
The Memory Map

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Next CAMUG Meeting, March 18, 2024 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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Modern-Day Bonnie and Clydes Are Trying To Steal Your Identity and Your Money

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I've written in the past that if Bonnie and Clyde were alive today, they definitely wouldn't waste time robbing banks. If you're not familiar with the couple, they were ruthless gangsters who robbed banks, stores, and other places of business and killed lawmen, shopkeepers, and owners of cars they were stealing in at least four states.

They were, perhaps, best known for robbing more than a dozen banks— some of the same banks twice—over a four-year period, primarily in Missouri, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Texas. Back in their heyday, they also targeted stores in small towns and funeral homes located in rural areas. Make no mistake about it. They were dangerous lawbreakers. That was how it was in the Depression-era 1930s.

Fast forward to today. Modern Bonnie and Clydes don't rob banks. It's too much work. Instead, they steal personal data from computers, phones, and tablets. They're called

hackers. One of their main goals in this life is to steal, rob, and gain access to your hard-earned dollars. Their goal is to grab your money and run; your goal is to keep that from happening. So, whether you're tech-savvy or not, how in the world are you supposed to keep this from happening? There are simple steps you can take.

1. When someone calls you on the phone from an unknown number, DO NOT answer the phone; wait for a voicemail message. Microsoft, Apple, etc., will not call you. These thugs want to get their hands inside your computer or other device to steal your passwords or personal information. If you answer the phone, your number may be sold for more money.

2. Don't open emails from unknown sources. Don't open attachments from unknown senders. Don't respond to schemes alerting you that a friend has been hurt in London, Paris, Sydney, or some other location. Could you send money to help them? Your friend is in the hospital and needs your financial help. Their wallet's been stolen. Their purse has been snatched. And I'm the king of Spain.

Please don't fall for it. Don't click on links in an email from someone you don't usually hear from, urging you to view these great photos. There are no photos. Once you click on the link, malware infects your Windows PC and sends emails to everyone in your address book with the same message, urging them to click on a link to view photos. Phishing is the most successful cybercrime in America.

There were nearly 324,000 victims last year alone. (Phishing refers to an email that appears to be from a legitimate company or organization. There's often a threat – your account will be closed, or the sheriff will come to your house unless you respond. It's all bogus. But plenty of Americans fall for it.) Ever gotten an email that you owe \$500 for Norton 360 (virus and malware protection software) that you never even purchased? You'd be surprised by how many folks respond to the email and even pay for the software they don't own. The thugs sending the email are not from Norton. Most junk email trying to get into your wallet originates in Russia, Germany, the U.S., and China.

3. Yes, it's a pain. But what tech folks call two-factor authentication can save your bacon. Turn it on. You'll be blocked if you decide to change your Gmail password, Facebook log-in, iCloud username or password, or some other account, you'll be blocked. You must enter a code you receive in a text message, an email, or even using the Gmail app on your smartphone to get permission to change your password. Yes, as I said, it's a pain. But it's preventing crooks from gaining access to your account. So instead of just changing your passwords, you must first receive a code and enter it into a website or Gmail app. That proves you are who you say you are.

4. Run antivirus software.
For Windows PCs:

Safety Detectives: The Best Windows Antivirus
<https://www.safetymag.com/>

PC Mag: The Best Antivirus Software for 2023
<https://www.pcmag.com/picks/the-best-antivirus-protection>

For Macs:

Safety Detectives: Ten Best Antiviruses for Mac in 2023
<https://www.safetymag.com/best-antivirus/mac/>

Macworld: Best Mac Antivirus Software 2023
<https://www.macworld.com/article/668850/best-mac-antivirus-software.html>

For Linux:

Safety Detectives: Five Best Antiviruses for Linux in 2023
<https://www.safetymag.com/best-antivirus/linux/>

5. Don't go on a fishing expedition on the Web. The World Wide Web is remarkable. It's the best library in the world. There are an estimated 1.6 to 1.9 BILLION websites currently accessible. Less than 400 million are currently active. More than 51% of all people in the world are online. Asia accounts for half the Internet traffic worldwide. Talk about diversity. Websites appear in more than 200 languages. But watch your step. Don't put your foot into horse dung. Make sure the website you visit starts with https. No, this is not always possible.

Some websites refuse to use the "https:" system. The "s" stands for secure. You're accessing a secure website. Don't randomly visit online gambling websites, sites with outdated addresses, websites with shortened addresses, sites ending in .onion, torrent websites (file sharing sites), porn sites and others.

Google constantly scans websites, looking for legitimate websites that have been compromised, unsafe sites, or other questionable pages. If you wonder whether a website is safe or not, visit the web address below and paste your website into Google's Safe Browsing website:

<https://transparencyreport.google.com/safe-browsing/search>

It will tell you whether it's safe to proceed or not.

6. Use a well-regarded virtual private network (VPN).

This tool sends your Internet signal through a tunnel so that hackers and other thieves cannot access the web pages you visit, your email, your passwords, or additional private information. Do your homework. Find a good VPN you can afford.

Steer away from free VPNs because many sell your data online, bombard you with ads, and some even use your computer's processing power.

For Windows PCs:

Privacy Savvy: Five Best VPNs for Privacy
<https://privacysavvy.com/vpn/best/windows/>

VPN Reports: Best of the Best VPNs
<https://www.vpnreports.com/best-vpn/windows/>

For Macs:

VPN Reports: Best VPNs for Mac in 2023
<https://www.vpnreports.com/best-vpn/mac/>

Safety Detectives: Ten Best VPNs For Mac
<https://www.safetydetectives.com/best-vpns/mac/>

For Linux PCs:

Safety Detectives: Five Best Linux VPNs
<https://www.safetydetectives.com/blog/best-linux-vpns/>

Pro Privacy: Ten Best VPNs for Linux
<https://proprivacy.com/vpn/comparison/best-linux-vpn>

7. Use a password manager to track your passwords and log in to many websites requiring a username and password automatically. Experts say this is smarter than allowing your browser to remember your passwords. Unfortunately, web browsers are not really safe to keep that sort of information. As Tom's Guide writes, "That's because desktop web browsers, despite their best efforts, tend to do a lousy job of safeguarding your passwords, credit card numbers, and personal details, such as your name and address. As a result, web browsers are fairly easy to break into, and lots of malware, browser extensions, and even honest software can extract sensitive information from them."

Here are websites where you can read about the best password managers and pick one that works for you:

PC Mag: <https://www.pcmag.com/picks/the-best-password-managers>

Tom's Guide: <https://www.tomsguide.com/us/best-password-managers,review-3785.html>

How To Geek: <https://www.howtogeek.com/780233/best-password-manager/>



CAMUG February 2024 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. Directors Eric Gunn and Jan Bredon were hosts and Senior Director Alice Lungociu presided over the 485th meeting of CAMUG on February 19, 2024, starting at 6:15 PM with general chit-chat.

Computer 101:

At about 6:30 PM Tim Elder presented *Making Comments in Microsoft Word*. It is useful to make comments on a document when proofreading for another person, Tim does the proofreading for the club newsletter,

He showed a file on the screen and demonstrated how to add comments.

- First, select the text you are commenting on.
- A box of choices will appear above the text you have selected. One of the choices is "New Comment." Click on that.
- The original text will move a little to the left and a box will appear to the right of the text selected.
- Enter the comment in the box.
- To post, click the blue arrow at the bottom of the comment box and then click back in the original text to complete the post.
- The comment box will remain and the item selected will remain highlighted.

A five-minute break was called to allow members to grab snacks.

Regular Meeting:



The main meeting started about 7:10. There were ten member families present (Including one on Zoom) representing the total 22 family memberships. Since this is more than 15% of the membership, the meeting was declared valid. In addition, APCUG member Donna Armatage was visiting via Zoom from Washington State.

Bruce Klipec won the On-Time Drawing. He was attending via Zoom and asked that his prize be donated to the club.

It was mentioned that there is a renewal credit of \$5 for each new member brought in.

Program:

Jan Bredon presented *YouTube Tips and Tricks*.

- The presentation started with a YouTube video: [Two Cellos – Thunderstruck \(Official Video\)](#).
- Then Jan started his PowerPoint presentation with the question: “What is the significance of October 2017?” The answer was that October 2017 was the last time Jan had talked to the group about YouTube.
- What is YouTube? It is a free video sharing website.
- The free version has commercials.
- There are several paid versions starting with the Premium Version at \$13.99 monthly.
- You can view or listen to videos, music, shorts, or kids’ stuff.
- You can download videos, free movies, or rentals.
- You can upload videos to your channel or to YouTube Studio.
- There were 10 useless YouTube Tidbits. The first one was that YouTube was originally designed as a dating app on 02/25/2005.
- There were 3 YouTube Tricks: One was menus: Top (Content Type), side (Navigation), and Corner Hamburger.
- There was a list of 9 interesting videos.
- It is possible to make money on YouTube by being a content creator.
- For Jan, YouTube is a microcosm of the human condition: education, entertainment, and inspiration.
- Jan concluded by playing [Don’t Give Up on Me” Andy Grammer ft.PS22 Chorus](#).

50/50 Raffle:

Alice Lungociu won the first prize and donated it to the club. Liz Milford won the second prize and donated it to the club.

Discussion:

Ross Watkins has digitized VHS tapes using CapCut video editor. He agreed to give a program about CapCut in May or June. He has a video on YouTube; search for *flute launcher*.

Dennis Smith had joined the meeting by this time on Zoom. He noted that we want to decide what to do with the old club laptop. It is running Windows 10, version 22H2, but will not run Windows 11. It has 8 GB of RAM, two hard drives, a DVD player, 4 USB ports, and a VGA port, Dennis asked whether anyone was interested, and Tim Elder raised his hand. The Board will discuss this at our meeting next Monday.

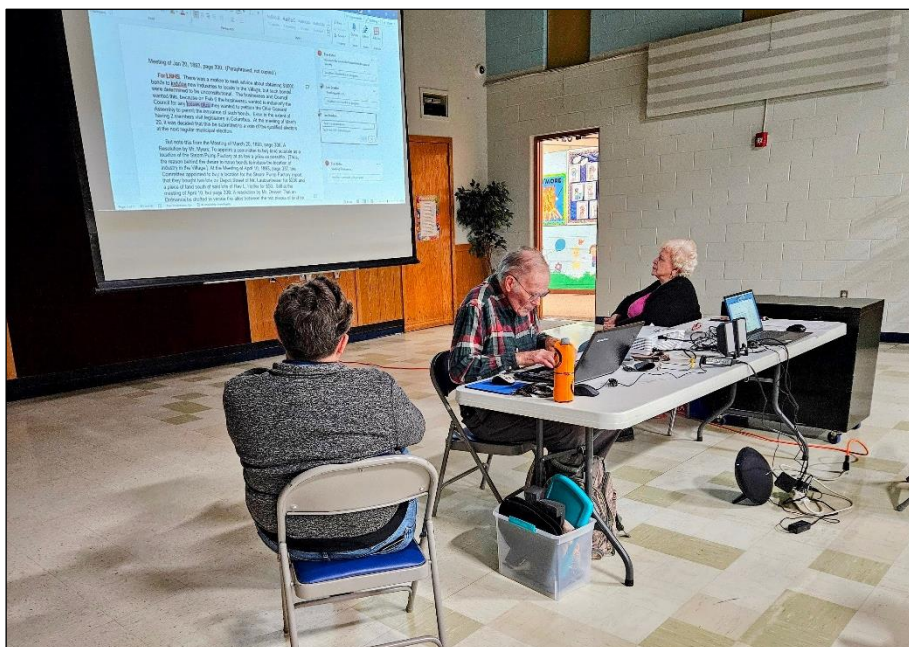
Dennis mentioned that in the future, Windows 11 version 24H2 will automatically not allow a computer to boot that does not fulfill the requirements if the CPU is over 15 years old. There are still many “unsupported” PCs that will still run Windows 11 22H2.

Tim Elder asked whether anyone knew about the photo editor called Topaz Labs, but no one answered.

Adjourn:

Tim Elder moved that the meeting be adjourned, and Liz Milford seconded the motion, The meeting was adjourned at 8:16.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Milford, Secretary



CAMUG Board Meeting 2/26/2024

President Dennis Smith called the CAMUG Board meeting to order about 7:00 PM on Monday, February 26, 2024, via Zoom. All seven officers were present; therefore, the meeting was declared valid. Membership Chair 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	Alice Lungociu	directors@camug.com
Director	Present	Bruce Klipec	
Director	Present	Jan Bredon	
Director at Large	Present	Eric Gunn	
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 by Liz Milford. Alice Lungociu moved to accept the February 19, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes. Jan Bredon seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

January Board Meeting: The January Board meeting minutes were printed in the February 2024 newsletter. Jan Bredon moved to accept the January 22, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes. Bruce Klipec seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report: The February Treasurer's report had been emailed to the Board by Tim Elder. Liz Milford moved to accept February 2024 Treasurer's report. Eric Gunn seconded the motion, and the report was approved.

Membership Report: Carol Joliat had emailed an updated membership list to the Board. She reported that we currently have 22 family memberships. Gerald Shaefer has renewed his membership.

March meeting topic:

March 18th meeting will be held in-person and on Zoom.

6:15 PM: Chit Chat.

6:30 PM: “Hodge Podge about Photos” by Carol Joliat

7:00 PM: “Free Backup Programs” by Dennis Smith

Old Business:

Dennis had asked at the Regular Meeting whether anyone was interested in the old club laptop, which is running Windows 10; Tim Elder indicated that he was interested. Jan Bredon moved that the club give the laptop to Tim. Liz Milford seconded the motion, and the motion passed with Tim abstaining.

New Business: None

Motion to Adjourn:

At 8:34 PM Eric Gunn moved to adjourn. Tim Elder seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted pending Board approval,
Liz Milford

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 Monday 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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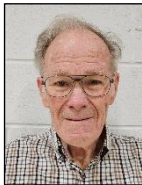
CAMUG is a member of the Association of Personal Computer User Groups. APCUG is a worldwide organization that helps groups devoted to the world of technology by facilitating communications between member groups and industry. It offers the Saturday Safaris and Wednesday Workshops, provides newsletter 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>.



Membership

By Carol Joliat
March 2024

Renewed: Gerald Schaefer
Total Family Memberships: 22



CAMUG Monthly Summary

Tim W. Elder, Treasurer 2/19/24

	Cash	Checking	Total
Start Balances	\$60.00	\$404.55	\$464.55
Total Income	\$27.00	\$40.00	\$67.00
Total Expenses	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Transfer	-\$27.00	\$27.00	\$0.00
End Balances	\$60.00	\$446.55	\$506.55

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 Ways and Means: Jan Bredon

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Curtis, Mitch	mitchc
Dorety, Janet	janetd
Elder, Tim	time
Gunn, Eric	ericg
Joliat, Carol	carolj
Klipec, Bruce	brucek
Kramer, Cecelia	ceceliak
Krantz, Cheryl	cherylk
Lungociu, Alice	alichel
McCoy, Myra	myram
Middleton, Linda	lindam
Milford, Elizabeth	elizabethm
Parker, Cherie	cheriep
Persons, Pauline	paulinep
Ponzani, Doris	dorisp
Schaefer, Gerald	geralds
Shockling, Dale	dales
Smith, Dennis	denniss
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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
 6:30 PM: Computer 101
 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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