
The Memory Map

Canton Alliance Massillon Computer Users Group



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Next CAMUG Meeting, July 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

6:15 PM: Chit-Chat

6:30 PM: “Diving Deeper into Gmail” by Carol Joliat

7:00 PM: Five-minute break

7:05 PM Meeting: “Backup Software” by Dennis Smith”

Make Your Batteries Last Longer

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When the battery was first invented, no one could imagine that we'd rely so heavily on them in the 21st century.

Wikipedia.org notes, “Experimentation with lithium batteries began in 1912 under American physical chemist Gilbert N. Lewis, but commercial lithium batteries did not come to market until the 1970s in the form of the lithium-ion battery.”

Batteries operate our cell phones, tablets, laptops, landline phones, flashlights, wireless mice, trackballs and some trackpads, and many more items. They even power our EV (electric) cars. Batteries are everywhere.

But as all of us know—batteries die. They need to be continually charged. There are steps you can take to extend your batteries' lives. The Cliff Notes version is here: keep

them away from heat. Don't leave them in a hot car. Don't leave them sitting in the sun or lying in front of a heat register in your home in the winter.

The How-to-Geek website explains: "You can't fully stop batteries from discharging, but you can do one simple thing across all battery types to lower the discharge rate: keep them cool."

Don't put your devices in the freezer. How to Geek says, this causes condensation that can wreck the electronics as you constantly take the devices in and out of the freezer.

On the other hand, keep battery-powered devices in a cool spot. "You might consider charging and storing your power tool batteries in your cool basement instead of leaving them in your sweltering detached garage. You'll also want to keep electronics out of hot cars and store them in the coolest part of your home if they aren't in use for a while," adds How to Geek.

"If your batteries are discharging rapidly enough that you practically need to leave them on the charger to ensure they are ready to use when you need them, then it's time to replace them. Batteries degrade over time, even with the best care, and if a battery is no longer properly holding a charge, it should be recycled and replaced." writes the website.

CAMUG June 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 477th meeting of CAMUG on June 19, 2023, starting at 6:15 PM with general chit-chat.

Computer 101:

About 6:20 PM President Dennis Smith introduced Carol Joliat and her presentation "Another Look at Google".

- Chrome is a Web Browser product of Google. Open Chrome, then see the "9 dots" symbol at the top right, then click on the symbol to see all the Google products listed.
- A Gmail account is required to use Google Apps, free to set-up and most Apps are free.
- Customize your account set-up with a photo, password, method of payment (if needed for future purchases)
- Your Gmail address is your Google account for tying together Apps across different devices. Phones, TV's, etc. YouTube is owned by Google.
- Back to the "9 dots" select Translate.
 - You can see all of the many languages to choose from.

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- Carol spoke the words “How are you today?” and the screen picked up her words, and typed them into the text box. Arabic was selected to translate to and Carol’s spoken words appeared in Arabic immediately. Then Spanish was selected and the translation changed.
 - You can use a picture with printed text and the program can pick up the words on the picture. You can open a document, or provide the URL to a website and have it translated for you.
 - Future presentation will be Google “Lens” that can identify flowers and more.
 - Back to the “9 dots” select Google Play.
 - This is the store for Android Apps, Games, Movies, and more.
 - \$4.99 month subscription available that allows use of some pay Apps.
 - Back to the “9 dots” select Travel.
 - Shows popular destinations and points of interest to pick from or supply the name of a specific place to get information about it.
 - Back to the “9 dots” select Flights.
 - Put in your desired destination and you get available flights to schedule from all carriers. You can sort the list by many different characteristics.
 - Back to the “9 dots” see things like Slides, Sheets, Docs, Photos that are substitutes for PowerPoint, Excel, Word, and Picaso.
 - Future 101 sessions will get deeper into other Google Apps.

There was some group discussion about iNaturalist that can identify bugs, plants, etc. A five minute break was called to allow members to grab ice cream before it melts.

Regular Meeting:



Dennis started the main meeting about 7:05. There were 13 members present (Including one on Zoom) representing the total 15 family memberships. Since this is more than 15% of the membership, the meeting was declared valid. There were no visitors.

Dennis reminded the group about the renewal credit of \$5 for each new member you bring in.

For the On Time Drawing, Dale Shockling was drawn but was not present, Bruce Brugger’s name was drawn; he was attending and wearing his badge, so he was awarded the prize.

Program:

The program was “How to Decide What Computer to Buy” by Dennis Smith. A summary follows:

First question is always what do you want to use it for?

- Email and Facebook? Just a basic computer will do.

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- Editing Videos? You need something with more power.

3 short videos to look at things to consider.

“Expert advice: Buying a New Computer in 2023”

- Processor
 - Intel (I-3 I-5 I-7, I-9 expensive)
 - AMD
- Memory
 - 8 or 16 GB
- Hard Drive
 - Traditional 1 TB
 - Solid State (SSD) 512 GB
- Operating System
 - Windows 11
 - Apple
 - Chromebook
- Footprint
 - Desktop (Screen and Keyboard)
 - Laptop
 - All-in-One
 - Convertible Tablet
- Manufacturer direct or via Vendors
 - Websites
 - Store fronts
- Gaming Machine special requirements.
 - Power Supplies
 - Video Cards
 - Expansion Slots

“How to Buy a Laptop”

- How much Performance do you need?
- GPUs Graphic Processors.
- CPUs Computer Processors.
- Gaming might require cooling considerations.
- Screen size considerations.
- Intel not only I-3, I-5, I-7 (I-9) but also Generations of each, i.e. 8th Gen, 10th Gen? Likewise AMD processors.
- Battery Life
- Software that you need to run. Cannot run some Windows software on Chromebooks or Apple.

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- Colors that display, Pixel density, refresh rate, resolution (Minimum 1080p)
 - Touchscreen
 - Keyboard size and feel and touchpad feel, key action.
 - Weight and battery life.

“How to Buy the Best Laptop”

- Start with Operating System (OS)
 - Windows 11
 - Apple
 - Chromebook
- Weight
 - Do you have to carry it somewhere?
- Screen size considerations.
- Lighting conditions (brightness) considerations.
- How is it used?
 - Seated at a desk?
 - Standing (may want a tablet)
- Much of the previous 2 videos repeated.

Break: The group took a short break for refreshments and to allow the purchase of 50/50 tickets. Then the 50/50 drawing was held. Jim Albright won the first prize of cash. There was no second drawing.

Discussion:

- Dennis discussed Windows considerations, 8GB Memory minimum.
- Windows 22H2 is the last update for Windows 10. Patches till Oct 2025.
- Chromebooks use cloud data storage, 2 versions of OS on board.
- ChatGPT offers AI to do your homework for you.
- How long does it take to go from W10 to W11, depends, a few hours?
- Always eject Thumb Drives before removing, could corrupt them.
- Battery Backup discussion.

Adjournment: Jan Bredon moved to adjourn the meeting. Jim Albright seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted pending Board approval,
by Jan Bredon on behalf of Liz Milford, Secretary



CAMUG Meeting, May 15, 2023 – Photo by Jan Bredon

CAMUG Board Meeting 6/27/2023

President Dennis Smith called the CAMUG Board meeting to order about 7:05 PM on Tuesday, June 27, 2023 via Zoom. All seven members were present; therefore, the meeting was declared valid. Carol Joliat and Eric Gunn were also present.

President	Present	Dennis Smith	president@camug.com
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Treasurer	Present	Tim Elder	treasurer@camug.com
Senior Director	Present	Jan Bredon	directors@camug.com
Director	Present	Alice Lungociu	
Director	Present	Bruce Klipec	
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	Present	Eric Gunn	

Approval of Minutes:

June Regular Meeting: The June Regular meeting minutes had been emailed to the Board by Jan Bredon. Jim Albright moved to accept the June 19, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes as emailed. Alice Lungociu seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

May Board Meeting: The May Board Minutes were printed in the June newsletter. Jan Bredon moved to accept the May 23, 2023, Board Minutes as printed in the newsletter. Bruce Klipec seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Tim Elder had emailed the Treasurer's Report to Board members. Liz Milford moved to accept the June Treasurer's Report. Bruce Klipec seconded the motion, and the report was approved.

Membership Report: There was no membership report due to electric power and internet issues at Carol's home.

July meeting topic:

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Business:

The club's treasury continues to get smaller. Carol Joliat asked about our P.O. Box. The group determined that we need to keep the box. If we change to a different P.O. Box, the number will change; this would require us to notify everyone of the change. It will be renewed in November, so the group has several months to investigate. The matter was tabled.

The group discussed whether the club has 501(c)(3) status which might help us get grants. Apparently at one time we had it, but it was allowed to lapse many years ago. The group made plans to investigate how to regain that status. The matter was tabled.

Motion to Adjourn:

At 8:17 PM Jan Bredon moved to adjourn. Alice Lungociu seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted pending Board approval,
Liz Milford, Secretary

Did You Know?

All members are welcome to attend the Board meetings which are held at 7:00 PM on the fourth Tuesday of the month using Zoom.

Just ask Dennis (denniss@camug.com) to send you the Zoom link.

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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CAMUG is a member of the Association of Personal Computer User Groups. APCUG is a worldwide organization that helps groups devoted to the world of technology by facilitating communications between member groups and industry. It offers the Saturday Safaris and Wednesday Workshops, provides newsletter articles, and has a list of speakers for club programs. Explore the APCUG website at <https://www.apcug2.org>, and the APCUG Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/APCUG>.

Watch your email for notices about APCUG events mentioned above. Dennis Smith forwards the APCUG notices to our members. Then you can register for the event of your choice.



Membership

By Carol Joliat
June 2023

Total Family Memberships: 23



CAMUG Monthly Summary

Tim W. Elder, Treasurer 6/19/23

	Cash	Checking	Total
Start Balances	\$60.00	\$604.04	\$664.04
Total Income	\$39.00	\$0.00	\$39.00
Total Expenses	\$5.00	\$36.35	\$41.35
Transfer	-\$34.00	\$34.00	\$0.00
End Balances	\$60.00	\$601.69	\$661.69

CAMUG Officers

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Girt, Jesse	jesseg
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Joliat, Carol	carolj
Klipec, Bruce	brucek
Kramer, Cecelia	ceceliak
Krantz, Cheryl	cherylk
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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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Ongoing topics include:

Computers Tablets Digital Photography

Smart Phones eBooks Toys & Gadgets

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