

COMPUTER USERS OF ERIE

CUE Newsletter – May 2022 (Volume 39 Number 5)



May CUE Meeting

The next general meeting is on Thursday May 19th at 7:00 PM, by a Zoom link in your email, with a demo about Electronic Mail (E-Mail), hosted by John Fair. See the CUE Website Calendar for more about it.



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CUE Calendar



Calendar events are subject to change. SIG stands for Special Interest Group.
(look for notices outside of the newsletter for delays or special news on meetings)

CUE Membership Meetings (typically 3rd Thursday of each month)

Thursday May 19th at 7 PM

Thursday June 16th at 7 PM

Beginner's User Group (BUG) SIG Meetings

To Be Scheduled Upon Request

Digital Photo SIG Meetings (typically 1st Saturday of each month except June/July/August)

Saturday May 1st at 9:30 AM

Saturday June 4th at 9:30 AM

Genealogy SIG Meetings (typically 1st Tuesday of each month)

Tuesday May 3rd at 7 PM

Tuesday June 7th at 7 PM

MAC SIG Meetings (typically 2nd Saturday of each month except June/July/August)

Tuesday May 8th at 9:30 AM

Saturday June 11th at 9:30 AM

Smartphone & Tablet SIG Meetings (typically 4th Monday of each month) (RSVP John Fair)

Monday May 23rd at 7 PM

Monday June 27th at 7 PM

Windows SIG Meetings (typically 2nd Saturday of each month except June/July/August)

Saturday May 8th at 1 PM

Saturday June 11th at 1 PM

CUE Picnic

Sometime in September

CUE Christmas / Holiday Party

Thursday December 8th

CUE Election Results

Election of officers and board members took place on the web this year. Congratulations to the chosen and the voters! The voting results are below. Those elected match the Slate earlier proposed for the 2022 to 2023 year. You can find contact information for these people, along with others, like SIG Leaders, near the back of the newsletter.

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Vice President: **Paul Francis**
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Louis Cioccio



Cars and Computers

By Lou Cioccio at Computer Users of Erie

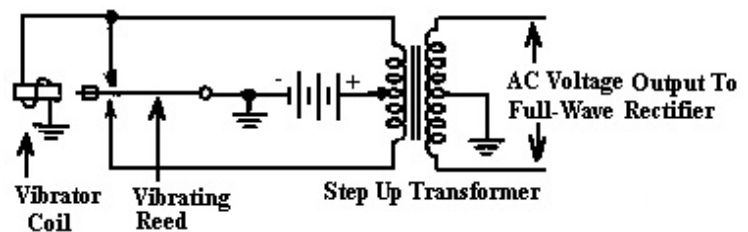
My wife drives a 2013 Ford Escape that has Sync 2 (from Microsoft) as the infotainment center, AKA the Radio for you old timers. The radio from the 1950's with its vibrator power supply.

Ah not what you expected!!



Basically gave life to the tube radio in those old automobiles. That being said, we

have come a long way to Car Play and Android Auto. So this is a story of my wife's ride (2013 Ford Escape) and Sync 2. Yes you can upgrade but it will be costly. You would need a new display that is Sync 3 compatible and a new APIM module (Accessory Protocol Interface Module). Don't you hate acronyms! The cost range from a low \$700 to \$1800, and too expensive. So I started my search and remembered the wife had logged on her My Ford Touch many years ago. So why not start there. Low and behold there was an update for her Sync 2.



Use a thumb drive that is empty and format at Fat32. So I followed the directions and I was able to update the Sync 2 version. Yes I had to drive to Dobbins landing as this took about 40 minutes to update, probably using USB 2 and whatever CPU is in that computer! So I got that done. When I would play around with the various "buttons" on the screen, I saw one that said "Where Am I" but it would give the longitude and latitude of Erie. Hmm, strange, but kept that in the back of my mind.

Now you know there are forums on the internet for almost anything that can be talked about or hacked. I have joined several including a couple for my Subaru. So I looked for Ford Escape forums and joined one.

Cars and Computers Continued

I discovered a wealth of information, one of which was "FORScan" that can access all the modules in about any Ford product. So looking at the ports in the center council, there was two USB's, an SD Card slot, and Video and Audio inputs. In further research on the forums, something came up if you pressed "Where Am I". If it does nothing, you have no GPS or Navigation. But if it gives you the Longitude and Latitude co-ordinates, you do have GPS and Navigation. Back to the Ford My Touch page. Yes, you can buy an SD Card A12 for over \$100 and that is way too much when you can buy a Garmin or TomTom, that now has lifetime maps!

So on to eBay and I found several vendors selling them for less than \$50. So I snagged one for \$40. Now back to the Ford Escape forum and what was needed. The FORScan program has a free 2 month license and, after that, some reasonable pricing structures for 6 month, 1 year and lifetime that WILL not break the bank.

Naturally I opted for the 2 month free trial. Sorry it does not come in Linux or MacOS X but Windows, Android and iOS.

Here is the link:

https://forscan.org/documentation_13.html

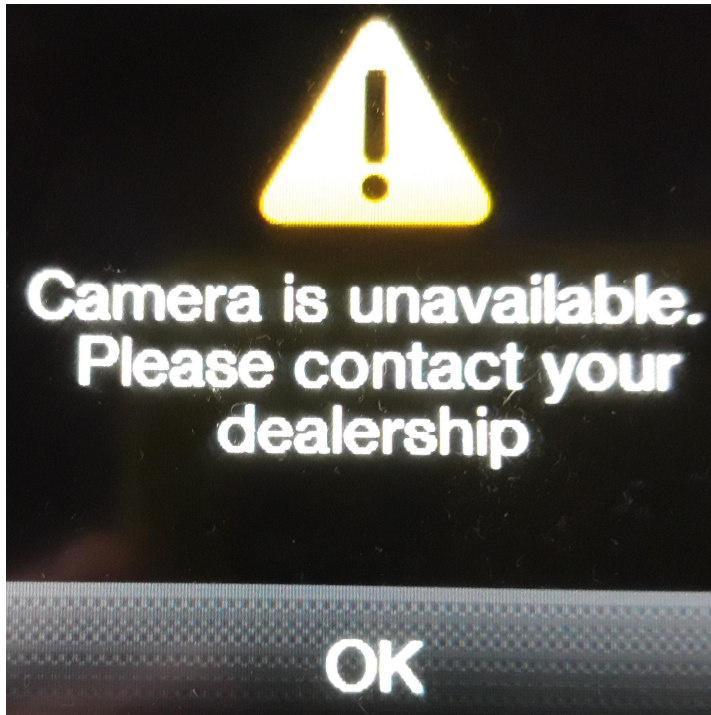
that will get you there and if you are a motor head, you can tinker, really tinker!!



Here is a screen shot and the tools you can use BUT remember to back up the module you are tinkering with on to your hard drive so if you do something wrong you can re-install the original parameters. You do not want to be in deep do-do!

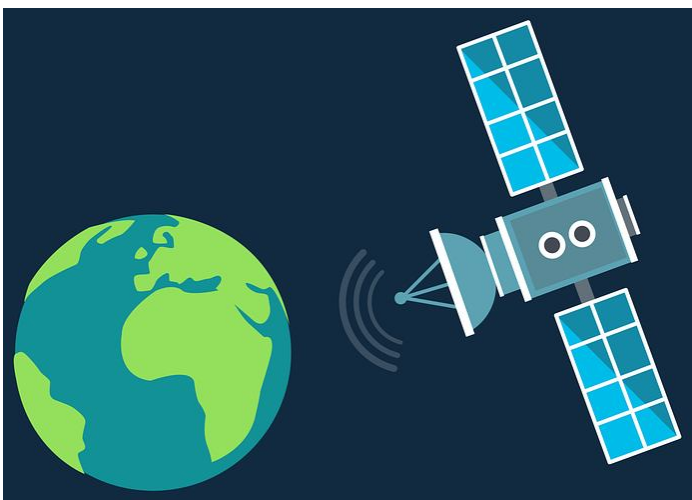
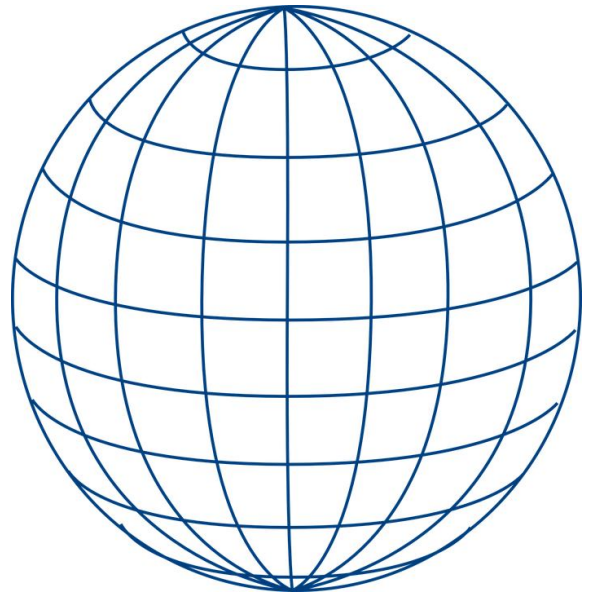
So I backed up my APIM module and then went in to toggle on Navigation. You will write code to the APIM module. After that you will have to do a Master Reset of the Sync System. So the tools that I needed: A windows laptop and an OBD2 dongle with a USB cable to the computer (you can do WiFi but any disruption could BRICK the module). So wired was my choice. The OBD2 dongle had a switch to toggle High Speed CAN (Controller Area Network) and Medium speed.

Cars and Computers Continued



Sure enough, on the reboot it wanted the SD Card inserted. So I inserted the SD Card and it read it and now the wife has navigation. Hmm, what about a back up camera? Well, as you can guess, I can try that so I toggled the rear camera, which we don't have, but it's an option and after a Master Reset

So all I need is a rear generic camera, and mount it, and run wires for power off the reverse light, since the camera will not take that much power. The hard part is routing the wire from the back of the Escape to the radio. So that will be the next article.



Size Limits for Email Attachments

By Kurt Jefferson at Central Kentucky Computer Society (www.ckcs.org)

Most email users know there's a limit to how big an attachment you can send. Say you need to send a photo to a friend. The file size is important. You cannot send a huge photo the size of a billboard through email. It's just too large.

A gigantic Microsoft Excel or Apple Numbers spreadsheet won't fly either (so to speak).

With that in mind, how are you supposed to know the maximum attachment size available? The good news is major email providers have slowly been increasing the allowable attachment size, so it may no longer be the problem it once was.

All email providers are not created equal. Tom's Guide, a popular Internet review site, describes each email service that it reviews:

- Gmail: The best email service overall
- Outlook: The best email service for businesses
- ProtonMail: The best email service for security & privacy
- Apple Mail: The easiest email service to use
- Zoho: The best email service for multiple accounts

The table below provides a list of major email providers and the maximum

allowable attachment size you can send through their system.

Getting around email attachment limits:

To share large files, you can send using various cloud storage options.

- Gmail: If you send using Google Drive cloud, your maximum file attachment soars to 10 GB.
- outlook.com / hotmail.com: Your maximum file attachment climbs to 2 GB when using the OneDrive cloud.
- Apple Mail: Mac, iPad, iPhone & iPod touch users can send a file attachment as large as 5 GB with Mail Drop turned on.

There are other options, including using Dropbox. If you have to send a huge email attachment, using one of these cloud services is your best option.

Email Provider	Max Attachment File Size
Gmail	25 MB
Yahoo! Mail	25 MB
<u>ProtonMail.com</u>	25 MB
AOL Mail	25 MB
<u>Zoho Mail</u>	25 MB
<u>mail.com</u>	30 MB
<u>outlook.com / hotmail.com</u>	34 MB
Apple iCloud	20 MB
GMX Mail	50 MB
Yandex Mail	30 MB

Genealogy Report for 4/5/22 SIG Meeting

Sue Mueller called the April meeting of the CUE genealogy SIG together at 7:02 p.m. on 4/5/22. There were fifteen members and one guest in attendance.

Guest Pat Crotty told of his search for his wife's grandfather who did not know his parents. In the 1900 census, at the age of 8, he was shown living with what appears to be grandparents on his mother's side. In the 1910 census he is shown as a worker on a farm with a family he was not related to. His wife's father's DNA test shows numerous connections to the grandparents he was living with in 1900. No discernible DNA connection is with parents / grandparents on his father's side. The search continues.

Paul Francis commented on how triangulation of a cousin solved his brick wall but it took a long time.

Many are enjoying finding their parents or even themselves on the 1950 census which was released earlier this month. Sue demonstrated it on the National Archives site:

<https://www.archives.gov/research/census/1950>

It is also available on all the major search sites and they are all transcribing it as fast as they can. [Familysearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org) is looking for volunteers to help with this and other projects. While the initial indexing work of the 1950 census is done by computers, it is to be checked by humans. For more information go to:

<https://www.familysearch.org/getinvolved/my-opportunities>

Sue noted if there was a box around a name, that person was asked additional questions and those could be found at the bottom of the page.

Sue also shared that if it says "No one home", don't panic! The enumerator was supposed to go back and revisit that household! Look at the line of the census; it should say "See Sheet X and Line Y." That's the sheet and line number where you'll see their census entry!

These "revisits" are at the end of the enumeration district, beginning with Sheet 71. Even if your enumeration district doesn't have that many pages, it will be on a page numbered 71. It's how the Census Bureau kept track -- even if the last page of the "regular" visits was Sheet 12, the revisits begin on Sheet 71. Scroll toward the end of the images for that enumeration district and look at one of the images; you'll find the sheet number in the upper right-hand corner.

Carl Z. brought up the difficulty in searching for marriage records. Some tips:

- Search for both the bride and groom's names
- Look in adjacent states as they may have had less stringent requirements for marriage and many may have married away from their hometown for various reasons.

Carl Z. has been transferring 8mm film to thumb drives. He has done 2500' in the last two weeks. He has also been identifying people in the films by what they are wearing and storing that list with the transferred film so future generations will know who is in the film.

Submitted by Connie Edwards.



NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Smartphone & Tablet Report for 4/25/22 SIG Meeting

We had one question submitted before the meeting. Paul Francis wants to use the Outlook Mail app on his iPhone but when he installed it, the emails were too difficult to read since the print was so small. How can he adjust the print size? The resources I found suggested there was no font size adjustment in the app itself. However, a feature of iOS 15 allows text size to be adjusted for each app individually. Make sure "Text Size" is included in Control Center. If you don't find it, go to Settings/Control Center/More Controls and tap on the "+" sign before Text Size. Open the app for which you want to adjust text size. Open the Control Center, tap on "Text Size" (the AA icon), choose the (app name) only at the bottom of the screen and adjust the bar to change text size in percentage. Tap anywhere on the screen to get back to Control Center, then swipe up to return to the app you are adjusting to see the effect. Repeat as necessary.

Barb Guelcher asked how she had lost entries in her Contacts. While no one could offer an explanation other than accidental deletion of the contacts, Lee Williams suggested she count the number of contacts and compare that count at a later time to see if she did lose contacts. Too bad there isn't a count in the app Lee suggested. Barb then responded that the number of contacts appears at the end of the contacts list. Most of us never realized that count was there.

This month, while preparing for the SIG, I came across an excellent source of information on Apple mobile devices. YouTube has a channel called "Ellen's Tips for iOS – Helping Seniors Master Their iPhones and iPads". Ellen is a senior

herself and speaks clearly and at a pace that is very easy to understand with material designed for a senior audience. Anyone wanting to learn more about Apple mobile devices can benefit from her expertise. She uses a Bluetooth mouse on both the iPhone and iPad which made it very easy to follow her demonstrations. Ellen rapidly became a favorite of the SIG members.

The May General Meeting Topic is all about email and that suggested a related topic for the SIG meeting. Apple Mail is the client mail app included with all of Apple's mobile device operating systems. You can use this app to access mail from all of your accounts like Gmail, Yahoo, Outlook, AOL, iCloud, etc. We viewed videos on how to set up an email account in Mail, Mail settings that should be changed, 10 Mail tips from Ellen, Mail features unique to the iPad, the new Hide My Email feature, and an Ellen's favorite mail client called Spark that offers even more capability (for power email users) than Mail.

Once again this month I sent out to SIG members copies of the notes I used during the meeting. The notes contain hyperlinks to the videos and article I referenced and are written like an article. Of course the notes don't replace attending the discussion we had during the virtual meeting, but they are a reference and give those who missed the meeting a way to catch up. Anyone who would like a copy of my notes please contact me at johncfair@gmail.com.

The next virtual meeting of the Smartphone and Tablet SIG is at 7:00 PM on Monday, May 23.

John Fair

Secretary's Report for 4/21/22 CUE Meeting

Secretary Sue Mueller was not able to attend the 4/21/22 meeting. John Fair has provided the following information from the meeting.

Membership Report 4/21/2022:

Total Paid Members are now 79, an increase of 3 from last month. We also have 8 Associate Members for a total of 87 members. For reference, our required quorum for holding a business meeting is 16.

We have added 4 new members in 2022:

Larry Beard
Patricia Birch
John Grimm
Lynne VanVolkenburg

Election Results:

24 votes were cast, about 30% of eligible voters. The results were unanimous in favor of the slate of candidates submitted by the nominating committee.

Of the 24 votes, two entered email addresses not on our official membership list. One of those was a member in the

process of converting to a new email address but had not yet notified CUE.

One member said he had trouble with the Google Forms ballot. I did not hear from any other members, so I presume no one else had trouble.

Treasurer's Report 4/21/2022:

Balance in account as of 4/21 is \$3,338.61.

Check to the Elks for Holiday Party reservation is \$100.

Service charge is \$2.

Deposit for three membership dues is \$30.

CUE's General Liability policy with Erie Insurance has been cancelled since we are no longer meeting face to face. This saves an annual policy fee of \$202, but a new policy must be obtained when we again meet in person.

C. U. E.

Program for the May 19 CUE Monthly General Meeting

Topic – Exploring the Subject of Email: One of the most common uses of our computers, tablets and phones is sending and receiving emails. Despite being so common, what do we really know about email and how it works? What's in a domain name (what follows the @ sign in an email address) and how did we end up with so many email providers? How popular is each of them? What is a client and what is webmail? How do we choose an email provider and what are the implications of our choice? Is it easy to change email addresses? What do terms like SMTP, POP3, IMAP really mean? How do the most popular email service providers compare? We will explore email together in our May General meeting.

Speaker – John Fair

A Note from the Editor

As usual, feel free to contribute information for the CUE newsletter. Whether it is small, large, an article, a tip, information, or pictures, you can send it to me and I will plan to include it in the newsletter. You can reach me at grimcyber@yahoo.com.

Remember that you can find recent news at the CUE website (cuerie.com). At times,

the website will have more recent news than the CUE newsletter since the website is updated continuously and the newsletter is updated monthly.

Stay Safe!

Editorially Speaking, Don Grim



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Today's Date _____

Last Name	First Name
Address	
City, State	Zip
Home Phone	Cell Phone
Your Email	

The yearly dues are payable in August of each year. The dues are \$24 annual.

For NEW members only, when you join outside the annual cycle your initial dues are based upon the month you join. Follow the schedule below.

August \$24	September \$22	October \$20	November \$18
December \$16	January \$14	February \$12	March \$10
April \$8	May \$6	June \$4	July \$2

Information provided on this form will be placed into a CUE Membership Directory

What is your Computer or Device: (Circle)

Windows Mac Android iPhone iPad
Tablet Linux Other

What is your level of expertise? (Circle)

Novice I know some I want to learn more
Expert Geek

Send your completed application
to:

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What do you wish to gain by joining Computer Users of Erie?

Student membership is just \$15 per year (provide proof of student status)

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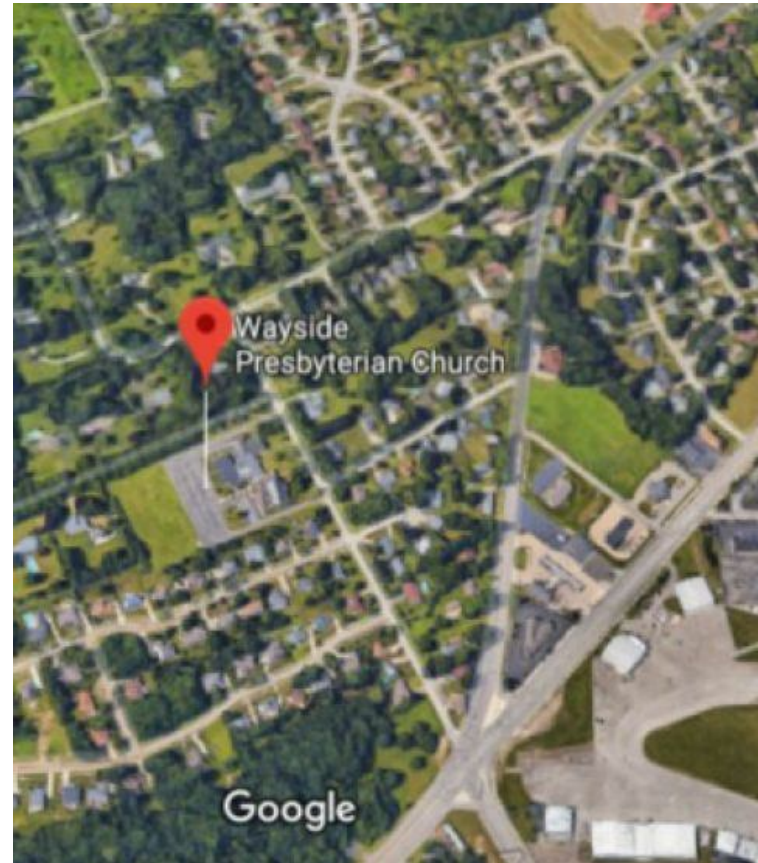
Directions to Wayside Presbyterian Church for CUE Meetings

Wayside Presbyterian Church, at 1208 Asbury Road, is approximately three blocks north of the intersection of Asbury Road and Route 5. This intersection is at the northwest corner of the Erie International Airport property. Following Asbury, turn left at the first marked driveway for the church. During the afternoon winter schedule (10:00 AM for the months of November, January, February and March), entry is through the two sets of blue double doors. Use the buzzer to gain entry if the doors are locked. During the normal evening schedule (7:00 PM the remaining months) use the double doors on the south side of the Christian Education wing. Signs are posted in the building to direct you to the meeting room.

From West of Erie International Airport: Follow Route 5 to the intersection of Asbury and Route 5. Turn hard left onto Asbury Road. Look for the church on the left approximately 3 blocks north of the intersection.

From South of Erie: Take Interstate 79 north to the 26th Street (Route 20) Exit. Bear left onto 26th Street (Route 20) west. Follow Route 20 about 3.4 miles west to Asbury Road. Turn right (at the Sheetz Gas Station) onto Asbury and follow it straight across Route 5. Look for the church on the left approximately 3 blocks north of the intersection.

From East of Erie International Airport: Follow 26th Street (Route 20) west to Asbury Road. Turn right onto Asbury and follow it straight across Route 5. Look for the church on the left approximately 3 blocks north of the intersection. OR, follow 12th Street (Route 5) west past the airport to Asbury Road. Turn right onto Asbury Road. Look for the church on the left approximately 3 blocks north of the intersection.



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CUE Membership Benefits



As the largest computer users group in northwest Pennsylvania, CUE has served Erie and surrounding communities since 1982. CUE provides a forum for people to learn about computers and have fun doing so. The group meets the third Thursday each month, with the exception of the months of July and December. In July the group gathers for a picnic and December is the annual holiday party (dates vary). CUE meetings are at Wayside Presbyterian Church, 1205 Asbury Road, Erie. Meetings from April through October are at 7:00 p.m. From November through March, the meetings are at 10:00 AM in the morning, except it will stay at 7:00 p.m. during the Caronavirus Pandemic.

Our monthly meetings are open to the public regardless of age or ability. Many of our members are senior citizens who span a wide range of capabilities and interests but share a desire to know more about how to use computer related technology. Our role is to provide a forum for continuous learning from each other. CUE has a closed Google gmail group that is used to communicate with members and to post questions/problems to seek answers from the membership. Members pay an annual membership fee of \$24 to receive a membership directory, monthly newsletter, availability to monthly general meetings, and any of the Special Interest Group (SIGs) meetings, usually held in a member's home. Locations and times vary, so check the online EVENTS Calendar on the website for the latest information. SIG topics include:

- Digital photography [and photo safari]
- Genealogy
- Macintosh computers
- Computer troubleshooting
- Beginners users group (BUG)
- Handheld smartphones and tablets

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- Free virtual technology conferences
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