

Vista Royale Computer Club

Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2022

Mike Johnson opened the meeting; we have 66 members presently and 15 present for the program.

We started out with a discussion of Vista Royale's electronic voting for the third round of BOD elections. Mike had rechecked the status of his vote, and found that he had the option to vote again. Electronic voters didn't get the paper work this time, but the paperwork said that electronic voters had to **re-vote**. So even if you voted before, you may have to vote again.

PROGRAM: Windows 11 by Vicky Getz

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Windows 11 launched last fall. Windows 11 is prettier, and everything has been rearranged, but the system is generally getting good reviews.

The VRCC training pages has links to two Windows 11 training videos. We watched the 21-minute video during the meeting. The other 2-hour video is broken up into digestible chapters allowing you to easily navigate to a lesson, so don't let the length of the video scare you.

[Http://vrcc.info/training.html](http://vrcc.info/training.html)

Windows 11 is a free update, but it has very specific hardware specs. Many recent Windows 10 computers don't meet Windows 11's current CPU and TPM 2.0 requirements.

If you are being offered the free upgrade

WAIT TO UPGRADE

The upgrade procedure still has bugs, often losing software and the user's profile.

Windows 11 still has a very unfinished feeling, much like Windows 10 did at launch

File Explorer has a memory leak that still needs to be addressed.

Although in theory Windows 10 print drivers should work with Windows 11, when first launched 94 models of Brother printers did not work. You might want to check with your hardware manufacturer's websites compatibility BEFORE you update.

Currently the recommendation is to WAIT until after the fall feature update and then re-evaluate.

New Machines

If you did buy a machine with Windows 11 preinstalled you may want to get a replacement menu like you did in Windows 8.

Stardock's Start11 is an app that can bring back a classic menu. \$4.99 from the app store.

Do not buy a refurbished computer running Windows 10 as many of them have the wrong CPU and lack the motherboard TPM 2.0 requirements so they will be unsupported after January 2025 when Windows 10 is retired.

Feature Update

Feature Updates for Windows 11 are supposed to occur once per year but “new experiences” roll out any time, like those that arrived in March on Patch Tuesday.

“NEW EXPERIENCES”

1. There's now a Weather icon at the far-left side of the taskbar (where the Start button used to be), which shows the current temperature and a brief forecast.
2. There is now a very small list of Android apps from the Amazon Appstore that can run on the Windows Subsystem for Android, note the Google PlayStore Apps are not allowed.
3. Windows 11 now displays a clock on the second display on multi-monitor setups.
4. New “Media Player” App, but don't worry the old Windows Media Player WMPlayer.exe is still included.
5. Notepad was updated with a dark theme and multiple level undos.

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Microsoft Video Editor

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Microsoft Movie Maker was a very easy to use movie editor. It was discontinued, and finding anything with the feature that was EASY TO USE, was a hard search

Movie Maker let you combine movies and videos, let you Rotate Clip, Control volume on different clips, add text, add transitions, add sounds, trim, split and narrate your movies.

Microsoft's Windows Movie Maker Replacement

After a two year wait, the photos app was updated with a video editor, and it is the best substitute for the old Microsoft Movie Editor.

Microsoft Video Editor App FREE

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FFnDzX2JUw8>

Video Editor Very Easy it adds the ability to remove black bars on the side by cropping them to fill the video space, it is missing the video scrubber, and audio integration for narrating a video, but it is good to finally have an easy-to-use video editor.

Microsoft ClipChamp \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

Microsoft also is offering a web-based video editor called Clip Champ. It has great features, simple to use, but it costs more than any other video editing subscription, including Adobe Premier.

Mike Johnson will be here next week for our LAST program of the season. TBA but bound to be interesting and fun. We will be open until Wed, April 13 for those of you who need to make copies of your tax returns. Then on Thursday morning we will be packing up the Lab for hurricane season..... the end of another unusual winter.

Regards, Sandy McKenny, sec