

VRCC Minutes & information for Thursday, Jan 26, 2017

President Mike Johnson welcomed 43 members and guests. Our current paid membership is 176 and growing every day. The photography group cannot start as it is still in need of a leader. Also looking for a club President & Vice President. This is the last newsletter using the 2016 mailing list. If you have not paid your dues of \$20 cash in the Lab; we hope you will miss us and come back.

Mike also suggested that everyone with an "autopay" situation with Comcast turn it off on their account by visiting their account page at www.comcast.net or calling the 800 number. It will be easier for you to send another check/payment than wait for a refund or credit on your account when you transition to AT&T. Just be aware if you are keeping Comcast for phone & internet, you get a \$10 discount for autopay.

AT&T is setting up the rest of our complex as fast as they can for TV. Use the fill-in form that Vicky provided last week to help you in that endeavor.

Jürgen Schwanitz of ACT Computers was our guest this week speaking about the Microsoft operating system 'Windows 10'. He ran through many of the new features and quirks including:

Win10 has a much faster boot time, especially if you have a new static hard drive.

The return of the old start menu; the 'tablet mode' view can be enabled by Alt Key when turning on computer.

Win10 has multi-lingual capabilities if you have more than one user'.

'Settings' is handled a little differently.

Updates are more difficult & the anniversary update is coming soon.

Do not use 'WebPro' with Windows 10.

To find the control panel, use the 'windows' key and x on your keyboard.

Cortana voice commands only works when trained and is exclusive to Windows 10 operating system.

The new Win10 browser 'Edge' is very quick and a replacement for Internet Explorer, but Chrome is safer.

Keep running Win7 if you have it, but upgrade to Win 10 if you have Win8.

You can now use facial recognition, fingerprints in addition to passwords if you have the right configuration.

ACT Computers, located in the K-mart Plaza, is a full service Computer Sales and Service Store and usually has a 24 hour turn-around for repairs to your equipment. They have 7 techs in all; 2 techs on the road for home based set-up and repairs. Most of our Lab equipment and networking has been purchased through them and many of our members have had excellent service there.

Jürgen also explained that his store, ACT Computers, had purchased some VR [Virtual Reality] goggles and would be happy to demo them for you. This is all the rage with consumers and you would need a gaming machine powerful enough to run them. The new Google Earth VR is especially exciting. Thanks for another great presentation Jürgen. We look forward to seeing him and his 'Apple' expert, Christopher, on March 9th. Here is a link to his videos-new every Friday on helpful ideas on keeping the PC running as it should:

Link to our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/user/actcomputers>

Those of you who are interested in compiling your genealogy research and facts in some genealogy software should watch at least some of the tutorial at <http://rootsmagic.com/Webinars/> At the bottom of that page, watch some of "1. Getting Started with RootsMagic."

RootsMagic also offers free, short (15 minutes or less) training videos on individual topics at [RootsMagicTV.com](https://www.youtube.com/user/RootsMagicTV). <https://www.youtube.com/user/RootsMagicTV> We have the free Roots

For those of you who already have some research experience, Alison Findlay will open the Lab for independent work on Mondays 3-5. Sandy will do likewise on Wed 3-5pm. This information is on the website calendar. Of course you can do your genealogy research at Ancestry.com **anytime** the Lab is open as it is on all our Lab computers.

Next week, Feb 2nd, we will have Mirja Heide of Refreshfotos.com who will be showing us new features of the different Apple products such as iPad and iPhone as well as answering your questions regarding same. Bring a friend, she is really good. For future programs check out our calendar on www.vrcc.info.

Safe computingand beware of scams on the computer, email, texts and phone callseven at your door. If it does not look right or sound logical, don't do anything to get yourself into deep trouble. See below:

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From a member: *We too avoided a scam the other day that maybe we should share with other members. Got a text that said they were my bank that I have my IRA in and that my account was being scammed. "Call this number" it said. I debated but decided to call as the message had come twice . By that time it was 7p.m., not normal banking hours, and It was a recording saying there were problems with my account being attacked and said "we need to ask you a few questions first...what is your SS #." With that I hung up and was sure the next question would have been asking my account number. The next morning I called the bank. They checked, said it had not been hacked but put an **alert** on it and were going to alert their fraud department to warn others. They said they never text anything, only call or send a letter. Seems there is so much of this kind of thing now.*