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RAFFLE ITEMS



1. Cannon Pixma MG2520 Injet All-In-One
2. PNY 64 GB Flash Drive
3. K400 Plus TV Wireless Keyboard
4. Ream of Printer Paper
5. Mini-Stereo Extension Cable 6 Feet Long

WE'VE MOVED!!

☺ New Meetings Now Held at LCCC ☺

Now Meetings are held at
LCCC Community Learning Center
at Lorain High School
2600 Ashland Ave. Lorain, Ohio

Doors will open at 6:00 PM, program starts at 6:30 PM

A Word From Our President



I marvel how we are living in a time of such technical innovation! I am looking forward to our August program where we will look at a 3d printer and hear how it works.

I have talked before about some technology that I have enjoyed such as the Amazon Echo. This device is classified as a Home Personal Assistant. A similar item from Google is the “Google Home”. Market researcher, eMarketer, reports that 35.6 million Americans will use a voice-activated speaker in 2017, 70.6% of which will use Alexa and 3.8% will use Google Home.

“Amazon’s voice assistant, Alexa, is infiltrating your home, your beach trips and even your ride to work. Now that there are four ways to interact with Alexa -- with the Tap, Echo and Dot devices, and with the Amazon Fire TV -- you might find yourself talking to her more often.”

I haven’t used the Google Home which just came out in late 2016 and costs a little more. I have had the Amazon Echo since it first came out and this year I got the smaller Amazon Dot which I use in the bedroom to play music, act as an alarm clock, and to check the weather and the news. The “dot” is much less expensive than the original echo which has a very nice speaker. An additional speaker can be used with the dot if desired but I don’t find it necessary.

I use the original echo in the living room for all the same things as the smaller dot but because of the location I used this echo for music, and acting as my frequent companion.

She will look up facts for you, tell you this day in history, play most songs on command, read you an audio book, tell you a joke or play a game with. You can ask her to add something to your to do list or your shopping list. You can place an order for common items directly from Amazon with the Alexa. (This is thought to be Amazon’s main purpose in developing this personal assistant.)



There are Smart Home features that require the addition of a device such as a hub to allow you to control lights, thermostat, and security controls. I haven’t explored these options YET.

One interesting future option that is expected sounds interesting – the ability to

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ask Alexa to call for help for you, “Alexa call 911” from anywhere within sound range. This could be a life saver.

CNET has put together a list of Alexa commands that it constantly updates. It can be found at:

<https://www.cnet.com/how-to/amazon-echo-the-complete-list-of-alexa-commands/>

When you consider the possible third-party commands through Skills, essentially the apps of Amazon’s Alexa, the list goes on even further. To learn what individual skills are capable of, visit the skill’s page from the Amazon Alexa app or alexa.amazon.com.

Sandra Ruth

LCCUG President

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Learn about what 3D printing and how it's being used today by hobbyists, medical professionals, and other industrial uses. This meeting will provide an overview into how 3D printing actually works as well as a discussion of the components. Watch a 3D printer actually create something and learn how you can do it yourself! This will be a very interesting and informative meeting! Presented by Michael Thomas of the Cleveland Clinic.



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www.lccug.com/members

If you think the weather is too bad to drive in then don't try to come to a meeting that may already be cancelled. Please check your email boxes and our websites.

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Executive Board Meeting Minutes

JULY 11, 2017

The board held their meeting prior to the general meeting with Sandee Ruth, Carole Doerr, Don Hall, Micky Knickman and Dennis Smith in attendance.

Sandee reviewed the programs scheduled for the remainder of the year.

It was agreed a Laser printer would be raffled at the annual picnic July 23.

Pam and Carole were authorized to purchase the necessary items for the picnic.

The Christmas party was discussed and the amount the club will contribute is still pending.

We do need used ink cartridges to replenish money for raffle items.

Carole moved Dennis seconded the meeting be adjourned.



MEMBERSHIP WITH LCCUG:

Yearly dues are \$25.00. For more information contact:
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Directions to Meetings:

A map and directions to our meetings can be found on our Members' web page:

www.lccug.com/members. Just click on the link "Meeting Locations & Directions"



Association of Personal Computer User Groups



General Meeting Minutes

JULY 11, 2017

President Sandee Ruth called the meeting to order. A motion to accept the minutes as shown in the June issue of the *INTERFACE* was made by Ellen Endrizal, seconded by Carole Doerr. Motion passed.

Sandee announced that Neil would help those who purchased the Microsoft special upgrade for older computers to Windows 10 at the July 18 problem solving workshop.

She asked members to bring in their used ink cartridges.

Sandee presented her program 'Picture Storage in the Cloud' based on the information she placed in BLOG on the club's web page. She explained the many photo editing features of Google Photos and the quality difference in storage choice.

Bud Ennis won the attendance raffle, Joe Harrold won the rollover raffle and Ellen Endrizal the software.

Joe Harrold moved, Don Hall seconded meeting be adjourned.



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New Records Available To Search This Findmypast Friday

The following announcement was written by the folks at Findmypast:



Somerset Baptisms Index

Our new collection of Somerset Baptisms is an index to more than 2.1 million parish baptisms held at the Somerset Archives. The collection consists of transcripts spanning the years 1501 to 1917 and covers baptisms performed in 496 parishes across the county. The amount of information found in each record will depend on the date and legibility of the original document. Most transcripts will reveal your ancestor's date of birth, baptism date, where the ceremony was performed, their religious denomination, parent's names and father's occupation.

Somerset Banns Index

The Somerset Banns Index contains over 258,000 transcripts of original parish records. The collection consists of transcripts dating back to 1577 that will reveal where and when the banns were read, the couple's residences, marital status and their intended year of marriage.

Somerset Marriages Index

Find out when and where your Somerset ancestors were married with over 1 million transcripts spanning nearly 500 years of the county's history. The records found in this collection are a combination of transcripts created by Findmypast from original registers held by the Somerset Archives and transcripts gathered and created from original records by the Somerset & Dorset Family History Society. Each transcript transcripts will provide you with the names of both the bride and groom, their birth years, residences, occupations, marital status, marriage date, location, the names of their fathers and will reveal whether they were married by banns of license. Later records may even reveal the names of any witnesses present.

Somerset Burials Index

Were your West Country ancestors were laid to rest in Somerset? Search more than 1.5 million transcripts to discover when your ancestor died and where they spent their final days. Each transcript will reveal the year of your ancestor's birth, residence, death year and burial date.

British Newspapers

Over 1.1 million articles and 9 brand new titles have been added to our collection of historic British Newspapers this month. New titles now available to search include:

- Herts & Cambs Reporter & Royston Crow
- Knaresborough Post
- Galloway Gazette
- Forfar Dispatch
- Fulham Chronicle
- Hampstead & Highgate Express
- Kidderminster Times and Advertiser for Bewdley & Stourport
- Buchan Observer and East Aberdeenshire Advertiser Carluke and Lanark Gazette



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LCCUG Members Page



Don't forget to check the Members' page for up-to-date information about programs & events:



<http://www.lccug.com/members>

Do you have comments, questions, or corrections to this article? If so, please post your words at the end of this article in the Standard Edition newsletter's web site where everyone can benefit from your words. You might also want to read comments posted by others there.

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Tech support tricksters employ new Office scam: Internet Scambusters #762

Theft Risks from 3 New Microsoft Office Scams

The widespread use of one of the best-known business and productivity software suites makes it a great target in the shape of Microsoft Office scams.

We've previously warned about the risks of Office macro viruses — malware that's triggered when automatic routines, known as macros, are run inside programs like Word and Excel — in a past article: *Macros: What They Are and How They Could Imperil You*.

But that's only part of the story.

Now, it seems, the Office Suite is being used as a front for a new version of the tech support scam.

If you've ever installed one of these Office programs, you'll know that you have to activate it once it's up and running.

Activation means that your PC checks in online with Microsoft to ensure you're running a genuine version of the software that hasn't been used elsewhere.

That should be it. But in this latest scam, a window pops up again at some stage after installation warning the software hasn't been properly activated.

It might happen immediately after an installation or at any future time.

The warning takes victims through a series of screens that ask them to enter a product key or to call a toll-free number.

You can enter the correct product key as many times as you want but it won't do any good. In the end, you'll be told you must call the supposed tech support toll free number.

This will connect you with a fake tech who will ask for remote access to your PC, then present you with

the news that your computer has been infected and you must pay \$200 to put things right.

Once they're paid, the scammers will provide a product key which turns off their warning. Victims are left believing they've genuinely been helped!

The problem is that if you try to ignore the warning, you may find it difficult to get rid of it on your screen. It will stay on top of every other window.

However, according to a genuine tech support site (BleepingComputer.com), if you enter the key THTY4-89LK6-RTI23-XZTOP-05ERY, the screen will close.

(We can't say whether this works or not, as we don't have the virus.)

But that won't get rid of the underlying malware that is causing the trouble in the first place. Doing that is a more complex problem, which may be best left to a professional.

However, you can check out Bleeping Computer's suggested solutions in their *Microsoft Office Activation Wizard Tech Support Scam Removal Guide*.

The important point is that for this scam to work, your computer would have to be compromised in the first place — that is, there must be a virus on board to run the phony activation warning.

That means you downloaded it without knowing and without having adequate protection in place.

Make sure your Internet security software is up to date and you should be protected from falling for this trouble-making and costly scam.

Office 365 Scam

Microsoft's cloud-based version of its productivity software — Office 365 — is also being used as a front for another scam, this time for stealing user names and passwords.

The scam seems to be mainly targeting businesses and its ultimate aim could be to steal company information by signing on to Office 365 in victims' names and then downloading their files.

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(Continued from page 6) *Theft Risks...*

It starts with an email that pretends to be from Microsoft, concerning the user's Office 365 subscription. There's a link to a fake Microsoft site which requests sign-on details.

After that, the user's account is open to be plundered by the crooks until the victim either changes the password or contacts Microsoft.

For a while, it seemed that the link in the phony email was capable of bypassing some security software.

This has likely been resolved by now but it serves as a warning. If you're an Office 365 user and receive an email like this, don't click the link but speak to your own system admins or sign on independently to your Office 365 account and check things from there.

Robocall Trick

Finally, one more Microsoft scam to alert you to.

This time, it's one of those dreaded robocalls, in this case warning that your Microsoft product — either Office or Windows — has expired.

Victims are told they must renew their subscription via a toll-free number.

If they call, they end up paying \$100 or more as well as running the risk of having their credit card

details stolen and used for identity theft.

There are a couple of important tell-tale signs that this is a scam.

First, automated calls are illegal without explicit permission from you.

Second, Windows and standalone versions of Microsoft office are not subscription-based. You never have to renew them if you don't want to (although they may become outdated or even unsupported by Microsoft).

Office 365 is subscription-based but reminders are sent out by email, not by phone. And payment is usually deducted automatically from your bank account unless you cancel it.

So, if you get this robocall, you can be sure it's an Office scam.

Computer Club News



Don't Forget to Bring in Your Used Ink Cartridges

LCCUG is collecting empty ink cartridges.

Our Club is recycling used ink cartridges and using the rewards we earn to buy more prizes for the club raffle.

If you have empty ink cartridges laying around, please bring them to our meetings and any officer will gladly take them off your hands.

Recycle & Help Our Club, Too!

WOW LCCUG IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

While you are on Facebook look us up and check out what our meetings are about, our workshops and much, much more. You can learn about new programs, what's new with computers, tablets, phones, anti-virus's, etc.

The Lorain County Computer Users Group has been around since 1990. I have been a member since about 2003 and I am now the Newsletter Editor and have been for about 8 years.

Since joining this group I have learned a lot about many programs, like the one I use for our newsletter. I started out knowing very little and I knew nothing about Publisher or Power Point programs and so much more.

So please join us on our Facebook page and be informed.

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LCCUG 2017 ANNUAL PICNIC PHOTO'S

LCCUG's 2017 Annual Picnic was held at Lakeview Park in Lorain, OH on July 23rd. It was a beautiful day, sun was shining and there was a cool breeze.

We were hoping for a bigger crowd as we were raffling off a Laser Printer and gift cards. Hope you enjoy the photo's that our own Don Hall was nice enough to be our photographer again this year.





NEED HELP?



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If any of our members are interested in helping other users with what programs you are adept at, please contact any of our officers with you name, what program or programs you would be willing to give help with, you email address and or phone number and when you would like to have them call you. Thanks



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Problem Solving Workshop

Date: Tuesday - August 15, 2017

Time: 5:30 - 8 pm Instructor: Micky Knickman Neil Higgins, Richard Barnett

Place: Learn how to repair or update your computer by changing hard drives, memory, CD ROMs, etc.

Members are encouraged to bring their computers anytime before 7:30 pm for assistance from Micky, Neil & Richard.

Learning About Electronics

Date: Tuesday - August 15, 2017

Time: 5:30 - 8 pm Instructor: Sandee Ruth

Place: Learn how use you electronic devices.

Members are encouraged to bring their tablets, iPod, kindles, etc. at 5:30 pm for assistance from Sandee and any other knowledgeable members. Public is welcome to sit in these classes.

Learn About

Date: Tuesday - August 15, 2017

Time: 5:30 - 8 pm Instructor: Neil Higgins

Place: Lorain County Community College 2600 Ashland Avenue, Lorain

Instructor: Neil Higgins

Subject: : Upgrading Older Computers Using a Purchased Windows 10 Product Key.

Glen Pubal, Owner of Royal Computers in Elyria and one of LCCUG's Sponsors, let us know during his presentation last February about how to purchase a "Refurbishes" Windows 10 Product Key at a special price, and install Windows 10 to a computer you currently own.

We'll demonstrate this installation process and explain how to get the Product Key and download the required DVD image file with the Windows 10 Operating System.

If you would like to participate and get copies of the material for this class, please let Neil know by sending an email to Education@lccug.com

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Interesting Internet Finds - January



By Steve Costello, President / Editor, Boca Raton Computer Society <http://ctublog.sefcug.com/>
editor@brcs.org

In the course of going through more than 300 RSS feeds, I often run across things that I think might be of interest to other user group members.

The following are some items I found interesting during the month of January 2017.

3 Easy Ways to Unsubscribe from Email Lists
<http://www.wonderoftech.com/unsubscribe-emails/>

If you are getting too much email, because you have subscribed to a lot of email lists, check out this post to learn how to trim down how much email you get by unsubscribing.

Yes, You Need a Disposable Email Address!
http://askbobrankin.com/yes_you_need_a_disposable_email_address.html

Another way around the email list problem, is to use disposable email addresses. Bob Rankin explains what they are, and some ways to get them.

Understanding the Basics of Two-Factor Authentication
<https://blog.malwarebytes.com/101/2017/01/understanding-the-basics-of-two-factor-authentication/>

If you are not using two-factor authentication everywhere you can, you should. Check out this post, so

you understand the basics.

Should You Leave Your Computer On or Off?
<https://www.pcmec.com/article/leave-computer-on-off/>

There is no clear-cut answer that I know of. But, this post tells about the pros and cons to both options.

Refresh Firefox Browser to Make It Run As Good As New
<http://www.thewindowsclub.com/refresh-firefox-browser-windows>

After a while, all browsers get to where they aren't running smoothly. This post tells you how to refresh your Firefox browser by resetting everything to the defaults.

I tried this myself, and it is amazing how much better Firefox is running now, without all those things I don't need removed.

How to Fix Bluetooth Pairing Problems?
<http://www.techlicious.com/how-to/how-to-fix-bluetooth-pairing-problems/>

Bluetooth devices are a lot more prevalent these days, which means there are more pairing problems too. Check out this post to learn how to fix those kinds of problems.

Most Fridays, more interesting finds will be posted on the Computers, Technology, and User Groups Blog:
<http://ctublog.sefcug.com/tag/interesting-internet-finds/>

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The Lorain County Chapter of OGS

is having it's next meetings on :

REGULAR MEETING LOCATION

August 14 – Debbie Abbott - Researching at the Library of Congress



North Ridgeville Library, 35700 Bainbridge Rd. North Ridgeville, Ohio. Meetings are free and open to the public. Social time is at 6:30 PM and the program begins at 7:00 PM.

Jean Copeland: jecopeland1975@gmail.com.



Beginning with our May 9 meeting

Directions:

From our previous meeting location, the Amherst Church of the Nazarene, to Lorain High / LCCC:



9 min (3.4 mi) via N Leavitt Rd

From the Church in Amherst travel north on Leavitt Rd (from Dunkin Donut) to Meister Rd, turn right (East) on Meister to Ashland, turn left and travel .5 mi to LCCC, our new location

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The East side of the new Lorain High School is the College annex as seen in the photo.

You see parking area in the front there, facing Ashland Avenue.

Note: This building is behind the Frank Jacinto Elementary School.

Note: 26th St runs from the LCCC Bldg on Ashland Avenue to the George Daniel Fields football stadium on Oberlin Avenue.



This is the classroom that we will be meeting in. Inside the door to the building entrance is an elevator that takes us to this room.

