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The President's Platform by Ron Wallis, President CCCGC

The volunteer of the month of May is Harold Nixon.

Harold is well known in the club. He has been president, vice president, and is our present treasurer. He is also webmaster for our club webpage and keeps track of our members' database. Right now he is installing Windows 10 on our donated computers before the July 29 deadline. Harold also does a good share of members help. We honor him this month for his contribution to the club.



May is here and most of the snowbirds have flown north for the summer. We wish them all a wonderful time.

The slower summer season is a good time to get your computers cleaned. Remember, the jerks writing malicious software don't take vacations, so keep up your security.

We got word that Windows 8.1, 8, and 7 may be approaching end of life in the fall, so be sure to get your free Windows 10 upgrade before July 29.

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COMPUTER DRAWING

SUSIE STERLING was all smiles and was grateful to win this great machine. It wasn't hard to pack it up and take it home.



50/50 WINNER

DONNA RENDANO was the lucky person that had the winning ticket.

Her smile says it all. She will find a home for the money.



DOOR PRIZE WINNERS



Left To Right

Glenn Taylor

Barbara Troike

George Miller

Gisele Bailey

Maurice Desforge

WELCOME

New Members

Richard Ellerman	Terry Frey	Larry Grubbs
Cindy Wheeler	Edward Brauer	Joyce Brauer
Katherine Burnett	Judy Kreager	Diane Markcity
Robert Maxon Jr.	Gloria Patmore	Janet Plant
Sam Puckett	Franz Staugler	Virginia Barnes
Mary Hitzer	Elaine Picard	Phillip Rondeau
Paul Unkefer	Janice Urbanek	Mieczyslaw Wazny

The Executive Board 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. We will endeavor to help you any way we can.

Dick Evans held our attention with his discussion of computers in general. After going through facts about the very basics like defining bytes, kb (kilobytes), mb (megabits or megabytes), and gb (gigabytes) to tb (terabytes), then Dick moved on to Ram and the size of hard drives. They can be portable or external.

We then learned about TinyURL.com which after a few examples found out it works well when you want to shorten a long URL. The next subject was creating a shortcut from the web to your desktop which is merely dragging the address line to the desktop. Then we jumped into converting images to .pdf or pdf's to word or any other type of document. This program is found on pdf.com and is a great little program. Download it to your computer and get started.

Antivirus and passwords were next on the list. Just touching on each of these subjects allowed the audience to find out how much more there is to a computer other than e-mail.

All of the subjects that were touched on will be listed on the CCCGC website under Dick Evans Program dated 04-05-2016. Visit it and see how much you can learn.

Lydia



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How to Stop Windows 10 From Using So Much Data

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Windows 10 is designed to be an always-connected, always-up-to-date operating system. It's the most data-hungry version of Windows yet, but you can restrain it from going all-out on your home network with a few tricks.

Check Per-Application Data Usage

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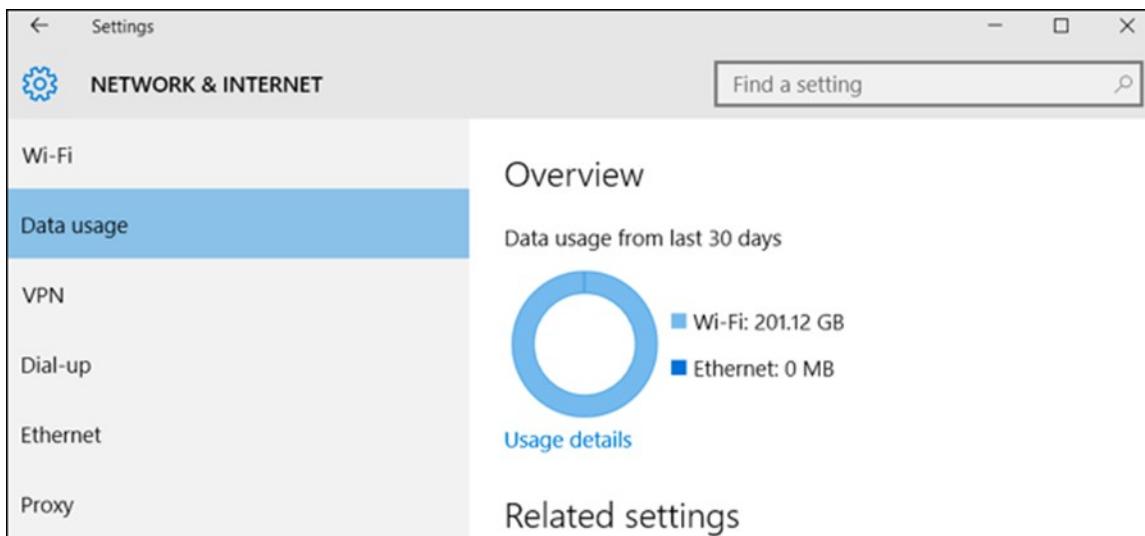
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Despite all Windows 10's automatic updates, the majority of data usage on your PC probably comes from the applications you use. Windows 10 includes a new "Data Usage" tool that allows you to see exactly how much data each application on your computer has been using. This will help you track down data-hungry programs, including third-party ones.

To check your data usage over the last 30 days, open the Settings app from your Start menu and head to Network & Internet > Data Usage. You'll see a graph showing how much data your Windows 10 PC has used over the last 30 days, broken down between Wi-Fi and wired Ethernet.

Go to HOWTOGEEKS for complete article.



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Windows 10 Anniversary Upgrade

Eight months after its release, Microsoft announced that there were over 270 million users. A lot of that was certainly because it was free and some because it was forced on users. Some installations were less than welcome, mostly by individuals successfully running Windows 7. I still see many of my customers looking at that Windows Update Logo with trepidation. If you are one of them, then the decision to take the plunge or not is looming near. If you are not sure you want Windows 10 for free, I feel confident you will appreciate it less when you have to pay for it. My recommendation is to click the update before the deadline and give it a try. If you are not happy you can quickly go back to your previous version of Windows.

In that first article, I was using build 10049, Coded “Threshold”, named after a location on their popular Halo Game. Today I am using build 14316.rs1 with the rs standing for the next major release code named “Redstone”. A nod to a mineral in the successful Minecraft game. Redstone has a probable release date that will be very close to one year after the official release making it a legitimate Anniversary Update. It will also be free to all Windows 10 users and is expected to remain version 10 not version 11. Microsoft has hinted that it may name major releases similar to Apples Lion, Maverick, etc.

Windows 10 Upgrade Strategy

Microsoft is obviously trying to get as many users as possible, which is evident by giving free versions of this and possibly all future releases. Remember, the goal of Windows 10 is to have the same look and feel on PCs, Laptops, Tablets, and Smartphones. Microsoft executive Terry Myerson said “they hope to have over 1 billion devices running Windows 10 within the next few years”. You can bet that a large portion of their goal is to make Windows so dominate that it will slide over to smartphone users.