. Our membership boasts a wide range of interests from beginners to professional users.

Members receive the monthly electronic version of The Space Coast PC Journal that includes helplines, weblinks, and updates to technology, help and learning sessions, seminars, workshops, user group discounts and group purchases, access to help from SCPCUG computer experts, and an annual holiday party.

Monthly General meetings include presentations, door prizes and/or raffle prizes, and questions and answers as time permits.

Saturday Help and Learning sessions include hands-on assistance with your personal computer as needed. Personal problem solving assistance for computers and electronic devices and updates on the latest technology as well as social interaction.

A Little Something Extra at the End

The November 2021 Reader's Digest has two excellent articles for computer users including the cover story Delete Your Internet Footprint and the fascinating 13 Things About the Dark Web.

Also, I found the book Pogue's Basics for Tech by David Pogue a good read.

Websites with interesting information:

Komando.com

Howtogeek.com

Homeandlearn.co.uk

Have a safe and happy November everyone!

