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Please register using the link on a calendar date or sign-up form on the website www.cccgc.info

Next General Meeting of CCCGC
May 4, 2021

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

5:00 pm—Open for membership info, raffle tickets

6:00 PM—Open Forum
7:00 PM—Member Meeting

Also join via ZOOM if you can't come in person.

CCCGC General Meeting

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Editor: Rose M Kopenec

CCCGC President's Message
George Kopenec, President

Dear Members,

As of March 1, 2021 we opened for business from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 514 E. Grace Street, Rm 144, Punta Gorda, FL 33950. You will need to call the office or ring the doorbell at the side entrance to let us know you are here as all hallway doors are locked for security. The office phone number continues to be **941-585-0356**. This is a County Government building, masks are required.

The May 4, 2021 member meeting will be face-to-face at the Military Heritage Museum Auditorium, 900 W Marion Street, Punta Gorda. It is a wonderful space with tiered seating. Remember, you will need your CCCGC member badge, especially for the raffles. If you can't find your name badge or need assistance, the membership team will be at the entrance to assist you. As with the April meeting, we will also have the meeting on ZOOM for those who cannot join us in person in the Auditorium. Use this link: **CCCGC General Meeting** those attending from afar.

If you missed some of the prior monthly meetings, via Zoom, visit our CCCGC YouTube site and check out the various presentations at:
https://youtube.com/channel/UC7Jpkwhi8Sdl-FQSdjnY7Og

Check the Event Calendar and Page 3-4 of the Bytes for course offerings with us and APCUG. Click the links for attendance with us or registration with the APCUG group.

If you need personal computer or tablet assistance, let the office know of your needs or go to our website: **cccgc.info**, click on the "New Class Sign Up" to request help. Type a short description in #6 regarding the help you need. If you want a particular person, i.e., me, Dick, Rose, or anyone specific, put the name in box #5. If you don't know who to request, type "anyone" or leave it blank and one of us will contact you as soon as possible.

If you know of other CCCGC members who are sick or have recently died, please share the information with the club office.

George Kopenec
President

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April Member Meeting Report

On April 6, 2021 CCCGC held its monthly gathering at the Military Heritage Museum Auditorium. It was great to see everyone again plus some new faces.

5:00 pm Members had time for interaction & get-to-know-you space, check on membership info, secure raffle tickets and get ready for the open forum.

6:00 pm The Intermediate open forum class, led by Dick Evans, was attended by 38 members. Some topics discussed included: Facebook browser, search engines such as DuckDuckGo, Google Chrome, Brave; Speedtests, Control "Z" to reverse your last action, icons, Snip It, among other things.

7:00 pm General Member meeting was attended by 43 members on site and 9 members via ZOOM.

- ◆ George Kopenec congratulated the April Volunteer of the Month, Mary Fleenor.

- ◆ George Kopenec shared the "Monthly Favorites" for April: "AlternativeTo" which lets you find apps and software for Windows, Mac, Linux, iPhone, iPad, Android, Android Tablets, Web Apps, Online, Windows Tablets and more ... Check out the website at: https://alternativeto.net/

- ◆ Gary Butler, Executive Director of the Military Museum presented some background and information about the museum. We all thanked him for his generosity in sharing this wonderful space with us.

RAFFLE WINNERS

Prize #1 $25 Winn Dixie Gift Card—John Francois

Prize #2 $25 Walmart Gift Card—Nanette Simmons

Prize #3 $25 Winn Dixie Gift Card—Bob Mueller

Prize #4 $25 Walmart Gift Card—Marlene Vose

50/50 winner—Sam Walters

Laptop Winner—Fran Robitaille

8:00 pm the meeting closed officially.

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Future Events & Presentations

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May 2021 Classes & Programs

May 1   **Tech Forum**
Zoom Link
Mary Fleenor 12:00 to 2:00 pm

May 4   **Member Meeting**
Military Heritage Musuem Auditorium
900 W Marion St, Punta Gorda
(MUST wear mask & CCCGC Name Badge
5:00 pm   Membership/New & Renewal,
          Purchase raffle tickets
6:00 pm   Dick Evans, Intermediate Open Forum
7:00 pm   George Kopenec, Group Mtg Or
          CCCGC General Meeting for ZOOM

May 5   **Open Forum**
Link
Dick Evans 2:00 to 4:00 pm

May 10   **Beginner Help**
Beginner Help Link
Rose Kopenec 10:00 am to Noon

May 12   **Open Forum**
Link
Dick Evans 2:00 to 4:00 pm

May 15   **Tech Forum**
Zoom Link
Mary Fleenor 12:00 to 2:00 pm

May 19   **Open Forum**
Link
Dick Evans 2:00 to 4:00 pm

May 24   **Setting Up A Blog**
Blog Link
Rose Kopenec 10:00 am to Noon

May 26   **Open Forum**
Link
Dick Evans 2:00 to 4:00 pm

May 28   **Board of Director Mtg, 2:00 pm**
514 E Grace St, Rm 144, Punta Gorda

If you didn't attend the September 2020 to April 2021 Zoom
General Member meetings, or want to review them, check the
CCCGC YouTube channel. **Member Meetings**

apcug

An International Association of Technology and Computer User Groups

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May 1   **Virtual Technology Conference**

                  (see next page for extended info)

Aug 21   **Virtual Technology Conference**

Nov 6   **Virtual Technology Conference**

Interesting Links to Check Out

https://alternativeto.net/

https://www.1001freefonts.com/

https://privnote.com/

https://www.fakespot.com/

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Welcome to APCUG's
May 1, 2021
Virtual Technology Conference (VTC)

Click here to register-- https://forms.gle/4Mn1tz5pR8efWFYN6
Registration closes at 11:30 pm on Friday, April 30 PT

More information and bios: https://apcug2.org/apcug-2021-spring-vtc/

You do not need a Zoom account to attend the VTC. Please update to the latest version of Zoom before attending the conference. www.zoom.us/download

Unlike the Wednesday Workshops, you do not have access to the microphone. Please ask your questions in the Chatbox; the moderators (Bill James, Track 1 and John Kennedy, Track 2) will ask the questions. If there isn't time for all of the questions to be answered, Judy will send them to the speaker and forward the answers to those who put their **first and last name** (only) into the Chatbox for each presentation they attend. If there are any handouts for a presentation, those who have added their names to the Chatbox will receive them as well as the YouTube link to the presentation.

Track 1 – Presentation #1
9am PT – 10am MT – 11am CT – 12pm ET

Learn all about a VPN (Virtual Private Network)
Don Arrowsmith, President
Philadelphia Area Computer Society

What it is; Why you would want one; How you can get one; and How to use one. You can run your own for free if you have the right router, network file server, or even a Raspberry Pi. There will be detailed information about setting up a VPN on a router with that feature available.

Track 2 – Presentation #1
9am PT – 10am MT – 11am CT – 12pm ET

Sharan Kalwani, President
SouthEastern Michigan Computer Organization

The Audio in Audacity!
Audacity is a versatile program that can be used to record audio, edit sound files, and convert them to various formats. Audacity is Open Source; it is free. It is readily available to the public for download. This tutorial is designed to introduce new users to the basic features of the program.

Avidemux - open-source software for non-linear video editing
Avidemux is a very simple basic video editing tool. Of course, it is free and fun to use. This tutorial on Avidemux will introduce beginners to use this to cut, join, split, rotate videos as well as add filters.

Both of these programs are free cross-platform apps: Linux, BSD, Mac OS X, and Microsoft Windows.

Track 1 – Presentation #2
10am PT – 11am MT – 12pm CT – 1pm ET

Using the Control Center on your iPad
Brooke Thomas, President
Central Kentucky Computer Society

Brooke will demonstrate where the iPad Control Center is, how to customize it, and an overview of the different controls available within the Control Center.

Track 2 – Presentation #2
10am PT – 11am MT – 12pm ET – 1pm ET

Your Online Privacy
Joe Kissell, Author and Publisher
Take Control Books

Nowadays, it can be difficult to complete ordinary activities without placing our personal data online, but having our data online puts us at risk for theft, embarrassment, and all manner of trouble. Joe gives practical advice that we need to handle common online privacy problems and to develop a sensible online privacy strategy customized for our needs.

Track 1 – Presentation #3
11am PT – 12pm MT – 1pm CT – 2pm ET

Music in the Car
Ray Baxter, President
Payson Meetup Club

Remember when it was so "cool" to have a push-button AM radio in the car? This presentation will review how to utilize your existing Compact Disc collection, now that many new vehicles no longer have a CD player, by streaming from an online service, using Bluetooth, flash drives, smartphones, etc.

Track 2 – Presentation #3
11am PT – 12pm MT – 1pm CT – 2pm ET

Word Tips and Tricks
Jerry Heaton, Member
Central Kentucky Computer Society

During this presentation, you will be amazed at the available tools in the current version of Word. These handy tools will enhance your word processing experience. Speech recognition and editing assistance will also be covered.

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Welcome New Members

Cheryl Bogacki

Rosa Capiro

Jerry Spagnuolo

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.
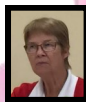
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We look forward to serving you in 2021 via classes, presentations and individual assistance. Please help to spread the word about CCCGC to your friends and neighbors. Stay safe, healthy, wear your mask, get the vaccine and hope to see you in 2021.

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Forms, Supplements, Membership, Classes, Bytes, etc.

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Dick Evans Computer Training
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