
The Memory Map

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Next CAMUG Meeting, March 20, 2023 Both Zoom and In Person!

- Join us in person at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 7707 Market Ave. in North Canton, Ohio.
- OR use the Zoom link that Dennis will email.

Program

6:15 PM: Chit-Chat

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7:00 PM: Five-minute break

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President's Corner

Most Wished-For New Tech

By Greg Skalka, President, Under the Computer Hood Use Group

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We seem to have so much technology in our lives - how could we want more? But, I'm writing this on President's Day, and I wonder, if George Washington could be transported in time to today, would he be able to cope in our world? Beyond the social and economic changes he would face, would he be able to deal with our technology? Cars, trains, airplanes, radio, TV, cell phones, space travel, nuclear bombs - would he be able to understand any of it, or would he want to hide up in a cherry tree? There is a saying: Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic.

If we were able to bring Abe Lincoln to the present day, would he be any better able to understand our world? He would have at least some familiarity with trains and some industrial technology. Since he used the telegraph, he may be better able to cope with our communications tech today. What if we could bring Albert Einstein (who died in 1955) to the present? Would he be astounded by the capabilities of a smartphone?

What new technology would you most like to see introduced this year? This was a question a web app asked my friend's wife. Because she currently has two retirement homes, one in Idaho and one in Arizona, she said what she wanted most was a transporter.

No matter how much tech we have, we still have science fiction, which can drive our desires for more and direct our innovation. For example, everyone has seen Star Trek and its transporter device, a means to "beam" people and materials from one place to another in almost an instant. My friend and his wife have traveled between their homes many times in the last year, so it was understandable that she would like a way to make that trip more quickly.

The Star Trek transporter is generally portrayed as a circular pad connected to a device or console on the floor. A person on the pad is scanned atomically and then dematerialized, with the data representing their physical manifestation sent to a remote location and re-materialized. Matter, to energy, and back to matter. That seems like it could be in the realm of science and not magic, at least for non-living things. If we can have a 3D printer today using elemental materials, who is to say we couldn't one day print in atomic particles, creating atoms and molecules of any kind?

That is likely the science behind the Star Trek replicator, the cousin of the transporter. It can create inanimate objects of great complexity from a data file, with energy as the only apparent input. From "tea, Earl Grey, hot" to complex parts, the replicator could help feed our world and solve many problems, as long as you could solve the problem of where to plug it in. Of course, Star Trek tech would have to include a powerful green power source like a fusion reactor.

We are starting to take some steps toward the food replicator concept. For example, I've read about a company trying to "grow" animal tissue that can be 3D printed into burgers or steaks. This would provide "cruelty-free" meat that perhaps requires fewer resources than our current agricultural methods.

The Star Trek replicator only made food and parts; it seemed incapable of creating a living object, making it more plausible. Many people, myself included, have concerns about the apparent "destroy, then re-create" operation of the transporter in Star Trek. There were a few episodes in which a character's information was trapped in the device's "pattern buffer" (presumably memory) for years or decades before someone found a way to re-materialize them. In one episode, a transporter malfunction created a second instance of a character. This would have obvious religious implications in the real world, but apparently not in Star Trek.

My preference for quick and distant travel would be by stargate, from the movie "Stargate" and its derivative TV series. In this sci-fi franchise, stargates are devices created by ancient aliens that can connect with a wormhole (a "tunnel" through spacetime). Anything passing into a connected stargate instantly passes through the

wormhole and out the stargate at the other end. These seem more supported by science than transporters; now, we need to find those aliens to show us how to build them. Perhaps those aliens in the movie "Contact" could help. If only they'd send us the plans.

My favorite "wish-for" tech device is something I've not specifically seen in any science fiction: the temporal cakebox. My concoction solves one of my most vexing problems: how to fully enjoy my favorite food - chocolate cake. We live in a time of food plenty, with a nice chocolate cake available at Costco for a good price. I'm too thrifty to want to pay for cake by the slice, but I can't (and should not) consume a whole cake in the time before it degrades. So what I need is a temporal cakebox.

I envision the temporal cakebox as a device similar to a large microwave oven. When you buy a cake, you would take a slice, put the remaining cake in the temporal cakebox, close the door and activate it by pressing the Reset button. Later (hopefully at least a day or two), you can return to the temporal cakebox and press the Return button. This would return the inside of the device to the time when you last pressed the Reset button. Then, you could open the cakebox door, remove another slice (just as fresh as when you put the cake in), close the door, and press Reset again. This sequence can be repeated over any timeframe until the cake is gone, with the last slice just as good as the first. Since I'm not violating any laws on the conservation of matter (I'm not creating any cake, just doling it out over spacetime) or making any time travel paradoxes (no cake is going back in time to kill my grandfather), I don't see why the temporal cakebox can't work.

The stereotypically expected technology always involves a flying car. Don't you remember thinking as a child that we would have flying cars by the 21st century? We are almost a quarter of the way through it, and still no flying cars. I can't see that we could have flying cars for the masses unless they were self-flying. Since we can't seem to perfect self-driving in two dimensions, flying cars seem like a long way off.

Another slightly related tech item is the personal jetpack. Those appear to be available (as well as wingsuits), though they are relatively expensive, in the \$250k to \$500k range. Finally, the personal drone is affordable, though I've yet to see any Amazon delivery drones in my neighborhood.

AI, or artificial intelligence, is being worked on today. It may one day drive our cars, fly our planes, find a solution for global warming or rule us as a benevolent overlord. Right now, all an AI can do is win at Jeopardy and predict what we will buy next. It has been eleven years since the IBM Watson computer beat Ken Jennings on Jeopardy; what has it been doing since then? At least Watson is not trying to invade Ukraine. Or is it? [see the article "Watson Sold Off for Parts" at <https://slate.com/technology/2022/01/ibm-watson-health-failure-artificial-intelligence.htm>]

If AI could be made safe and effective, one good use for it would be as a robot helper. Having a few droids around the house to help out would be great. Oh, wait! My wife has a Roomba robot vacuum, though she hardly uses it. So, I guess it is no R2-D2 or C-3PO.

CAMUG February 2023 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held in person at Holy Cross Lutheran Church; it was also held on Zoom using a Zoom account provided by APCUG. Dennis Smith was host and presided over the 473rd meeting of CAMUG on Monday, February 20, 2023, starting at 6:15 PM with general chit-chat.

Computer 101:

About 6:30 Carol Joliat presented “Three Methods to Upload Pictures from Phone to Computer.” She passed out a handout containing the steps. Below is a summary.

- Method 1 – Using a Cable
 - Using an appropriate cable, connect the phone to the computer.
 - Carol then gave the steps for copying from an android phone to a computer.
- Method 2 – Using a Photo Thumb Drive
 - Choose a thumb drive that will fit both the phone and the computer.
 - Plug the thumb drive into the phone and copy the photos to it. Carol gave instructions.
- Method 3 – Upload to the Cloud
 - This is the safest way to back up your phones.
 - There are several choices, some free and some that charge for space: (One Drive, Microsoft 365, Verizon Cloud, Amazon Drive, Google Photos.)
 - Carol gave instructions on how to it set up.
- Carol got her information from YouTube and Geeks on Tour video #249

Regular Meeting:



After a short break, Dennis started the main meeting about 7:24. There were 11 members present representing 10 family memberships. One is a new member, Janet Dorety, who joined this evening. Three members attended via Zoom. Since this is more than 15% of the membership, the meeting was declared valid.

In addition to the 11 members present, Dennis introduced four visitors: Chris Kurtz, Pam Ferris, Carolyn Jennings, and Sharon Bridges. Carolyn and Sharon are sisters and found out about our club from Jan Bredon. Carol Joliat had also told Carolyn about our club. Chris and Pam found out about the club from our new member Janet Dorety.

Dennis also introduced Board members and reminded the group about the renewal credit of \$5 for each new member you bring in.

For the On Time Drawing, Carol Joliat's number was drawn; she was present wearing her badge, so she was awarded the prize.

Dennis asked for program suggestions and Cheryl Krantz asked about sharing calendars between two people like husband and wife. Bruce Klipec said he and his wife have two Google accounts and share their calendars. Several agreed that a program about this would be helpful.

Program:

The program was "Photo Editing with Photoshop Elements" by Dennis Smith

- Getting Photoshop
 - The full Photoshop program is now a subscription that costs \$239.00 per year or \$31.49 per month.
 - Photoshop Elements is separate software (not a subscription) available for \$99.00. It is for editing photos. Premier Elements is a video editor and together both Photoshop Elements and Premier Elements cost \$150. Dennis has the 2022 version of both, but the 2023 is available now.
- Hardware required: Intel 6th generation or greater processor or AMD equivalent, 8 GB RAM, 6 GB available disk space, monitor with 1280x800 resolution, and Windows 10 21H1 or Windows 11 or MacOS version 11 or later.
- When Photoshop Elements is opened, the **Start Window** appears.
 - It includes tips, recent projects, and many suggestions for things to do.
 - It also includes links to the Organizer, the Photo Editor, and the Video Editor.
- The **Organizer** shows many ways to organize your photos and content.
- The **Photo Editor** has three modes: Quick, Guided (with limited choices) and Expert (with many more tools.)
- If your software doesn't include **Premier Elements**, the Start Window will give you a chance to get a free trial for editing videos.
- Dennis then gave a demonstration on using Photoshop Elements.
 - He showed several photos he had chosen to use as examples.
 - On one photo of a man in a bathing suit, he went through the process of removing love handles using liquify, layers, and the clone stamp tool.
 - On a photo of a guy wearing glasses with glare obscuring his eyes, Dennis removed the glare.
 - On a photo of a gal with glasses that had bright reflecting spots, he removed reflecting spots in one eye and then copied that eye to replace the other one which included flipping.
- Since Dennis has Premier Elements on his home computer, he showed two examples of videos he has edited.

Program next month: Dennis mentioned that the 6:30 program next month will be about Chromebooks by Jan Bredon and Carol Joliat. The 7:05 program will be about ham radio and computers by Bruce Klipec.

Adjournment: Liz Milford moved to adjourn the meeting. Carol Joliat seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Submitted pending Board approval,
Liz Milford, Secretary

CAMUG Board Meeting 2/28/2023

President Dennis Smith called the CAMUG Board meeting to order about 7:30 PM on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 via Zoom. Usually the meeting starts at 7:00 PM, but Dennis had requested a delay because he had another commitment. Six of seven members were present; therefore, the meeting was declared valid. Carol Joliat was also present.

President	Present	Dennis Smith	president@camug.com
Secretary	Present	Liz Milford	secretary@camug.com
Treasurer	Present	Tim Elder	treasurer@camug.com
Senior Director	Present	Bruce Klipec (on Zoom)	directors@camug.com
Director	Present	Jan Bredon	
Director	Present	Alice Lungociu	
Director at Large	Present	Jim Albright	
Web Page	Present	Dennis Smith	webmaster@camug.com
Software and Book Review	Present	Jan Bredon	
Membership	Present	Carol Joliat	membership@camug.com
Newsletter	Present	Liz Milford	newsletter@camug.com
Computer 101	Present	Carol Joliat	
Ways and Means	Present	Jan Bredon	
Others Present			

Approval of Minutes:

February Regular Meeting: The February Regular meeting minutes had been emailed to the Board. Jan Bredon moved to accept the February 20, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes as amended. Tim Elder seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved. The amended minutes will be printed in the next newsletter.

January Board Meeting: The January Board minutes were printed in the February newsletter. Liz Milford moved to amend the January 24, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes by adding the following paragraph:

Future meeting topics:

Tentative topics for March are “Chromebooks” by Jan Bredon and Carol Joliat at 6:30 PM and “Ham Radio and Computers” by Bruce Klipec at 7:05 PM. A program about Zoom is also proposed for the near future.

Jan Bredon seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved as amended.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report Alice Lungociu moved to accept the February Treasurer's Report as emailed to Board members. Bruce Klipec seconded the motion, and the report was approved.

Membership Report: Carol Joliat reported that we have 22 family memberships. Four visitors attended the regular meeting last week, and Janet Dorety also joined at that meeting.

March meeting topic:

March 20th meeting will be held in-person and on Zoom.

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Future meeting topics:

The Board discussed a program about Zoom. Topics about Zoom could include what the host can do that others can't, using avatars instead of your own video, and joining a Zoom meeting using the emailed link vs. entering the meeting number and password.

Another program topic suggested was how to use your browser history.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Other Discussion:

The group talked about how to reset your router remotely. Some routers have a setting to do this. Some members have tried to use Wi-Fi to do this. Wi-Fi can turn off the router, but without Wi-Fi/internet, the router won't turn back on remotely. It's possible that an old-fashioned plug-in timer could be used to reset a router at a specific time.

Bruce Klipec had some fraudulent charges on his ATM-debit card. He quickly contacted his bank and had them removed. He also contacted the police; the police complimented him on reporting the issue. The group also discussed how to tell whether an email is legitimate.

Another topic was utility rates. Some members use aggregate rates and have found that the rate from the utility company is sometimes less than the aggregate rate. However, that rate compromises only about half the entire bill.

Several members discussed the results of DNA testing used to find relatives, geographic origins, and ethnicity.

Windows 11 22H2: Some members have it available but have not done the update and for others, it is still not available.

Motion to Adjourn:

At 8:49 PM Liz Milford moved to adjourn. Jan Bredon seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted pending Board approval,
Liz Milford, Secretary

About CAMUG

Our club is open to anyone with an interest in computers and technology. A household membership is only \$20 per year, and a visitor can attend two meetings free without any obligation.

Normally, monthly meetings are held the third Monday of the month at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 7707 Market Ave.in North Canton, Ohio and also on Zoom. Computer 101 begins at 6:30 PM and the regular meeting begins at 7:05 PM. At every meeting, we cover topics ranging from cell phones to computers and from software to the internet and networking. Board meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM using Zoom. Members are encouraged to attend the Board meeting although only Board members can vote; members can email Dennis Smith (denniss@camug.com) to get the Zoom link to the Board meeting.

The club mailing address is CAMUG, PO Box 80192, Canton, OH 44708. The web site is at <http://www.camug.com>. CAMUG has a Facebook page called CAMUG Users Group at <https://www.facebook.com/CAMUG-Users-Group-100732168306718>. CAMUG also has a blog at <https://camugoh.blogspot.com>.

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Membership

By Carol Joliat
February 2023

New Members: Linda Middleton
and Janet Dorety

Total Family Memberships: 22



CAMUG Monthly Summary

Tim W. Elder, Treasurer 2/20/23

	Cash	Checking	Total
Start Balances	\$65.00	\$716.55	\$775.55
Total Income	\$33.00	\$20.00	\$53.00
Total Expenses	\$5.00	\$171.35	\$176.35
Transfer	-\$28.00	\$28.00	\$0.00
End Balances	\$60.00	\$593.20	\$653.20

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**Need help
with your electronic gadgets?**



Canton Alliance Massillon Users Group
Computer Users Group

Assistance for users of all ages and skill levels

When: 3rd Monday each month

Where: Holy Cross Lutheran Church

7707 Market Ave. N

North Canton, OH

Currently, we are also meeting via Zoom

Email us for a Zoom invitation!

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Ongoing topics include:

Computers Tablets Digital Photography

Smart Phones eBooks Toys & Gadgets

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