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Events Calendar

# Charlotte Bytes

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## NEXT MEETING

**June 6, 2023**

Military Heritage Museum  
Auditorium, 1st Floor  
900 W Marion St.  
Punta Gorda, FL

6:00 pm—Open Forum

7:00 pm—Member Mtg

Zoom Available



## CCCGC President's Message Mary Fleenor, President

### CCCGC President's Message June 2023

Summer is coming and it's certainly getting hot outside! *The CCCGC office will be closed on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Memorial day. The office will also be closed on Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Independence Day. Also, we will not have a general meeting for July because of the holiday.*

The next CCCGC general meeting will be on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at the Military Heritage Museum in Punta Gorda. The monthly meeting will also be available via Zoom for those who are unable to meet in person. The link to the Zoom session is on the <http://cccgc.info/> homepage. The Open Forum (general questions and answers) will begin at 6PM, followed by the main program at 7PM. This month's topic will be The Birth of Computers by George Dyson and presented by Gary Skillicorn. This will be an interesting history of computing.

The Favorite of the Month for June is Avery.com with a brief demo of how to create, edit and print labels, cards or other items using Avery templates or your own design.

Please check the Events Calendar for the course offerings and click the links to register. Remember all classes are free to members! Please notify the instructor if you have questions you would like answered in the scheduled session. Let us know if you have special knowledge you would like to share with us as an instructor or presenter.

Know anyone who needs a little sunshine due to illness, injury or loss of a loved one? Contact the office at [cccgcoffice@gmail.com](mailto:cccgcoffice@gmail.com) or 941-585-0356 and let us know.

If you would like to contribute to CCCGC by volunteering in the office on the front desk or providing technical support, becoming an instructor/presenter or have suggestions to improve CCCGC, please contact us. Looking forward to getting your input: [cccgcoffice@gmail.com](mailto:cccgcoffice@gmail.com), 941-585-0356 or click on the **Suggestion Box** on <http://cccgc.info/>.

Stay safe and healthy!

Mary Fleenor, President

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## Welcome New Members

Jeffrey Sassenscheid III

Jeffrey Sassenscheid Jr.

Bonnie Verminski

Ed Verminski

The Executive Board of Directors and Members of CCCGC welcome each of you to the group. We're here to help. Membership has its privileges.

If you have any questions, concerns or need computer help, please contact us at the office, by telephone or via the website. We will endeavor to help you any way we can.

## 2023 Officers & Directors



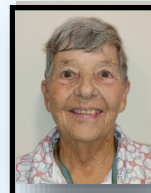
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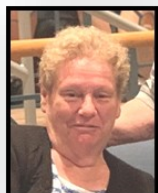
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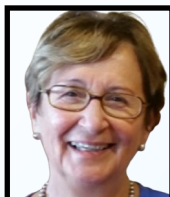
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**Fran Robitaille**

It is a pleasure to serve you in 2023 thru classes, presentations and individual assistance.

Please help to spread the word about CCCGC to your friends and neighbors.



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## May Member Drawings



GiftCards

Bill Marr    Dee Frolloj    Jerry Meuiler    Lydai Rist



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Margaret Martinek



Computer Drawing

Jonathan Swap





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## Future Events & Presentations

### [June 2023 CCCGC Classes & Programs](#)

#### June 6 Member Meeting

Military Heritage Musuem Auditorium  
900 W Marion St, Punta Gorda  
6-7 PM Open Forum  
7-8 PM General Member Meeting

#### June 8 Maintenance & Back-up

2-4 PM Office  
Lydia Rist

#### June 13 Open Forum

2-4 PM, Office + Zoom  
Mary Fleenor  
[Fleenor Class Link](#)

#### June 15 Video Editing/Clip Champ **In Person**

2-4 PM, Office  
Mark Krider

#### June 22 Maintenance

2-4 PM, Office  
Lydia Rist



**May 26** Board of Director Meeting  
2:00 pm  
514 E Grace St, Punta Gorda  
[CCCGC BdMtg](#)



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As members of CCCGC, you are automatically members of Association of Personal Computer User group (APCUG) who offer free ZOOM classes and presentations to members. However, you must register with them to attend. Check the website for course options and registration: <https://apcug2.org/>

APCUG past presentations can be viewed on YouTube. These are handy links for review if you attended them or had to miss the original presentation. Click the link below to see all the options.

[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=apcug](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=apcug)

**General Meeting Zoom Link**

Click [HERE](#)

**Board Meeting Zoom Link**

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**[4TH of July Member Meeting is Cancelled](#)**



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## Computer/Tech Information



### Brave Search

By John Durso / May 2, 2023 / [Leave a Comment](#) / [Browser, Internet, Privacy, Security](#)

Recently, Brave Search announced that it has removed the last remnant of Bing from its search engine, achieving 100% independence. With 22 million daily queries, Brave Search is the fastest-growing search engine since Bing – which launched in 2009.

When it launched in June 2021, Brave Search served results using its own index but still relied on 13% of its queries from third parties. Total independence was Brave Search's primary goal and in less than a year, Brave Search's independence score increased from 87% to 93%. But, Bing still represented 7% of Brave Search query results. Now, every Web search result in Brave Search is served by Brave's index. They removed all search API calls to Bing.

Although Web searches are 100% independent, video and images still rely on a third party. Rather than calling an external service, Brave Search has opted for a simple redirect to either Google or Bing. But the Brave Search team has stated they are working on improving videos and image search capabilities.

### Alternative Search Sites Dependence On Technology And Business Model

DuckDuckGo, Startpage, and others are often mentioned as "alternative search engines". But the diversity of alternative search engines turns out to be an illusion. Most "alternatives" don't have their own search index. Instead, they use Google's or Microsoft Bing's index and simply add their own user interface. The same is often true of the business model – most search engines not only adopt the results of Google or Bing but also the ads from their advertising networks.

Google's search engine controls over 93 percent of the global search market. The next largest search engine is Microsoft's Bing with a global share of about 3% (according to Statcounter as of March 2023).

Ecosia, Qwant, and Yahoo, for example, all rely on Bing. DuckDuckGo shows a mix from different sources but relies mainly on Bing. Others, like Startpage, get their results and ads directly from Google.



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### Why Independence Now

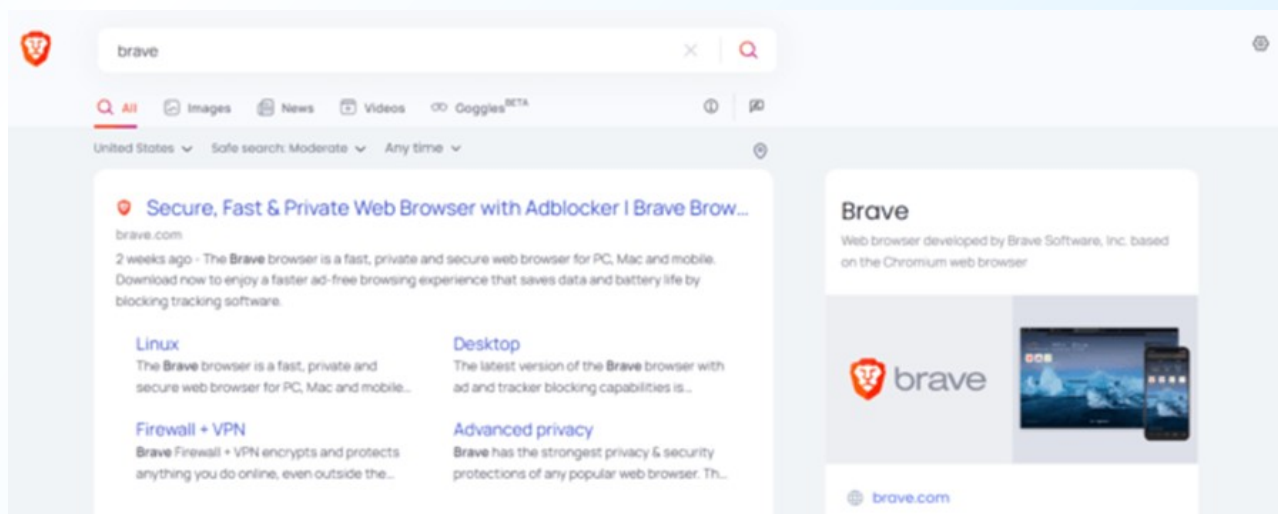
Brave stated that they accelerated their goal of 100% independence due to concerns about the future of the Bing API. As a result of Microsoft's partnership with OpenAI, the price of the Bing API has increased significantly, ranging from 257% to 900%. "This creates undue pressure for search engines that rely partly or fully on the Bing Search API," Brave stated. "The consequences of their reliance on Bing will play out in the following months when their long-term contracts expire."

### Brave Search API

Brave also announced plans to release its own Brave Search API. This will give developers and companies the ability to build custom search experiences that can compete with the quality provided by "Big Tech". Due to Bing's drastic price increase, other alternative search engines may switch to Brave Search's API in the future.

### Using Brave Search

Brave Search is an independent, privacy-focused search engine. Brave Search neither tracks you, your queries, your searches, nor your clicks. Nor does it use secret methods or algorithms to bias or censor results based on current events, political, religious, ethical, or other beliefs. Brave Search relies on anonymous community input to refine results, and community-created alternative ranking models to ensure diversity.





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## Computer/Tech Information cont.

Brave Search supports nearly 50 bangs – shortcuts that quickly take you to search results on other sites. When you use Brave Search bangs within the Brave Browser, you can get search results from other search sites while still being protected from third-party ads and trackers from those sites.

Brave Search offers Google Fallback Mixing as an option for any query that does not return enough results allowing the browser to anonymously check Google for the same query. And users can use Goggles, a beta feature of Brave Search, to re-rank and filter results from the Brave Search index.

### Bottom Line

Is Brave Search any good? I have been using Brave Search on and off for a while. When it first came out, I did not find the searches that good, but they have improved significantly. I use the Brave Browser (see Jim Hillier's review of the Brave Browser) as my default browser and, a while back, I set Brave Search as the default search engine in my browser (see Jim Hillier's article on how to set and manage search engines in Brave). You can also use Brave Search by visiting [search.brave.com](https://search.brave.com) from any browser. Having an alternative search engine to Google or Bing is a good thing and Brave Search gives users that option.

If you give Brave Search a try, let us know in the comments whether or not you like it.





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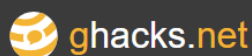
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