

VISTA ROYALE COMPUTER CLUB  
April 4, 2019

Members:

President Mike Johnson welcomed 15 members to our 4 April 2019 meeting. We have 146 paid members this year. He mentioned the upcoming VRCC election of officers next week; it would be nice to be able to train some new members for the many various jobs that are presently being done by only a few.

He handed out a draft program sheet for members to add additional program ideas or give their preferences for next year. A Program Committee was suggested to handle our 19 meetings; let us know if that is something you are interested in participating in. We are attaching this file to all members with this report.

Mike is in charge of the last meeting and refreshments will be provided. It will be an enjoyable potpourri program in anticipation of the end of our year. The LAST day in the Lab will be Friday, April 12, 2019. The Hurricane Packing Day will be **9am on Monday**, April 15th; many hands make light work. We are currently taking a good look at some of our gadgets and will be giving some of them we no longer need or will work with Win10 to members next week. Veho slide scanner for XP, some motherboards, router..... Free.

In the meantime, everything in the bookcase, cabinets and cart will be safely wrapped for the summer in big zip lock bags. Then Vicky will be updating the Win7 computers to Win 10 while we can do it for free. Your officers also prepare our room reservations for 2020, organize our stickers, sign-in sheets and annual report to the Vista Royal BOD. There will be lots of activity going on in the background.

David Kimball presented a comprehensive but easy to follow presentation on Artificial Intelligence, making comparisons to our own human intelligence. He explained that the objective was to help us understand AI so as not to fear it, understand why others might fear it and to understand the disconnects that are caused by misunderstandings.

What is Artificial Intelligence? It involves the techniques used to teach computers to learn, reason, perceive, infer, communicate, and make decision similar to or better than humans. The known types of Human Intelligence are now recognized as being Visual/spatial, Kinesthetic/body, Creative, interpersonal/with others, Intrapersonal/with self, Linguistics and Logical/Mathematical. He explained all of the human ones and whether any of them transitioned to Artificial Intelligence and how well. Apparently they all function in different parts of our brain and if section is damaged, doctors can predict that particular loss of intelligence.

He gave great examples and a particular interesting one was the 5 levels of AI-Driven autos. 2 questions posed: Who determines fault with automatic cars? Can autos be trained to think like humans. We have a couple of the handouts in the Lab; if they are gone, ask Sandy for them. David told us of a video that was of robots falling down..... classic malfunction. You can laugh as well at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g0TaYhipOf0> . There are several in a row, but I liked <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-e9QzlkP5qI> . It brings new meaning to the movie 'How to train your Dragon'.

Interesting tidbit: Amazon apparently abandoned their drone deliveries for the moment due to the 'last 50 yards'. The drones could not figure out how to do the last part of the delivery given the billions of variations. Thanks David for such an in depth program. It was very interesting and I am sure none of us will ever look at AI quite the same as we used to do.

Our next meeting as usual is at 9:30 a.m. Thursday morning April 11, 2019 in the kitchen of Pine Arbor. Mike Johnson showing and talking about ????; always fun interesting stuff and a complete surprise. There will also be refreshments as this is our LAST program of the season.

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