

## VRCC March 18, 2021 Zoom Minutes

Members: Vicky Getz started up the Zoom and welcomed everyone; we had 12 participants.

Sandy McKenny reminded everyone to be very careful about email receipts that they do not recognize or did not purchase; always look to see who actually sent you the email..... they are usually scams. And, of course, never call the phone number or click on any link in such an email.

Jamie Smith was our presenter this next to last week and did a whole program on home devices which was very interesting and vastly informative.

Wyze.com has many products that she has purchased on the recommendation of her tech-savvy brother. She has the light bulbs, robotic vacuum, security cameras but Wyze also has devices for door bells and sprinkler systems.

Jamie installed the upgraded cameras V-3 and here are some of the stats:

- small than previous V-2 version,
- is controlled by your phone app
- can be used indoor with cord or outdoor with batteries
- outdoor has infrared capability
- indoor shows color image
- can be set for motion or sound detection
- has a built-in stand for a shelf or can be adapted for mounting
- storage is on a purchased 32gb SD card or in the cloud for \$1.25 a month per camera

She then unboxed her 3<sup>rd</sup> camera and showed the easy Quick Start routine.

- purchase devices you want: \$10 per light bulb, \$250 per vac cleaner, \$30 per camera, \$10 per SD card
- read paper manual included or download V-3 Quick Start digital manual from company website here: <https://fccid.io/2AUIUWYZEC3/Users-Manual/User-manual-5001022>
- install the Wyze app from Apple or Google Play store on your phone, your WIFI password is needed
- connect camera to your preferred power and press 'set up' button
- follow further on-screen instructions
- put in the SD card and connect storage loop
- check out YouTube.com for installation videos; there are many of them

The Vacuum Cleaner \$250 will map your house or condo the first time it is turned on, may take 1 hour & 20 minutes depending on the size. You can edit the route and mark some items on the map that it should avoid. It comes with an extra filter and brush and empties very easily.

The light bulbs can also be controlled by your phone app; very handy in many instances.

She then discussed her Amazon Alexa device that she addresses as 'Sharon' for commands. She prefers it over Google Home which you cannot use for purchases. There are 3 types of Alexa: pill box, tower and

screen; they range in price from \$44 to \$250 for the advanced one with a screen. WIFI is necessary for it to work and she finds that the Amazon 5" screen picture has good clarity.

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She showed the amusing skit from Saturday Night

Live: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YvT\\_gqs5ETk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YvT_gqs5ETk) It brings new meaning to 'panning' senior citizens.

These are some of the ways she uses her device:

- plays music from Amazon Prime play list or Pandora; music quality is excellent. A specific song service might necessitate a monthly \$3.99 fee.
- you can ask cooking questions or trivia or just weird questions
- request recipes [will show on screen version] and add ingredients to your phone shopping list
- play games, many available
- remind you of events or your schedule or calendar
- use as a phone with another Alexa owner, or you can 'drop in' on someone else who has one if it is set up in that manner, such as a home-bound or nursing home resident
- set up alarms for morning wake-up or use as a kitchen timer
- you can set it up to act on the command: "guard my house" to notify you on your phone of what is happening while you are away, of course turning it off when "I'm home"
- for comprehensive videos of all ways to use an Alexa, see search [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)
- Amazon notifies you of their updates
- Goggle 'how to setup amazon echo'; chose the device you want to learn more about

Thank you, Jamie, for such a great presentation; member presentations are so appreciated.

Members can find the Meeting Recording: **March 18 2021, Smart Home Technology presented by Jamie Smith**

**[Link Expires April 2 2021](#)**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/871JVbK5HuxGKH\\_y\\_KnjO0UFYUZKAHe-f8BtMOSDNkQdv4gk9a3M9lcsaWc8rTRsU.nLvuScAVV\\_GFL9CZ](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/871JVbK5HuxGKH_y_KnjO0UFYUZKAHe-f8BtMOSDNkQdv4gk9a3M9lcsaWc8rTRsU.nLvuScAVV_GFL9CZ)

Next week will be our last week for the season and Sandy McKenny will be showing you how to get the most out of Google Earth app.

Watch your email for your zoom invitation for March 25, 2021 at 9:30.

Regards, Sandy McKenny, sec.