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WAUCtalk

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7 PM by Zoom**

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**7 WAUC General Meeting, Thur., 7:30
Presentation:—via ZOOM at 7:30
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Brass Key on Forest Home**

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Presentations

- **May - John Kennedy:** Using the Bitwarden Passport Management System
- **June - Sue Mueller:** Genealogy Road Trip; it's all about the prep
- **July - John Trout:** Automotive Diagnostics and Blue Driver

General Meeting, Thursday April 7, 2022 7:30 p.m. on Zoom



•Mark Schulman - Encryption Software

Myron H. Tubbs, a longtime WAUC member, passed away February 13, age 84.. When we met in person we sold raffle tickets. Myron was a huge supporter, purchasing many tickets and very often won. Such a nice man. He will surely be missed. From Terry

Presidents Message

Don Thanks Writers of WAUCtalk

First I need to thank everyone that sent in ideas for the 5th Thursday of March. We are working on ideas but don't have a plan yet as of today.

Now that Covid -19 is on the retreat, more people are leaving the mask and going out. I expect this will make a significant difference in the quantity of members attending the Luncheon which is coordinated and promoted by Romaine Artus. Please consider joining us at the March WAUC Luncheon on March 15 at 1 PM.

Thanks to Rita Bruce for the excellent report from the Leadership committee as you will see in this Newsletter. As always, Terry Harvey & Jim Hempel submit excellent articles. And thanks for Julia for assembling the collection of articles into the newsletter format.

PLEASE read this newsletter. There is a ton of great information in this newsletter as well as all past newsletters.

Happy Spring!

YOUR WAUC President

Louise Bozek wrote:

Wow, Don, I really felt last night's WAUC presentation was extremely beneficial, as every tip that Lt. Kim Lopez offered I had never heard of before.

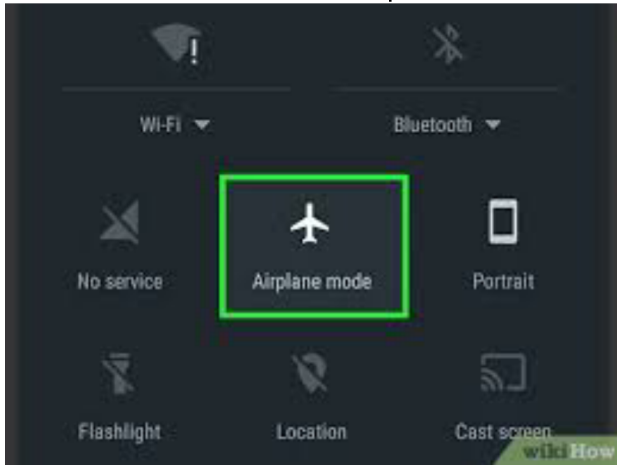
While I am extremely careful traveling in foreign lands, I'm quite lax here. As we age, I am quite aware we are more vulnerable.



Tutorial SIG Talks USB

Those present at the February Tutorial SIG included Jim Hempel, Don Skarda, Terry Harvey, Julia Rice, J J Johnson, Bruce Kosbab, John Schwarzmeier, Karen Fenney, Dolores Dettmann, Marcia Zientek, Bill Vlach, Louise Bozek, Richard Durand, Kathy Schnagl, Rita Bruce, Tom McAndrew, and Brian Behling.

Richard wondered if by turning a computer to "airplane mode" it turned off the internet. Yes. Then he wondered if he turned it to airplane mode,



keyed in his password, turned the internet back on, would the bad guys still be able to know his password? If there was key logging software on a computer, say at a library, yes, they would they would have still been recorded. If someone was watching him online, they wouldn't be able to track him offline.



When did USB-C come out? In 2014, the 24-pin system with a rotationally symmetrical connector was released.

Karen asks the difference between USB 2.0 and USB 3.0.

The main difference between USB 2.0 and USB 3.0 is **speed**. USB 2.0 has a max speed of 480Mbps (Megabits per second,) which converts to 60MBps

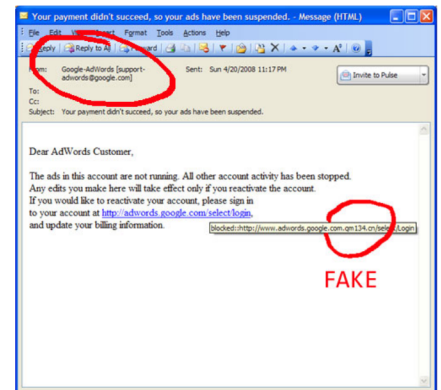


(Mega Bytes per second.)... USB 3.0 has a much higher max speed of 5Gbps

(Giga bits per second, i.e. 1024Mbps) which translates to 640MBps.

Be very mindful when shopping for earbuds and other electronics. There may be a vast price difference so shop around. Members are finding Amazon doesn't always have the best price. Be sure to check with Walmart, Best Buy, Woot, Micro Center, Newegg, Frys, TechBargains, and Slickdeals.

Jim received a message that appeared to be from Facebook informing him someone had tried to log in to his account. Fortunately Jim checked the message carefully and



noted it came from a bizarre address. Be vigilant when responding/clicking on links from unsolicited emails from well-known companies. Check the sender's email address. A legitimate email from a business usually won't come from a free email service such as Yahoo or Gmail.



Your bank should never email or call you requesting any sensitive financial or personal information.

Be wary of emails including links. Grammatical and spelling errors within the

body of an email are telltale signs that it is spam.

It it a good idea to add emergency information to your phone's lock screen, should it be needed. First responders such as paramedics, firefighters, police officers and hospital personnel can only see the information on your lock screen if your phone is locked. They are not able to unlock your phone. To put this information on your lock screen go to SETTINGS, LOCK SCREEN, CONTACT INFORMATION. Now enter the information you would like displayed such as your primary emergency contact and any medical conditions, tap SAVE.

Terry L Harvey

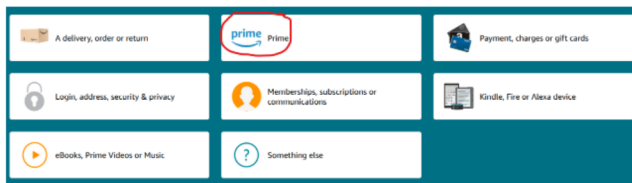
Group Tours Several Topics

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A question left over from last week was how to turn the Google Timeline ON/OFF. Open Google Maps. In the upper right corner tap your picture or initials. Tap SETTINGS, LOCATION HISTORY. Turn ON/OFF.



John is unhappy with the Amazon Prime rate increase and wants to cancel his subscription. To contact Amazon Customer Service via telephone, call 1-888-280-4331. To cancel online, go to Amazon.com and sign in. In the upper left corner,



click on the hamburger menu. Scroll down to CUSTOMER. There you see a page with choices and click on PRIME. Now click on MANAGE OR CANCEL PRIME MEMBERSHIP.

Louise B. noticed there are many Wordle-type games in the Google Play Store. The official game is by the New York Times newspaper.



Julia is new to using Outlook and is annoyed by the ads cutting off part of the page. In the upper left corner, just to the right of the little blue envelope, on the hamburger menu, scroll down to change settings.

Louise B. noticed since heavy advertising during the Super Bowl, Peacock no longer has much free content.

Julia had a major mishap with her new computer and ended up losing all her programs including Microsoft

Office. She needs Office to do the WAUC newsletter. Louise D. said she had a similar dilemma and contacted Microsoft and they allowed her to reinstall it. Another suggestion was to download LibreOffice. It's a free Office-like program. Writer looks and appears very much like Word. Jim uses Writer and shared his screen to show us some of the similarities.



Marcia said she recently created a spreadsheet in Libre Office Calc, but was unable to make any additions to it. She was advised to SAVE AS, then she will be able to make changes.

Rita would like to find a good site to compare prices of items. Recommendations were Google Shopping, Yahoo Shopping, Yahoo, Shopify, Amazon, Bizrate, and CamelCamelCamel.



We had great fun with an "Original Names of These Big Brands" trivia quiz.

Kathy had a recent situation where she needed to call 911 while driving. She has a Samsung phone that she keeps locked. She struggled with frantically driving and unlocking her phone, locating her keypad, entering 911 and tapping the call icon. A discussion ensued on what was the easiest and safest process. I researched this after the meeting and read numerous ideas. Personally, I would have said, "Okay Google. Call 911." However, in an emergent situation, one really never knows what they would do until they're in that situation. We were all in

agreement that we were happy it ended well.

Bypass any paywall,
<https://12ft.io/<URL>>

Louise B. likes to read an occasional newspaper but just likes to scan the headlines and it's easy to quickly use up her monthly allotment. Tom offered a solution...12ft.io/. This site is a solution to be able to read an occasional article in newspapers that require you to subscribe to read anything. For example, this is how to use this: 12ft.io/nytimes.com .

Since there weren't any additional questions, we investigated some interesting web sites.

Terry L Harvey

All Sides of Android Tablets

The February Tablet Android SIG met again on Zoom.

Our first topic had to do with Sling. To answer this we need to identify which Sling are we talking about as there is more than one. Sling Free is Sling TV's answer to ad-supported free streaming services like Pluto TV, Tubi, and Xumo. It features a mix of live and on-demand content, including TV shows, movies, kids, news, and sports programming. It's also completely free—you don't even have to provide a credit card number or login info.



Sling Free is also available on Android devices! Using a Google Chrome browser, go to watch.sling.com or download the Sling TV app and click "Explore Free Content." You will then be prompted to create a free login. Sling is one of several cable TV alternatives and allows users to watch live sports, news and hit TV



shows and movies. The service also offers premium add-ons like Showtime. Sling has a Cloud DVR feature that lets viewers record 50 hours of their favorite shows to watch later. The service also offers some ability to rewind a show and watch older programs on demand. Sling TV packages include some local networks, ESPN and a bundle of favorites like AMC, Food Network, HGTV, Lifetime and the Disney Channel, as well as RedZone from the NFL Network.

Two subscription packages are offered. Sling Orange costs \$35 and offers more than 30 channels, while Sling Blue costs \$35 and offers more than 50 channels. However, the two packages come with different



channel lineups, so if you want to make sure you can watch your favorite one, you should consider the combined Blue/Orange pack which costs \$50 per month.



Sling also supports over-the-air (OTA) antennae, provided you're in a supported location. You can get a free indoor antenna when pre-paying for two months of Sling TV.



Finally there is a Slingbox piece of hardware. The Slingbox 500 lets you watch live and recorded shows, movies and sports. No extra cable subscription

and no monthly fees are required. Unfortunately for those interested in this option, Slingbox servers will be permanently taken offline November 9, 2022, at which point ALL Slingbox devices and services will become inoperable.

Julia's phone was showing that it was charging at 76% but the phone was not plugged into a charger. We suggested that she try rebooting her phone and this cleared the issue. That is something we should all try to do on occasion, REBOOT, especially if you encounter an issue.



Louise had a question about 3G and the fact that the major carriers have announced they are discontinuing it. Of the three largest carriers, AT&T went first by shutting down its 3G service on



Tuesday, Feb. 22. T-Mobile will follow on March 31, and Verizon will wrap it up on Dec. 31. Most phones released in 2015 or later should be fine. There may be an issue with other

devices such as the phone service provided in older vehicles. Check with your dealer to find out if yours is affected by the loss of 3G cell service.



Bill noticed that the status bar had a tiny number 6 near an icon. It turned out that the 6 was alongside