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## APRIL 14, 2018 MINUTES: SCUG CLUB MEETING

The April 14, 2018 meeting began with the question and answer session. One of the topics discussed was the mailing of new Medicare cards that will not contain your Social Security numbers. The minutes published in the news letter were approved as written. The treasurers report was given and approved. We had three visitors with one of them joining the club.

There was no old business. Piper the therapy dog the club sponsors will visit during the May meeting. The club will have a drawing for the club laptop. Tickets will be one for five dollars and three for ten dollars. The drawing will be held during the May meeting. It was suggested it would be nice to have a microphone to wear

instead of using the hand held one we use now. It will be researched. Glenda reported she is working on a trip to Spain for 2019. Only 10 cabins will be booked. The price is unknown now. Terry is having classes Wednesday and Thursday 9:30 to 11 AM. It will cost \$5.00 for the two days. The board meeting will be Wednesday a Wendy's beginning at 6:00 PM

Meeting was adjourned. Terry gave the program on who invented the internet, Terry informed us it was not Al Gore, but he was responsible for recognizing and supporting the internet. The drawing was held with all the wonderful items available to members.

*Respectfully submitted by  
Darla Stigall, club secretary*

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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR  
APRIL 14, 2018**

**Drawing for May**

President Art Bendick opened the meeting which was attended by Neal Shipley, Joe Fornero, Gloria and George Schneider, Terry and Glenda MacLennan and Cheryl and Sam Johnson.

A short report on the state of the treasury was given by Joe.

Items of discussion for the board members included Windows 10 laptop drawing, liability insurance for our club, Art will arrange the visit of Piper, the therapy dog we sponsor, to our next club meeting. We will make our sponsorship donation at that time. We are also hoping to send Art on an Honor flight to Washington D. C. at a later date. He says when it gets a little warmer

Terry suggested that we need a new microphone system that could include both lapel and over the head models as well as two handheld models. Joe volunteered to look into the cost of such a purchase. This is necessary because our current system may not be expanded to meet these requirements. This change would make the presenter of programs able to use both hands on the keyboard if

necessary.

Terry also reported on the donation of several computers to various deserving organizations in the area. One was Yeshivas Women's Shelter, who also received some nice chairs, from Whiteside Senior Center. We thank him for these projects and many we may not know about.

Future programs for our meetings include, Neal on transfer music from your cd to a flash drive in May; June will be a YouTube APCUG video, July will be our annual picnic with food from Pizza Ranch and in August: How your computer works. Hope to see you at all of these events.

Glenda reported that she only has one cabin left for the Panama Cruise. Another good job done!

Respectively submitted by Gloria  
Schneider

The Special Drawing for May will be for the club laptop. Tickets are 1-\$5 or 3-\$10. The regular May drawing will include an Amazon Fire, a choice of 2 different \$25 gift certificates and a 256gb flash drive.

**Humor from the Net**

**Signs**

Septic Tank Truck sign reads:  
"We're #1 in the #2 business". "Yesterday's Meal on Wheels".  
Sign over a gynecologist's office:  
"Dr. Jones, at your cervix."  
At a hospital-door to endoscopes:  
"To expedite your visit please back in"  
On a Plumbers truck:  
"We repair what your husband fixed."  
On the trucks of a local plumbing company:  
"Don't sleep with a drip. Call your plumber."  
Pizza shop slogan:  
"7 days without pizza makes one weak."

## WYSIWYG Web Watch (www) By Paul Baecker

This column attempts to locate sites containing valuable, amusing, and free content, with no overbearing pressure to purchase anything. SHCC members are encouraged to submit favorite sites (a description is optional) to the above address, for inclusion in a future WYSIWYG issue.

Troubleshooting right-click issues caused by shell extensions (when right-clicking a mouse produces no context menu).

<http://www.winhelponline.com/xp/slowrightclick.htm>

Animation shows the sources of U.S. Immigration over two centuries. <http://metrocosm.com/us-immigration-history-map.html>  
Appreciating Chinese calligraphy. (4-min. video) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MEN0CzGv5-Y>

Can you really trust that green padlock? This new phishing scheme could fool you with a false sense of security.

<http://www.nextgov.com/cybersecurity/2017/12/new-phishing-scheme-could-fool-you-false-sense-security/144418/>

If you don't really need to password-protect your Windows 10 login, then why

add that potentially corruptive aspect to your PC? Here's how to configure your PC to start Windows 10 without a password automatically.

<http://www.howto-connect.com/start-windows-10-without-password/>

Detect and remove malware from USB (a.k.a flash, thumb, or zip) drives. <http://www.nirmaltv.com/2017/02/01/detect-and-remove-malware-from-usb-drives/>

5 Ways to print folder and directory contents in Windows. <http://www.makeuseof.com/tag/5-ways-to-print-folder-and-directory-contents-in-windows/>

8 deadly commands you should never run on Linux. <https://www.howtogeek.com/125157/8-deadly-commands-you-should-never-run-on-linux/>

Some basic security measures specifically for people getting started with Linux. [https://gendersec.tacticaltech.org/wiki/index.php/Linux\\_security#Using\\_removable\\_storage\\_media](https://gendersec.tacticaltech.org/wiki/index.php/Linux_security#Using_removable_storage_media)

How to find the best Wi-Fi channel for your router on any operating system, particularly in close living conditions.

<https://www.howtogeek.com/197268/how-to-find-the-best-wi-fi-channel>

[-for-your-router-on-any-operating-system/](#)

Backyard astronomy basics for students of all ages. <https://www.homeadvisor.com/r/home-science-backyard-astronomy/>

What is a “fileless attack?” How hackers invade computer systems without installing software.

<https://www.itworld.com/article/3227046/malware/what-is-a-fileless-attack-how-hackers-invade-systems-without-installing-software.html>

A real view of a train derailment cleanup event in a peaceful farming countryside. (15-min. video) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5G-N36QfCdl>

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By Jim Cerny

Whoever thought that “texting” would become such a common communication method? I mean, who would need to TEXT someone and spend all that time using their fingers (or thumbs) when you can just CALL the person and talk to them directly (or at least leave a voice message)?? Well, texting is indeed very popular and is found to be useful by many people. The definition of “texting” or “messaging” is using your iPhone to send text messages to another phone or device. The receiver will hear a tone that indicates a message has been received and may read it or reply to it at their leisure. This article is intended to help you with the basic texting functions. Be aware that there are more texting options and abilities beyond what is presented here.

The texting “app” (application or program) for the iPhone is called “Messages” and comes free with your iPhone. You cannot delete this app. The app logo is a white cartoon word “balloon” on a green background. Touch this app to open it for sending and reading text messages.

You can think of texting (most

people use the term “texting” instead of “messaging”) as another form of email, and we all know how to use email, right? When the app is open, the starting screen will have the word “Messages” at the top center. To the left will be “Edit” and to the right will be the NEW MESSAGE icon – a square with a pencil on it. If you have any text messages on your phone you will see them listed here, the most recent message on top. You should be in the habit of DELETING text messages you no longer need, just like you do your email.

There is a setting in your iPhone to set how long you wish to keep your text messages (including a “forever” option!). To DELETE a text message, touch “Edit” and an empty

circle will appear next to each message sender – touch the circles of the text messages you wish to delete, and the circle will change to blue with a white check mark indicating you have SELECTED that message. Then touch on “Delete” at the bottom of the screen to delete that message.

When you SEND a text message to someone and they text you in return, you are carrying on a “conversation” with that person. Your conversation of multiple messages sent



and received will all be associated with that person (actually, that person's phone number). When you delete a message, you are really deleting that conversation you had. But do not worry, when you text that person again or they text you, it begins a new conversation!

To SEND a text message, it is easiest and best if that person is in your contact list or directory. Touch the NEW MESSAGE icon (to the right of "Messages") and you will see the "New Message" screen with your insertion point in the "To:" box at the top. Start typing in the name (the keyboard should appear on your screen) and the iPhone will look up that person in your contact list. If the person is NOT in your contact list, you will need to enter their phone number here. Remember the "To" person must have a phone that is capable of receiving text messages for your message to be sent. You can NOT text to an email address, texting is not email. Touch on the small oval area just above the keyboard display to begin entering in your text

### Sample Conversation Screen



message. A text message can be any length, but why send a long message when you can CALL the person a leave a voice message?

Well, I guess it is all up to you. When you have completed your text message, touch on the GREEN CIRCLE with the up arrow in it to SEND your message. This message will be added to your message list on the home screen of "Messages". If you change your mind and do not wish to send it, touch "Cancel". Be POLITE and nice.

Your text messages can be kept forever and are admissible in court just like

signed letters and email. When you RECEIVE a new text message you may hear a tone (which is set under "settings - sounds" on your iPhone) and the new message will appear on the "Messages" home screen. These are only the basics.

You can send and receive text messages from GROUPS or more than one person. You can send EMOJIS - those cute little symbols - to help make your text more colorful and fun. You can send and receive photos too. You must "save" the

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photo to your phone if you want to keep it, otherwise it will be deleted when you delete the text message.

You can also “speak” your text message by touching the microphone icon or by using Siri, you may want to try it just for fun! As always, please use Google and YouTube to view text or video instructions for texting and exploring all the options that come with it. Be sure to specify “iPhone” in your request.

Give your fingers and thumbs a workout!

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## No Personal Privacy By Matt Batt

I want to share (1) something to think about as we enter this time of “no personal privacy;” (2) a very useful program for keeping your PC applications up-to-date; and (3) a fun website for displaying street views of houses.

My wife was reading a book on her Kindle and was getting close to the end. She wanted to finish the book, so she cloistered herself in the snug family room chair and had at it. After about half an hour, she finished the book and explained that it really was a great book and she really enjoyed it. A moment or two later, her cell phone made the noise for an incoming email and she reached over and read it. It was from Amazon and it asked her how she liked the book that she just finished. That was so spooky! It really made us feel

like our privacy had been compromised. I’m a very strong proponent of technology advances and all the good things that it can bring, but this just seemed like too much and too close.

A couple of days later, she started another book, read a few chapters and had to put it down as things get busy around the first of the month. Sure enough, after a couple of days, she gets an email from Amazon asking, “how’s it going.” Guess she wasn’t reading enough and needed to be prodded. Now, I don’t know what you think of that intrusion, but I find it really disturbing. Guess we’ll have to get used to it or take the Kindle offline.

An important part of

being safe online is keeping your computer's software up-to-date. Outdated software often contains security exposures that can provide hackers access to your computer. Outdated software can also be buggy and have performance issues which are usually fixed with a newer version of the software.

Unfortunately, if you have lots of different programs this is an onerous task.

Patch My PC Updater will make patching your PC easy. It is free and keeps over 165 apps up-to-date on your computer. It is an easy way to update or install any of these programs on to your computer.

When you open Patch My PC Updater, it

will scan your system for outdated programs. It will show programs that are outdated in Red, programs that are updated in Green, and programs that are not installed in Black. With one click you can easily do all your updates. You can download Patch My PC from <https://patchmypc.net/download>.

On a more fun note, I've been sharing a website called [www.showmystreet.com](http://www.showmystreet.com). When you go to the site, you get a box where you can type in an address. It's a simple interface that lets you display almost all locations. Just start typing the location's address and the background Google Map is updated in real-time. Like any other regular Google Map, you can drag the map, zoom in/out,

and select the following views: map, satellite, hybrid, and terrain. Wherever available, Show My Street will automatically display the Google Street View of the address. Type the address one character at a time and watch the location that it displays. It's amazing. The views can be directly shared on Twitter and Facebook. You can also obtain a direct URL to the view and share it with your friends online.

Be careful out there!

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There will be a Question & Answer Session starting at 1 PM. Bring any questions you have about your computer or problems you may be having. It will be conducted by:  
**Art Bendick & Neal Shipley**

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\* The next meeting of the Sauk \*  
\* Computer User Group will be \*  
\* May 12, 2018 \*  
\* Question & Answer : 1 PM \*  
\* Business Meeting : 2 PM \*  
\* Presentation: 2:30 PM \*  
\* Place: **Whiteside Senior Center** \*  
\* **1207 West 9th Street** \*  
\* **Sterling, Illinois 61081** \*  
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**MAY PRESENTATION WILL BE:  
“HOW TO TRANSFER MUSIC FROM A CD TO A FLASH DRIVE”  
BY NEAL SHIPLEY**