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**WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH APCUG
OCTOBER - NOVEMBER - DECEMBER**

**VTC
ANNUAL MEETING
PASSWORD MANAGER WORKSHOP - #3
LINUX WORKSHOPS
HOME AUTOMATION WORKSHOPS**

**VIRTUAL TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE (VTC)
Saturday, November 7
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm ET -- 12:00 – 2:00 CT pm
11:00 – 1:00 pm MT -- 10:00 – 12:00 pm PT
Annual Meeting - 3:15 pm ET**

*APCUG's Virtual Technology Conferences are FREE!
Registration closes @ 11:30 PM ET on November 6*

- Attend using your computer, tablet or phone with the Zoom.us app.

- Download the latest app for the device you will be using at:

   https://zoom.us/download

   Test your mic and speakers at: https://zoom.us/test

- Sessions are 50 minutes with time for Q&A

- Register once via Eventbrite

- You do not need an Eventbrite account or eTicket to attend the conference

- You do not need a Zoom account to attend the VTC
- Before the event, you will receive an email with directions and links for attending Tracks 1, 2, and the Annual Meeting. The links are encrypted, please do not share them with anyone.
- Day of conference, after connecting via Zoom, it is very helpful if you sign into each presentation you attend via the Chat Box; first and last name you used to register at Eventbrite.
- Why? If all of the questions aren't answered during the session, the rest of the answers will be sent to you. Or, there might be a handout.

More information at: https://www.apcug2.org

Questions: Contact virtualconferences@apcug.org

TRACK 1
SESSION 1

Navigating the Post-COVID Era
Ron Brown, Program Coordinator, Silvercom Computer & Technology Club

It's a new world out there....Ron gives us suggestions on how to make it work with our tech clubs and our lives.

SESSION 2

Staying Safe and Secure
Bob Gostischa, Avast Evangelist

If you are not a member of a group that had a BobG presentation at your October meeting (National Cyber Security Awareness Month), this is your opportunity to learn about security in this COVID era.

In today's "Online World," Safety, Security and Privacy need to be taken seriously. This presentation will aid in that mission. Using the right programs and apps can help keep you safe and secure as well as reduce your privacy exposure. Using free programs and apps whenever possible to accomplish this goal is a bonus and this presentation includes information on many recommended free programs. Join presenter Bob Gostischa as he simplifies, clarifies, and demystifies your devices (gadgets or technology) so you have a safe, secure, and enjoyable Internet experience. Some of the topics are: VPNs, Is it a safe link? Bluetooth, Ransomware, Phishing campaigns, Has your password been hacked? 8 essentials for secure computing, and 9 tips for your smartphone.

TRACK 2
SESSION 1

How Technology Has Changed the Way We Listen to Music
Ray Baxter, Acting President & Treasurer
APCUG

This presentation gives us a quick review of our music listening habits during the last 65 years and a look at today's download and streaming offerings. From 78s to 45s, LPs, the 8-track tape, cassettes, the Walkman, Compact Discs, iPods, and more – Ray will cover it all.

Ray considers himself an early Rock and Roll historian and has a digital collection of over 45,000 songs that began when he first started collecting records (most of which he still has) in his pre-teenage years. When living in California, he was the President of the Doo-Wop Society of Southern California, a non-profit organization that for almost 14 years produced live quarterly musical stage shows featuring vocal groups of the 1950s.

TRACK 2
SESSION 2

Chris and Jim Guld, GeeksOnTour
Learn with Geeks on Tour, they are Geeks Who Teach
This VTC presentation is a virtual stop on their book tour

Chris has finished her 2nd book, "Learn Google Photos;" she and Jim will show us several items that are included in the book.

ANNUAL MEETING – 3:15 ET

The Annual Meeting will be held after the VTC, everyone is encouraged to attend to learn about what is happening with APCUG. There will be reports by various officers and committee chairs as well as information about the 2021 election and 2020 contest winners. There will also be a Q&A session after the meeting….bring your questions.

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PASSWORD MANAGER WORKSHOP - #3

October 29th
4 pm PT, 5 pm MT, 6 pm CT, 7 pm ET

Tweaking Bitwarden
Kenneth Tubaugh, Educational Services Director & Program Coordinator
Columbus Computer Society

You've had a chance to install, add password-protected websites, and give Bitwarden a test run. How's it working for you? Are you having success with a password manager? Are there still questions you have about getting it going? What additional

adjustments do you need to make to have Bitwarden working for you? Join Kenneth one more time to share in discussions with users at different levels about using Bitwarden. Kenneth will try and help as many people as he can and get input from those that are finding success. Join us for some informative discussion and tips/tricks in using Bitwarden.

If you have questions, you may ask them at the workshop or send them to Judy, in advance, at jtaylour@apcug.org.

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LINUX WORKSHOPS

Linux Wednesday Workshops: Orv Beach (Linux Expo (SCALE) guru), John Kennedy (Advisor, Regions 3 & 6/7), and Sharan Kalwani (SouthEastern Michigan Computer Organization)

John Kennedy responds to the question of "Why are there so many versions of Linux" with the question, "Why are there so many cars?" Because everybody doesn't like the same car and that also pertains to the Linux desktop. Are you a fan of open-source software or you have heard about it and would like to learn more? This Linux team will introduce you to the world of Linux in the next series of APCUG workshops. We will begin with an introduction to Linux and answer the questions "why so many." We will talk about the installation process to get Linux working on your computer. We'll move on to talk about how to choose between the many options you have with Linux. Finally, we'll spend some time discussing software that runs on Linux to do your daily computer needs. After each workshop, there will be time for Q&A like our past workshops.

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All workshops will be at the same time and use the same passcode-encrypted Zoom meeting link. The link will be sent to you with the workshop reminders.

Linux Workshop #1, October 28th
"A General Introduction"
9 am PT, 10 am MT, 11 am CT, 12 pm ET

Have you wondered just what this Linux thing is you're hearing about? Have you wondered what the primary benefits are and the reasons for using Linux? Have you wondered why there are so many different versions of the operating system (with the response by John Kennedy as to why tare here so many different versions of cars)? Then join Orv Beach, long-time Linux guru from the Southern California Linux Expo (SCALE), Sharan Kalwani, President, SouthEastern Michigan Organization, and your Host APCUG Regional Advisor John Kennedy for all the answers and more.

Linux Workshop #2, November 18th
"Getting and Installing Linux"

At today's workshop, John Kennedy will share with you the best places to get a copy of Linux on the web (and remember it's FREE). Then Orv Beach will show you how quick and easy it is to install Linux compared to Windows. He'll also share how you can test-drive Linux without even having to make any changes to your current hard drive. And he'll talk about how you can run Linux alongside your current operating system.

Linux Workshop #3, December 2nd
"Distros and Desktops"

So, you now know how easy it is to install Linux and you learned some of the different options you have running it, and you know that there are many different versions of

Linux called "distros." Join Sharan Kilwani as he guides you through the process of determining which distro might be best for you. Once you have that choice made, then you have the many options for a Desktop Environment (DE) for that distro. Join Orv and John (and maybe a few additional presenters) as they demonstrate their favorite DE and why they like it. Once you've attended this workshop you'll be ready to select the version of Linux and the Desktop Environment best for you and give Linux a try.

Linux Workshop #4, December 16th
"Software, Applications and Package Management"

Each Linux distro comes fully loaded with the software/packages you need for your daily work. But as you may have heard, Linux has many options for each type of software you might use. This workshop will focus on all things software. John will share what's the best software for Windows users to make the transition to Linux easy (with NO learning curve). Then Orv and Sharan will make presentations on installing additional software packages and keeping them updated, along with managing these applications. We'll finish up by sharing many alternative applications in the Linux world for programs people have been using in the Windows/Mac world.

HOME AUTOMATION WORKSHOP #3

November 11, 2020 – Lights, doorbells, locks, and cameras
Bill James, APCUG Advisor, Region 8
VP, Computer Club of Oklahoma City

9 am PT, 10 am MT, 11 am CT, 12 pm ET

Your lights are boring – fix that with some smart lamps. Though the promise of interconnected lighting is exciting, the current offerings are overpriced and incompatible with each other, so you'll be stuck with the choice you make. To determine what type of video doorbell will work best for you, you will first need to determine how you intend to use it. If you simply want to see who is at your door before answering, a basic video doorbell system might work for you. What all the locks have in common you control and manage them with a smartphone and web app. Webcams as a security device, they offer full HD resolution, so you can see a clearer and cleaner image. There are models

for both outside and inside use. Each lock has its own quirks and perks. The same considerations that we used to determine which video doorbell will work for you apply to internet door locks. All of these devices will provide a level of security to your home and allowing you to monitor your home's entryway and surroundings anywhere in the world.

HOME AUTOMATION WORKSHOP #4
December 9, 2020 – Doing it myself vs. Having it done

9 am PT, 10 am MT, 11 am CT, 12 pm ET

You have now decided what you want to automate using a checklist, you have purchased some of your devices and have them working to your satisfaction (or not). Or, you are still deciding on DIY or paying someone to put everything together for you and need help with all the separate apps, ecosystems and wireless protocols. All this and more will be discussed at this Home Automation wrap-up workshop.

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