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Commentary and news about some of the articles and also our writers, along with related matters, all intended to make this journal more useful to you.

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Greetings,
In this issue we have gathered a collection of articles that we hope will inform you as well as entertain you. In the latest release of Windows 10 1809 Microsoft included a new and improved version of Notepad. In the first article Lori Kaufman describes the 1809 version's many improved and repaired features. The next article Dan Price covers the "The 6 Best Windows Notepad Alternatives". Steve Costello informs us of his best Internet Finds. Each of us can find several of Steve's subjects that affect our daily life. In the article "10 Camera Settings You Should Master on Your Canon Camera", the author Harry Guinness describes the actions vital to an Canon DSLR camera owner. Although Harry's instructions are specific to Canon cameras he explains why the specific action is vital to proper operation and are applicable to other digital cameras. The Lamp Post 207 and Lamp Post 208 articles are provided by courtesy of John Spizzirri, the Webmaster and all around technical expert for our sister APCUG chapter Computers Are Easy User Group (CAEUG) located in Glendale Heights. John's main activity is his busy customer support service, but he also finds time to keep abreast of the current news events within the computational field. His articles reflecting his interests, are insightful as well as entertaining.

Chromebooks have become very popular in the past few years due to their low cost, ease of use, and capability although limited compared to a Windows PC. Cammeron Summerson in the article " 8 Things You Might Not Know About Chromebooks" covers eight major functions of a Chromebook and how they perform in comparison to other mainstream computers. Although one will find many companies very willing to sell you a security package for a Chromebook, Cammeron tells us why You Don't Need Antivirus on a Chromebook. Ever question the usefulness of some Windows services that are running and using valuable memory and CPU resources? Codrut Neagu has researched this subject and gives us a valuable guideline in the article "Which Windows services are safe to disable and when?" Chromebooks don't normally run Windows software—that's the best and worst thing about them.

Chris Hoffman illustrates several ways to use Windows desktop programs on a Chromebook. Microsoft has included a new version of Paint, called Paint 3D, in the latest update to Windows 10. Les Nasman shows us how to use the new Paint program (Paint 3D) to create and edit 3D images with little additional effort. Harry Guinness next gives us an overview as to what features are of importance in the article "How to Buy Your First High-Quality Camera".

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20% off the premiere Windows file search utility from Mythicsoft: FileLocator Pro. https://www.mythicsoft.com/. The discount is available through January 31, 2019. Access the discount at: http://secure.mythicsoft.com/fastspring.aspx?item=flpro_apcug_offer Thanks to Gabe Goldberg, Region 2 Advisor, for negotiating this discount for APCUG. He has used the program for many years and recently gave a hands-on demo to his group, PATACS (Potomac Area Technology and Computer Society). FileLocator Pro ($49.95) and Agent Ransack, the lite (free) near-twin-brother file-find utilities, greatly surpass Windows' native tools: they're faster, friendlier, more flexible, and more accurate. They offer many tasty features. For example... 1) They display file lines containing your search string with their filenames: much more useful than displaying only filenames! 2) They can search multiple unrelated (non-nested) folders: much better than having to repeat searches! 3) They can save and reuse search criteria. So if you ever repeat file searches — for example, to find all files containing your family name — you'll save time. 4) They allow saving and printing lists of files found: very helpful if a file search is the first step in a larger process which manipulates found files. 5) Both provide basic and expert interfaces. This choice allows using only simple search functions or enabling more detailed search criteria. 6) The programmer's tool "regular expressions" provides a more powerful wildcard notation than "*" for specifying matching search strings and filenames. Big brother FileLocator Pro — whose registration cost includes a year of updates — adds features: it searches additional filetypes (PDF, ZIP, etc.); it displays found file lines as they appear in the file, with customizable numbers of lines above and below each one; it allows immediate inspection of found files with a built-in viewer or tailorable external editor; it provides a detailed status line with found-file statistics; and it's programmable via scripting and plug-ins. And while it's perhaps a little unfashionable, Gabe appreciates the 126-page FileLocator Pro manual. Full of screenshots illustrating basic and advanced facilities, it's a quick read revealing tips and nuggets that might otherwise be missed. Until PCs can read our minds and do what we want without detailed instructions, tools like Agent Ransack and FileLocator Pro are great productivity enhancers.

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NOTE: Starting in 2011 (Fall) APCUG (our parent organization) has conducted VIRTUAL Technical Conferences (VTC) four times a year. These conferences typically have 6 one-hour presentations on subjects of interest to many of us. On the day of the conference the presentations are available to view live (webinar) and allow members to ask questions of the presenters. If you are unable to attend the live webinars, APCUG has available on their website (apcug2.org) both video (YouTube) and PDF's of the presentations to allow all members to enjoy the presentations. To access the presentations (1) Go to the APCUG website www.apcug2.org, (2) At the top of the webpage place your cursor on the "Member Benefits" heading (3) From the dropdown list, select "VIRTUAL Tech Conferences". This takes you to a new web page that lists all the prior VIRTUAL Tech Conferences. Click on the conference presentations you wish to access. You can also subscribe to APCUG's YouTube channel at: www.youtube.com/apcugvideos. The VTC Presentations made during the last Summer, Spring, Winter, and Fall Conferences are as follows:

APCUG 2018 Fall Virtual Technology Conference (VTC30)
> **11/03/2018**
> **Track 1**
>> 1:00 PM ET If it's Connected, it needs to be Protected!
>>> Bob Gostischa, Avast Evangelist
>> 2:00 PM ET Cut the Cord, Things to Consider Before Firing Your Cable Company"
>>> Hewie Poplock, Central Florida Computer Society Windows SIG leader; APCUG Representative
>> 3:00 PM ET Excel Magic
>>> Alan Salmon, ASc, FCPB, PHF, President, Alan Salmon & Associates Inc.
> **Track 2**
>> 1:00 PM Take Control of Your Passwords
>>> Joe Kissell, Publisher, Take Control Books
>> 2:00 PM ET Hands-on Demo – Windows 10, October Release
>>> Bill James, Vice President, Computer Club of Oklahoma City; Advisor, Region 8
>> 3:00 PM ET Digital Literacy with TechBoomers
>>> Steve Black, TechBoomers Founder and CEO

APCUG 2018 SUMMER VIRTUAL TECHNICAL CONFERENCE (VTC29)
08/18/2018
Track 1
1:00 PM ET What's New with Chromebooks in 2018
Ron Brown, Program Chair, Silvercom Computer and Technology Club
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Jere Minich, Lake-Sumter Program Chair; APCUG Advisor, Region 5
3:00 PM ET Digital Afterlife
Phillip "Phil" Bock, President, Lake County Area Computer Enthusiasts
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Simon Wiesenthal Center
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California Linux Expo; Technical Specialist, American Radio Relay League
3:00 PM ET Evidence Based Medicine Dr. Garry Sexton, President, Greater South Bay
User Group

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Jere Minich, Program Chair, Lake-Sumter Computer Society
3:00 PM ET Teaching Technology Topics to Seniors
Ray Baxter, Payson Computer Meet-Up Club, APCUG Treasurer
TRACK 2
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Bill James, VP, Computer Club of Oklahoma City; APCUG Advisor, Region 8
2:00 PM ET That's new with Ubuntu?
Orv Beach, Training Chair, Southern California Linux expo – SCALE
3:00 PM ET Write and Publish Your eBook on Amazon Kindle… for Free
Bill Neves, Member, Silvercom Computer and Technology Club

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APCUG 2018 Winter VIRTUAL TECHNICAL Conference (VTC27)
02/10/2018

TRACK 1

1:00 PM ET Social Networking: How to Navigate Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Instagram Abby Stokes, Author, "Is This Thing On?"

2:00 PM ET Protect Your Important Tech 'Stuff'
Toby Scott, Tech Guru, Channel Islands PCUG

3:00 PM ET 2 Factor Authentication (2FA)
Ron Brown, Program Chair, Silvercom Computer and Technology Club

TRACK 2

1:00 PM ET Google apps at home and on the go
Phil Sorrentino, The Computer Club newsletter contributor

2:00 PM ET Becoming Your Own Computer Expert
Philip "Phil" Bock, President, Lake County Area Computer Enthusiasts

3:00 PM ET Getting Better Google Search Results
Hewie Poplock, APCUG Rep/Windows SIG Leader, Central Florida Computer Society;Chromebooks for Seniors Proponent, http://hewie.net, http://cb4s.net

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CCS Computer Clubs

Your *Chicago Computer Society* (CCS) has several Computer Clubs which meet monthly throughout the Chicagoland area. Computer Club meetings provide the opportunity for beginners and experienced computer users to get a chance to meet and share experiences, ideas, problems and challenges.

You are welcome to attend as many Computer Club and SIG. (Special Interest Groups) meetings as you wish each month. Many CCS members regularly attend the Computer Club meetings most convenient to their home or work place. Some have also been to one or more SIG. meetings of particular interest. There is no charge to attend CCS Computer Club or SIG. meetings. Guests are always welcome.

Please check The Monthly Calendar on the CCS (ccs.org) website to Determine if the meeting has been re-scheduled from day stated below or has been canceled

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    Dick Brandt Day (847) 825-3873 E-mail: richbran1@comcast.net

North Suburban Computer Club   Third Thursday   7:00 p.m.
    Ed Keating Eve: 847-438-0027 E-mail: edward.keating@yahoo.com

South Suburban Computer Club   Third Tuesday   7:00 p.m.
    Jane W. Smith Eve: (708) 895-5420 E-mail: jsmith413@aol.com

West Suburban Computer Club   First Thursday   7:00 p.m.
    Stan Hungness Eve: (630) 357-4554 E-mail: shungness@yahoo.com

Access Developers SIG   Second Monday   6:30 p.m.
    Mary Sue Honigschmidt Eve: (630) 986-1853 E-mail: marysue@red-works.com

ACT! SIG   Various   7:00 p.m
    Alan Lee: (847) 352-4770   E-mail: Alan@etechsys.com

Computing Tips Tricks SIG   First Monday   6:30 p.m.
    Sanford Kolnick: E-Mail: sanford@core.com

Computing Tips/Fixes SIG   First Wednesday   6:00 p.m.
    Bill Zeigler: (847)-265-8215 E-mail: bz@zeigler.com

South Suburban - Windows New User SIG   First Tuesday   7:00 p.m.
    Al Cheeks Day: (708) 748-5115 E-mail: alcheeks@comcast.net

Downtown Computer Club   Fourth Friday   2:00 p.m.
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Chicago Computer Society Purpose

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The purposes of the Society are to operate exclusively for charitable, scientific or educational purposes, in the course of which operation and in furtherance thereof:

TO PROVIDE its membership with timely, accurate, and practical solutions to microcomputer productivity problems.

TO ATTRACT and help educate new microcomputer users, and to retain and learn from experienced, knowledgeable users.

TO SATISFY the information needs of its membership.

TO BE a recognizable force in the industry so that Society opinions may positively influence future microcomputer products

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