

VISTA ROYALE COMPUTER CLUB

January 9, 2020

President Mike Johnson opened the meeting with a couple of announcements, one regarding our email. Please put the computer club vrcomputerclub@gmail.com into your contact list as we have been having trouble getting our communications system to work properly.

Don't forget to pay your \$20 cash dues for 2020 to get access to the lab, 18 programs a year, Ancestry.com Library Edition in the lab and lots of other perks; inexpensive for amount of hours we are open and what we offer our members. We will be moving to the 2020 list soon, so renew to continue getting the Club information every week.

We have 5 people that may be interested in a Mac/Apple special interest group. Since we do not have an Apple guru, they may elect to organize as a sub-group using the Lab as their headquarters. Let us know how you all want to proceed.

He then did drawings for a monitor, router, modem/router, tablet cover. There are also 3 office chairs we are giving away; claim one in the lab by identifying yourself and your membership sticker. We will be giving away a Win10 laptop to a member at the January 30 meeting, be there to participate.

Our first guest was member Claude White who graciously shared the information on the personalized book that he created at Shutterfly this past summer chronicling his life. He read a few excerpts from it and what a wonderful gift for his children and grandchildren. The price was about \$70 and # of copies determines whether you get free shipping; he initially ordered 20 as gifts and did a second printing later. This was definitely a labor of love and we all enjoyed some of his tales of his youth. Thanks, Claude

<https://www.shutterfly.com/> New, Chic, Stylish Collections. Photo Books, Prints, Personalized Cards, Gifts and More. Renowned Stationery Plus the Best in Photo Gifts and Decor from the Industry Leaders. Easy to Make. Printed in the USA. Fast and Secure Delivery. New Designs and Styles.

You will probably want to sign up for an account so you will be notified of any specials. There is a good promotion when you do sign-up. They have a sister site called '[tinyprints.com](https://www.tinyprints.com/)' for cards, announcements and invitations.

Sandy McKenny reiterated that addition of putting the computer club email address in your contacts as it has been a couple of tough weeks getting information to all of you. She also explained the Ron & Delores Carboni Easter Basket fund for the homeless children in 2 shelters in Indian River County. This a fundraiser of a golf tournament, a golf tournament & lunch or just lunch. The posters are in the Lab and Sandy has \$15 tickets for the lunch and donation. Ron Carboni was one of our first members and he and his wife started this project about 10 years ago. It provides about 65 local kids with a small Easter basket and a new outfit. As these kids are in 'homeless shelters' they have next to nothing. The date is Sunday, January 26 at Royale Palm Clubhouse and bound to be a fun afternoon with good food as it is chaired by Mario & June Laudano. You can sign up for the golf portion of the event at the American Golf Course right here at Vista Royale. All of the varieties of tickets have a donation component and just donations are welcome.

<https://www.thebestscanners.com/wolverine-titan-8-1-review.html> is the up to date film scanner the club just purchased for your use. It is essential to have your own *SD/SDHC memory card* to capture all the photos that you scan as our computers in the Lab do not save your data. They are about \$6 to \$7 dollars each for a 16 GB one; DO NOT PURCHASE one larger than 32 GB. Here are the specs for the scanner:

Rapidly digitize your negatives, slides, and 8mm movies with this F2D Titan 8-in-1 High-Definition Film to Digital Converter from Wolverine Data. Able to work with 35mm, 110, 127, 126 and APS format films as well as 8mm and Super 8 movies, this scanner can help you scan almost all of your precious memories. Using a 20MP sensor, it can deliver high resolution scans up to 5472 x 3648 pixels in just 3 seconds. Users can view these images using the large 4.3" color LCD as well as tweak brightness and color balance settings. For smooth, fast scanning, the F2D Titan uses speed-load adapters dedicated to each format of slide or negative and then saves the images as JPEGs to either internal memory or an optional SD/SDHC memory card. Additionally, users can connect to a computer via a mini-USB port or output directly to a TV over HDMI. It is also easily powered via the USB connection and can be connected to AC power using the included power adapter.

Supports 35mm slides in typical cardboard mounts, 35mm unmounted slides, 35mm negatives, 110, 127, 126, and APS format films as well as 8mm and Super 8 movies. Please note that some thicker 35mm slide mounts may not be compatible.

Speed-Load adapters for quickly loading film strips and slides

Single pass operation with LED backlight

Internal memory can hold up to 40 images

Compatible with Mac and Windows-based computers

Vicky Getz and Grace Rousseau tried it out a couple of days ago in the lab and it works really well. You will be able to sign it out for a week at a time..... cutting edge technology in our own Lab!

There is a safe link to a step by step tutorial on the 'Photography' page at www.vrcc.info

We are also purchasing a new cross-cut shredder as ours has reached the end of its life. We shall have it before tax season.

Ned Lynch's Presentation: These are 2 of Ned's favorite apps on his Android phone which have effectively stopped all of his nasty spam calls.

First use the look-up to verify who the call is from and if unknown or designated as spam, use the Blacklist to block the phone number. There is an equivalent in the Apple store for your Apple phone. Always look for the most 'stars' when downloading apps as they are apt to be a safer download. Ned will be back later in the season showing a 'chat' or texting app for your computer that he will demonstrate with his son at a remote location.

'reverse lookup pro' app

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.socketwire.reverselookupro&hl=en_US

'calls Blacklist pro' app

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.vladlee.callsblacklist&hl=en_US

See you on Thursday, January 16 for Melinde Lutz Byrne who is a well know Forensic Genealogist. This should be a really interesting program for all members.

Don't forget to stop in and pay your dues..... still \$20 cash-bring your badge.

A Happy & Healthy New Year!

Sandy McKenny sec