

Vista Royale Computer Club
Meeting Minutes February 1, 2018

Members: President Mike Johnson welcomed 33 members and showed a short slideshow of amazing animal photos. Then he used a Random Number Generator site to pick the lottery winners for the used equipment and these are the lucky members:

#1 Desktop: Maureen Kelly
#2 Desktop: Patrick Potter
#3 Desktop: Darryl Daniels
19" monitor: Vicky Getz
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Steve Getz did a great demonstration of the music identification app call 'Sound Hound' which will listen to the music, even your humming, and tell you the name of the song, who sang/played it and the lyrics. You can use the free one or purchase it for \$6.99 for full service. Other apps like it are 'Music ID' and 'Shazam'. He tried it with several songs in various genres from popular to classical. It is not recommended for use while driving except for the passenger. He has put the URL on the www.vrcc.info 'Apps Page'. He also suggests 'My Tuner Radio' app that you can play over Bluetooth on your car radio.

David Kimball had some Show & Tell for us which was very interesting. He has been computing since 1952 and brought in an IBM 705 memory board w/2k of memory. It was handwoven from copper wire and very fragile. He also had a box of IBM tubes for banks of tubes for the early tape drives. Thanks, David, for your presentation.

Then Mike Johnson showed some uses of the spreadsheet component of Open Office that is on our Lab machines. These are other than the regular budgeting and number crunching uses. He had examples of a password sheet, a 'closing the condo' check list, a Contacts' list and a sheet to show his monthly bills and how/when/where they are paid. A Google search for other ideas shows Christmas card/gift list, a donation sheet, grocery lists..... **anything** that needs sorting-adding-averaging or keeping track of. You can safely download the free Open Office Suite through our website on the Links Page. You might like to take a look at these sites as well.

Free Open Office Templates: <https://templates.openoffice.org/>

Free Google Docs and Spreadsheet Templates here:

<https://www.smartsheet.com/free-google-docs-and-spreadsheet-templates>

Free Excel ones here: <https://www.spreadsheet123.com/ExcelTemplates/index.html>

Microsoft Office Templates:

<https://templates.office.com/?legRedir=true&CorrelationId=f26f9eeb-06b6-4100-8c9d-baa693e6bc2c>

Vicky announced that she will be holding a free 2-part 'iPad & iPhone Basic Skills Workshop next Monday and Wednesday, Feb 5th & 7th, in the evening from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. The Sign-up Sheet is on the black desk in the Lab; make sure you bring your device to class. Please let her know if you cannot make it, so someone else can have the slot.

If you need a bit of help, consider the extra hours in the Lab for Independent Genealogy Research on Monday 3-5 with Alison Findlay and Wednesday 3-5 with Sandy McKenny. We still have some \$5 USB memory sticks for sale in the file cabinet if you need one..... our cost.

We finished our program with an amusing video depicting life in the 1950's in America; another one of Mike's discoveries.

Our speakers next week will be Margretta Anderson showing us how to use the photo site 'ShutterFly. com'. Then Dick Anderson will demonstrate several of his favorite Apple apps. This should be a very interesting session.

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