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May 2, 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

Members:

The next CCCGC general meeting will be on Tuesday, **May 2, 2023** at the Military Heritage Museum in Punta Gorda. This month's 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 on Artificial Intelligence (AI), presented by Fran R-obitalle. Fran will give a brief definition of AI and talk about what's changed to make AI technology available to everyone. This presentation will include short videos, demonstration, and a discussion of both the great potential value of this technology and risks related to its widespread use.

The Favorite of the Month for **May** is **Get road trip tips, in-depth travel features, exclusive discounts, traffic updates & more! Roadtrippers goes beyond navigation to show you all the cool stops between Point A and B. Special deals & discounts. In-depth travel stories.**

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 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: cccgoffice@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

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| Karen Augustyn | Carole Cottom |
| Joanne Lemay | Audrey Link |
| Mickey Lemay | |
| Robert Moore | |
| Bernard Renois | |
| Annette Sheaffer | |
| Keith Weber | |
| Sandy Weber | |

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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Mary Fleenor



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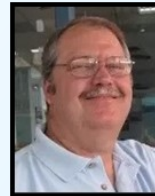
Mary Burne



Open



Tony Flores



Mark Krider



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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April Member Drawings



50/50

Shirley Hammond



Computer Drawing

George Kopeneck



Lydia Rist Kinga Cook

Gift Cards

No Names

Provided



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Future Events & Presentations

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

May 9 Open Forum
 2-4 PM, Office + Zoom
 Mary Fleenor
[Fleenor Class Link](#)

May 11 Maintenance & Back-up
 2-4 PM Office
 Lydia Rist

May 12 Easus Backup
 2-4 PM
 George Kopeneć

May 15 ipad and iphone Basics
 2-4 PM Office
 Rose Kopeneć

May 18 Zoom Basics In Person Only
 2-4 PM, Office
 Mark Krider

May 25 Maintenance
 2-4 PM, Office
 Lydia Rist



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



An International Association of Technology and
 Computer User Groups

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

General Meeting Zoom Link
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7 Reasons Why You Should Not Get a Ring Video Doorbell

Video doorbells are becoming more popular to help improve security. But they do come with some possible downsides.

BY ADRIAN NITA PUBLISHED AUG 26, 2022

Video doorbells are a fantastic way to keep tabs on your home and provide an extra layer of security. The Ring Video Doorbell is one of the most popular models on the market and has received rave reviews, and for a good reason.

From package delivery to keeping an eye on visitors, there are plenty of reasons to own a video doorbell.

But is a Ring doorbell right for you? Here are several reasons why you might want to reconsider getting a Ring Video Doorbell.

1. All Electronic Devices Can Be Hacked

Like any piece of technology, video doorbells are vulnerable to hacking. In 2019, The Washington Post reported that a hacker gained access to a Ring camera in a children's room and began talking to the 8-year-old girl who was in the room.

While Ring has since taken steps to increase security, this incident highlights the importance of being vigilant about the security of all your devices.

Your Ring Doorbell can be hacked and used to spy on you or your family if you don't take the necessary precautions. From regular software updates to strong passwords and two-factor authentication, there are several ways you can help keep your Ring doorbell safe from hackers.

All Wi-Fi-enabled devices are potential targets for hackers, even cloud-based ones like the Ring.

Cloud storage is a great way to ensure that you never lose your footage, but it also means that someone else can access it.

3. Privacy Concerns

Another potential downside of owning a video doorbell is the privacy concerns that come with it. By their very nature, video doorbells are designed to record people who are coming to your door, which raises a number of privacy concerns.

Not only do you have to worry about hackers gaining access to your footage, but you also have to worry about the government collecting your footage without consent. According to The Intercept, Amazon admitted to giving police access to Ring footage without a warrant or consent from Ring user.



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4. Third-Party Trackers

When downloading the Ring app, you're consenting to have your data collected and shared with third-party companies. An investigation by EFF of the Ring doorbell app for Android found that it shared a wealth of data with third-party trackers, including your IP address, mobile carrier, and device type.

While this information may not seem like a big deal, it can be used to build a profile of you and your family. While Ring's privacy notice says that it does not sell personally identifiable information, it's important to be aware of the data that is being shared with these third-party companies.

5. It Can Be Stolen

Video doorbells are a great way to detect porch pirates, but they can also be stolen themselves. Because they're small and easy to remove, thieves have been known to target video doorbells.

In one case, a thief in Colorado Springs was caught on camera stealing a Ring doorbell from home. The homeowner had left the doorbell unsecured, and the thief was able to simply pull it off the door and take it with him

While this is an isolated incident, it highlights the importance of securing your video doorbell to your door. Many video doorbells come with security screws that make it more difficult for thieves to remove them, so be sure to use them if your doorbell comes with them.

6. It Might Not Improve Your Home Security That Much

While a video doorbell can be a helpful addition to your home security system, it's important to remember that it's not a replacement for a traditional home security system.

A video doorbell is only as good as the person monitoring it, which means that you or someone else will need to be watching the footage at all times in order to truly improve your home security.

Additionally, a video doorbell will only give you a limited view of what's happening outside your door, which means that it won't be able to detect intruders who are entering your home from another location.

For these reasons, it's important to have a comprehensive home security system in place before adding a video doorbell.



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7. Internet Access Quality

Most video doorbells require a strong internet connection in order to function properly. This means that if you live in an area with spotty internet service, your video doorbell might not work as well as you want it to. From a delayed video feed to choppy audio, a weak internet connection can cause a number of problems for video doorbell users.

A Ring video doorbell can go offline for a number of reasons, including a weak internet connection, an incorrect Wi-Fi password, or a problem with the router. This will prevent you from being able to access your footage, which can be frustrating if you're trying to review footage of an incident.

Additionally, even if you have a strong internet connection, using a video doorbell can significantly slow down your Wi-Fi. This is because video doorbells use a lot of bandwidth, which can tax your home's internet connection.

A Better Way to Secure Your Home

A safe home is a secure home, but you don't need a video doorbell to achieve that. There are a number of other ways to secure your home from intruders, and many of them are more effective than a video doorbell.

When it comes to home security, it's important to find the system that works best for you and your family. For some, that might be a video doorbell. But for others, a more comprehensive approach might be best.



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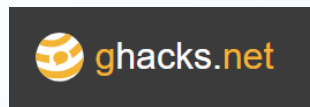
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