
The Memory Map

Canton Alliance Massillon Computer Users Group



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Next CAMUG Meeting, April 17, 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

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7:00 PM: Five-minute break

7:05 PM Meeting: "Unveiling Bluetooth" by Jan Bredon

Windows 11 OneDrive and a Microsoft Account An Offer You Can't Refuse?

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OneDrive is cloud storage that is built into the Windows 11 operating system. Microsoft



has integrated OneDrive more closely into Windows 11 than Windows 10, presumably to get more users onboard with what OneDrive offers. In this article, I'm not going to get into the "nuts and bolts" of the operation of OneDrive in Windows 11 but discuss some advantages of using

OneDrive, and hopefully convince users who have not taken advantage of this feature to consider it.

What is OneDrive, and why do I need it?

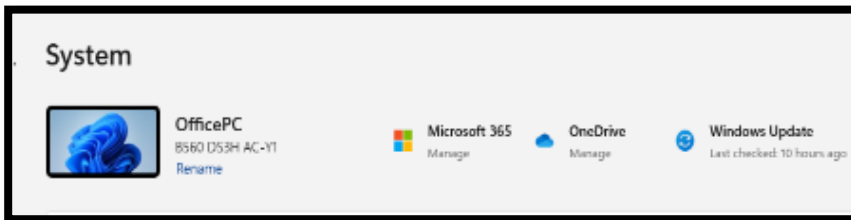
OneDrive is the Microsoft cloud service that allows you to access your files from any device connected to the internet. OneDrive enables you to store and protect your files, share them with others, and get to them from anywhere on any device. OneDrive can be used on many operating systems, including iOS or Android.

What's in It for Microsoft?

OneDrive and Microsoft Office 365 can provide Microsoft with “recurring” or “subscription” revenue, which is much more valuable than a one-time purchase of an operating system or a version of Microsoft Office. This explains why Microsoft appears eager to get users to have a Microsoft account as a first step toward using Microsoft subscription offerings.

OneDrive Promoted to the System Folder

OneDrive now has a prominent place in the **System folder** in Windows 11:



Click on the OneDrive icon shown at the top of the system folder, and you will see the folders on your system are backed up (synced) on OneDrive:



Microsoft Account

OneDrive requires a Microsoft Account. You already have a Microsoft account if you use other Microsoft features, such as Skype or the Microsoft Store. Microsoft strongly encourages Windows users to create a Microsoft account if they don't already have one, starting when a Windows 11 system is first configured. If a user does not have a Microsoft account, one can be created anytime at the Microsoft website.

Levels of OneDrive storage

Different storage levels and other features are available for a Microsoft account. The basic free program provides a minimum of 5GB OneDrive storage. Individuals qualify



for additional free storage based on the length of time they have had a Microsoft account or on the length of time they have used a Microsoft email address (Outlook, Hotmail, or Live.com). For example, I have had a Hotmail account for many years and get 15 GB of free OneDrive storage due to “loyalty bonuses.”

For \$1.99 per month, you can get 100GB of storage. Microsoft 365 Personal subscriptions (\$6.99/month, \$69.99 a year) provide a massive 1TB (1024 GB) of OneDrive online storage. Microsoft 365 Family subscriptions are \$99.99 per year and \$9.99 per month. They provide 1TB of OneDrive space for up to six users.

Do I really need a Microsoft account?

A Microsoft account is required to install and activate Office versions 2013 or later and Microsoft 365 for home use. You might already have a Microsoft account if you use a service like Outlook.com, OneDrive, Xbox Live, or Skype; or if you purchased Office from the online Microsoft Store. If you have no interest in OneDrive, Skype, Microsoft mail, or any of the many applications available from the Microsoft Store, you don't *need* a Microsoft account.

Conclusions and Recommendations

Microsoft has evolved OneDrive into a reliable and useful service that gives you a minimum of 5GB of cloud storage for free. Over time free OneDrive cloud will grow to 15GB. Users should strongly consider using at least the free storage furnished by Microsoft to back up vital documents and pictures or any files they might need to access from any device on any internet connection in the world.

Photos from CAMUG Meeting – March 20, 2023

Jan Bredon



CAMUG March 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 474th meeting of CAMUG on Monday, March 20, 2023, starting at 6:15 PM with general chit-chat.

Computer 101:

About 6:30 Carol Joliat and Jan Bredon presented “Chromebooks.” They had two handouts for those present. The presentation was a dialog between Carol and Jan, with Carol asking questions and Jan answering. Those present also asked questions. Some of the points presented include the following:

- Chromebooks use the Chrome OS (operating system) and there are many brands available.
- Chromebooks are cheaper than a Windows or Mac computer.
- Jan showed two Chromebook laptops and one Chromebook tablet.
- No antivirus software is needed.
- Chromebooks have a variety of ports. Some have more ports than others. If more ports are needed, Jan recommended a docking station with extra ports.
- Chromebooks have Wi-Fi and Bluetooth and cameras, and many have a touch screen.
- Chromebooks use apps for programs downloaded from the Google Play store or the web. If a specific program is not available for the Chromebook, there is usually an acceptable substitute.
- You must have a Gmail account to use a Chromebook.
- Most files are stored in the Google cloud, but other cloud services can be used. Some files can be stored locally on the Chromebook or on a memory card.
- Jan uses Chromebooks almost exclusively, but they are not good for extensive video editing or gaming.

Regular Meeting:



Dennis started the main meeting about 7:15. There were 16 members present representing 15 family memberships. Since this is more than 15% of the membership, the meeting was declared valid. Dale Shockling, who was a member years ago, was a visitor and rejoined the group later in the meeting. Even though the meeting was also held on Zoom, only people in the room (Dennis and the presenters) were using Zoom; no one joined remotely.

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, Jim Albright's name was drawn; he was present wearing his badge, so he was awarded the prize.

Dennis then asked for program suggestions.

Program:

The program was "Ham Radio and Computers" by Bruce Klipec. A summary is below:

- Ham Radio (officially Amateur Radio) has about 780,000 federally licensed members in the United States. There are approximately 1.9 million Hams worldwide.
- Ham radio operators use radio to communicate around the world, including with astronauts on the space station.
- There are three kinds of licenses:
 - Technician which allows the use of VHF and UHF bands
 - General which adds High Frequency access and more modes
 - Extra which allows all frequencies and modes
- There is no longer a Morse code requirement to get a license, but surprisingly many Hams are learning code anyway.
- To get a license, a person must pass a test which can be done in person or online using Zoom. The cost may be free or \$15.00. To prepare for the test, there are books available for each level for \$33 each. The license itself now costs \$35 and can be renewed every 10 years for \$35. However, upgrading from one license to another (after passing the test) is free.
- Equipment cost: A handheld radio costs between \$50 and \$600. A base station for high frequencies costs from \$500 to \$1200 or more. Antenna cost varies widely. Also, we must be aware that some HOAs have antenna restrictions.
- Software:
 - LOTW, Logbook of the World, is free, but sign up is complicated with several steps for security.
 - Grid Track is also free and used for logging and displays a world map.
 - WSJT-X is free also and is used for digital signals, hooking a computer to the radio transmitter. WSJT-X software is named **Weak Signal Joe Taylor** in honor of the developer who is a Ham who worked on the data coding and communications with NASA and the distances involved with talking to deep space projects such as "Voyager".
 - Ham Radio Deluxe costs \$55 to \$99 per year and provides complete logging and satellite scheduled aiming including antenna aiming and tracking.
- Activities:
 - Contests
 - Ham Fests and Flea Markets
 - POTA (Parks on the Air), SOTA (Summit on the Air), and Club activities
 - Emergency exercises

- Getting on the air using different modes, bands, and antennas.
- Historical changes
 - More frequencies
 - Relaxed code requirement
 - More modes: CW, AM, SSB, Digital, Video
- Digital Radio (FT8) links a computer with a radio transmitter using software like WSJT-X. It uses a weak signal and very short messages. The world is divided into a grid with each grid labeled. Some Hams like contacting other Hams in as many different grids as possible. Bruce showed a map with the grids and a map and chart showing digital CQ calls in progress. (CQ means I am seeking you.)

Break: During the program, the group took a short break for refreshments and to allow the purchase of 50/50 tickets. Then the 50/50 drawing was held. Because we didn't sell more than \$20 in tickets, there was one prize, the cash, and Linda Middleton was the winner.

Adjournment: Liz Milford moved to adjourn the meeting. Jim Albright seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 PM.

Submitted pending Board approval,
Liz Milford, Secretary

CAMUG Board Meeting 3/28/2023

President Dennis Smith called the CAMUG Board meeting to order about 7:33 PM on Tuesday, March 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		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:

March Regular Meeting: The March Regular meeting minutes had been emailed to the Board. Jan Bredon moved to accept the March 20, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes as corrected (change WSKT-X to WSJT-X). Jim Albright seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

February Board Meeting: The February Board Minutes were printed in the March newsletter. Jim Albright moved to accept the February 28, 2023, Board Minutes as printed in the newsletter. Jan Bredon seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report Liz Milford moved to accept the March Treasurer's Report as emailed to Board members. Jan Bredon seconded the motion, and the report was approved.

Membership Report: Carol Joliat reported that we have 23 family memberships. She also has emailed a new membership list to Board members.

April meeting topics:

April 17th meeting will be held in-person and on Zoom.

6:15 PM: Chit-Chat

6:30 PM: "Sites to Get Tech Help" by Carol Joliat

7:00 PM: Five-minute break

7:05 PM Meeting: "Unveiling Bluetooth" by Jan Bredon

Old Business: None

New Business:

April Board Meeting: Several members will be unable to attend the April Board Meeting on the regular date of April 25th. Liz Milford moved that the April Board Meeting be held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 7:00 PM. Alice Lungociu seconded the motion and the motion carried. (Note: After the meeting, via email, the Board decided to change the meeting time on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, to 8:00 PM.)

Motion to Adjourn:

At 8:19 PM Jim Albright moved to adjourn. Bruce Klipec 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
March 2023

New Member: Dale Shockling
Total Family Memberships: 23



CAMUG Monthly Summary

Tim W. Elder, Treasurer 3/20/23

	Cash	Checking	Total
Start Balances	\$60.00	\$593.20	\$653.20
Total Income	\$54.00	\$0.00	\$54.00
Total Expenses	\$5.00	\$55.14	\$60.14
Transfer	-\$49.00	\$49.00	\$0.00
End Balances	\$60.00	\$587.06	\$647.06

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 Ways and Means: Jan Bredon

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Dorety, Janet	janetd
Doyle, Michael	michaeld
Elder, Tim	time
Girt, Jesse	jesseg
Gunn, Eric	ericg
Joliat, Carol	carolj
Klipec, Bruce	brucek
Kramer, Cecelia	ceceliak
Krantz, Cheryl	cherylk
Lungociu, Alice	alicel
McCoy, Myra	myram
Middleton, Linda	lindam
Milford, Elizabeth	elizabethm
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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!

Time **6:15 PM:** Chit-Chat

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7:00 PM: Five-minute break

7:05 PM Meeting

Ongoing topics include:

Computers Tablets Digital Photography

Smart Phones eBooks Toys & Gadgets

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