

Vista Royale Computer Club
Minutes of the Meeting
April 14, 2016

President Mike Johnson welcomed 27 members & guests and announced that our membership list number was 186. Everyone was treated to 'coffee and donuts' as this was the last [18th] meeting for the season. Most clubs have one presentation a month but we have 18 in all, every week except for the holidays. Quite an ambitious schedule, but we had a good turn-out every week right to the end of the year.

The Lab closes on Friday, April 15, and be dismantled & packed up on Tuesday, April 19 for hurricane season. Thanks to Rich Cook for the donation to the club. Mike then showed a video of Vero Beach High School students singing Bruno Mars - Treasure [Treasure "Coast" Lip Dub] on 14th Avenue--- quite impressive. <https://youtu.be/Hg8mhG6WLU8>

He then reminded everyone to keep using our website: www.vrcc.info for the safe download links and the great genealogy links. You can also view the calendar for the fall start-up date and information.

Vicky Getz was our speaker, showing us what a PDF [Portable Document Format] file is, how to open one, create one, sign & return one, etc. We all receive these as attachments and it is important to know how to handle them in an everyday situation and with multiple devices: iPhone-iPad, Android tablet or your laptop. She had a handout explaining the 'fill & signing' features of a saved PDF file so you do not have to print, sign, scan and email back to someone, just fill & sign. She also explained that Microsoft and Firebox browsers had PDF Readers and Win10's Edge has it's own. Typically most people use Adobe Reader to view these files and it is a free download from Adobe.

Terry Laabs had her question answered about what to do with a hard drive in a computer you are going to trash. Answer: the Lab has a CD with software [Boot & Nuke] that will wipe it clean, but you can just take the hard drive out and destroy it with a hammer. You can also keep the hard drive and put it in an enclosure and use it as an exterior hard drive. It depends on your plans for the old computer, where you are going to purchase a new one and whether it is a laptop or tower. ACT Computers are usually willing to recycle your computer after removing the hard drive. You might want to consider them when purchasing a new one and they can move your data over to your new one. Remember you can only move data; software has to be re-installed from the original disk.

Mike finished the year by showing a Youtube video of the Texas Tenors singing 'God Bless the USA' https://www.youtube.com/embed/daqwGRdRIsk?feature=player_detailpage and also a short subject on Intel chipmaking.

A HUGE THANKS to all our monitors and officers; without them the Lab could not stay open. Have a safe trip if you are going North and a wonderful summer. See you in the fall.

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