

Vista Royale Computer Club
Minutes 3/29/18

Members: President Mike Johnson welcomed 27 members and guests this week and asked for nominations for President, Vice President and Secretary for the election on April 12th, the last meeting. Last Lab day will be Friday, April 13 and we will pack up the Lab for hurricane season the following Tuesday morning at 9am. It appears that we will the end the season with 150 club members.

This week our member presenter was Don Hromy showing us how he uses the search engine called **Duck Duck Go** <http://www.duckduckgo.com/> because it does not track any of your online searches. This helps to eliminate all the ads and garbage you get every day which is directly related to your previous searches. You can add the extension DuckDuckGo search bar to Chrome if you wish.

If you click on the 3 dots in the right hand corner of your page or use the easy shortcut 'Ctrl+shift+n', you will also be able to do Anonymous or Incognito surfing on the net so anyone else using your computer will not be able to see what you have been researching. Great for gift shopping.

Extensions for browsers was mentioned and Vicky Getz provided this link for those of you who are interested in learning more about them.

Although this article is rather old, it does a good job of explaining what a browser extension is. <https://www.howtogeek.com/169080/beginner-geek-everything-you-need-to-know-about-browser-extensions/>

Sandy McKenny reported that the 3-29-18 Press Journal had an article on the '321Launch' app that is available now for newer Apple and Android tablets and phones. It fuses traditional Space Coast rocket launch coverage with 'augmented reality' [AG] or the overlaying of digital objects onto the real world. Read about it at this site as well:

<https://www.engadget.com/2018/03/29/usa-today-ar-app-321-launch-hands-on/>

As always we recommend that you wait a short time before downloading an app to make sure that it is not 'buggy'; however keep watch of this new wrinkle in technology. Great for seasoned or budding space and rocket aficionados.

She then showed a couple of tricks related to opening extra windows on your screen to give you more options in how you use your computer. For more productivity she advocates using a *double monitor system/extended desktop as shown below*, but the tiled screen is a step in the right direction.

It was pointed out to her that 'bouncing' a smaller window on the side of the screen makes it an exact 1/2 screen..... really cool trick to save resizing the window manually!

She also talked about **PASSWORDS** again and how to keep them safe and save your sanity. We must be ever diligent in how we handle our email, web searches and telephone calls. **NOBODY** calls us except spammers and thieves. Watch your computing habits and be safe and

protect your assets. It might be wise to give a copy of your passwords in a sealed envelope to a family member or a trusted friend.

The last item on the program was the link we put in the minutes for last week regarding Google Drive and Google Docs. This is a great way to do most of your documents and spreadsheets online, especially if you are going to collaborate on them or share them with a friend. Although not quite as powerful as a full blown office suite, it is still a great option that is there just by logging into your gmail account. This video is very fast, but all encompassing. You might want to watch it more than once.

Google Docs overview 17minutes <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nVNi6uSSckU>

Next week, Thursday, April 5th will be Abby Walters doing an AARP & Caregiving presentation plus a segment on Senior Finance. We are happy that Abby was able to rescheduled and it is probable that we all are either going to be a caregiver or have one. This is a conversation we all should be having with our family while we still are able. Share this information by bringing a friend, spouse, neighbor..... 9:30 Thursday morning April 5th in the Pine Arbor Kitchen.

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