Meeting Minutes for March 9, 2017

Members:

President Mike Johnson welcomed 42 members and guests and announced that our current membership is now 195 members; only 5 to go to hit our high of 200. He noted that there will be a free Residential Paper Shredding Event at Southeast Secure Shredding at 3910 US 1 in Vero Beach on Sat, April 8th from 9am to 2pm. This gives you plenty of time to organize what you want to trash. Poster in the Lab.

Our speaker, Apple Specialist Technician, Christopher Martinson, came from ACT Computers in the K-Mart Shopping Center gave us a great over-sight of Apple 'Mac' computers as well as iphones and ipads. He explained the differences between the Mac OSX operating system and PC Windows 10 system as well as the Apple equivalent for software. He recommended buying all your apps from the Apple store with the exception of ones from Microsoft and Adobe.

- Windows computers do not communicate well with Apple computers.
- The apps or software for Apple products are specific and will only work on Apples.
- You can move your data from your old PC with 'migration assistant', but you cannot move programs as they will not work. Sometimes people have a dual boot on a Mac with Boot Camp which is both operating systems on a Mac to solve this problems. This is a task for a professional.
- About the only Windows software that will work on a Mac is the cloud-based Windows Office 360; and you can install it only once.
- A good mapping app is now part of OSX and to search your MAC, use the control symbol and the space bar.
- Backing up is essential for a MAC as well using 'Time Machine'.
- Do not rely on only one copy of any file or picture, save or backup to icloud or an external hard drive; brand of back-up drive does not matter. Do not trust a CD, DVD or a thumb drive with your only copy of something important, they are not reliable as they degrade over time.
- Mac computers get viruses and malware too and do not rely on 3rd party anti-virus such as Avast, etc. Make sure that you have your firewall [in system preferences] turned on in a Mac and always do your Apple updates to keep you safe.
- Apple does not call you or send you pop-ups. AppleCare will not remote into your system ….. usually even if you ask them. BEWARE! DO NOT reply to either, If you can not shut down your Mac, do 'command' 'option' 'escape' to force a quick shut down and save you.
- Safari will save your passwords for you in one place if you set it up that way.
- Auto-sync: You have to set this up with all your devices with icloud photo library so photos/files will be saved in more than one place. You can buy 50GB of icloud space for 99 cents a month or use an itunes card if you do not want an auto withdrawal or bill..
- Moving photos from your iphone to a Windows computer is more difficult.
- Ctrl click in a Mac is the Apple equivalent of a right click.

We thank Jurgen Schwanitz for all of his help and presentations this season.

Next week, Vicky Getz, will be the presenter and she will cover:

**Getting started with  AT&T TV:**
-Customizing the Guide to remove undesirable  channels -

-Creating a Favorites List
-Searching for Programing
-Setting up your Local Weather

If time permits, she will also address other aspects of our AT&T experience. This is a must attend as we all are dealing with these very questions and problems. Bring spouses, friends & neighbors.

As usual you can always check the 'calendar' on our website: [www.VRCC.info](www.VRCC.info) for speakers/subjects of upcoming presentations. *There will be a genealogy session this week on Wed 3-5, all enthusiasts welcome.*

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