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WINDSOR Seniors Computer Users' Group Newsletter

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Computer Help – Drop-in.
Next meeting will be:
4/22/19 2:00– 4:00 pm
Next meeting of User's
Group:
5/13/19--1:00 – 2:00 pm -
Questions/Answers
2:00 – 4:00 pm Our
speaker will be Jim Tubb.
His presentation is entitled
"Welcome to the Future –
How It Benefits Seniors".

Today's Program: During the first hour today, 1:00-2:00, General Q\A and Jim Tubb will discuss "**Windows Tips and Tricks: File Extensions**".

Then during the 2:00-4:00 pm time slot, our speaker will be **Hari Dhaliwal**, Professor & Owner of Drive-Rite Automotive, Windsor, who will be discussing "**Driverless Cars Will Revolutionize Motoring**".

In the News:

- a) **FTC shuts down 4 telemarketers responsible for billions of illegal robocalls**
<https://www.komando.com/happening-now/557801/ftc-shuts-down-4-telemarketers>
- b) **Microsoft's first African data centers open in Cape Town and Johannesburg**
<https://www.zdnet.com/article/microsofts-first-african-data-centers>
- c) **Huawei sues the U.S. government over a sales ban on its equipment and services**
<https://www.digitaltrends.com/android/huawei-files-lawsuit-against-us-government>

Articles for April

a) Major office supply chain fined millions for bogus PC malware scans by Francis Navarro, 3.29.2019. "Office Depot and its California-based support software partner Support.com has agreed to pay the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) a total of \$35 million to settle claims that they tricked customers into buying unneeded tech support and repair services through in-house PC scans that gave fake results....If you ever had your PC serviced by Office Depot (or OfficeMax) between 2009 and 2016, you may be eligible for a payout. Why? Well, the FTC said that it intends to use the funds to provide refunds to affected customers. Note: Office Depot merged with OfficeMax in 2013....the FTC alleges that the PC Health Check tool was rigged to show that the computers were infected with malware even though the actual

scans did not find any issues....Now the question is this -- will these companies even comply fully?"

<https://www.komando.com/happening-now/558103/major-office-supply-chain-fined-millions>

b) Aibo's dark side: Why Illinois bans Sony's robot dog by Megan Wollerton 4.1.2019. Sony's robo-dog Aibo "enlists a camera in its nose to scan faces and determine who's who so it can react to them differently." But because this pet has "face-detecting capabilities, Sony doesn't sell Aibo in Illinois. The state's Biometric Information Privacy Act (BIPA) regulates the collection of biometric data, including face scans....Illinois also limits access to facial recognition in home security cameras." The Illinois law regulates "the collection, use, safeguarding, handling, storage, retention, and destruction of biometric identifiers and information.' BIPA defines 'biometric identifiers' as retina scans, iris scans, (cont. on next page)



Thanks for **Refreshments** to Jean Sarkisian.
 Thanks for being **Welcome Lady** to Lynda DeMartini.
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b) (cont.)fingerprints, hand scans, face scans and voiceprints....Google disables Nest's facial recognition capabilities in the state....expect to see more regulations around it in the coming years.

Alaska, Michigan, Montana and New Hampshire are already working on their own biometric laws."

<https://www.cnet.com/news/what-sonys-robot-dog-teaches-us-about-biometric-data-privacy>

c) **ShadowHammer: Malicious updates for ASUS laptops** Kaspersky Report 3.25.2019. Kaspersky has identified a trojanized utility, "ASUS Live Update Utility" on. ASUS laptops which "added a back door to the

utility, and then distributed it to users through official channels." This hacked utility "was hosted on the official ASUS server dedicated to updates, and that allowed it to stay undetected for a long time." The cybercriminals "targeted only 600 specific MAC addresses, for which the hashes were hardcoded into different versions of the utility. To check if your MAC address is on the target list, use our tool, which you'll find at <https://shadowhammer.kaspersky.com>." They suggest "you update the ASUS Live Update Utility if you use it."

<https://www.kaspersky.com/blog/shadow-hammer>

d) **Windows 10 1809's second update finally arrives, trailing 1803's patch by 2 weeks** by Liam Tung 4.4.2019. "Microsoft finally released the second cumulative update for Windows 10 1809 this week, two weeks after the corresponding updates for earlier supported versions of Windows 10 were delivered....This cumulative update for version 1809 fixes a very long list of bugs and glitches affecting consumer and enterprise PCs, including audio, games, the Microsoft Edge browser, Internet Explorer, and networking."

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/windows-10-1809s-second-update>

Comments from Ross: Email Hacked?:



I received an email stating that my account has been terminated. I received several more emails just like the first. What should I do?
 A) Ignore them or
 B) Reply by clicking on a link in the email to confirm that you didn't mean to terminate the account. If you chose A, then you're safe. If you chose B, you have just been hacked and you should immediately change the password to your email account. How do you know when an email is fake? In this example the email came into my AOL account. I thought the email was from AOL but in reality it was from AOL admin@xyz.com. The lesson to learn is: Don't assume official looking email is legitimate. Look closely at the email's sender address and hover over--DON'T CLICK-- on links to see if they are going to legitimate web addresses. In this example, the email was not from AOL and the links were bogus.



Internet Sites

The first cars using Microsoft Connected Vehicle platform at scale are coming-

<https://www.zdnet.com/article/the-first-cars-using-microsoft-connected-vehicle>

How to Pack Your Electronics for Air Travel-
<https://www.howtogeek.com/407341/how-to-pack-your-electronics-for-air-travel/>

How fast is 5G? Understanding what it means to you-

<https://www.komando.com/tips/549139/how-fast-is-5g-understanding-what-it-means>

Better Sound with Windows Sonic -
https://windows.tips.net/T006190_Better_Sound_with_Windows_Sonic

How to Avoid Windows 7's End-of-Support Nags-

<https://www.howtogeek.com/408556/how-to-avoid-windows-7s-end-of-support-nags>

Dealing with Fake "Ask Leo" -

<https://askleo.com/dealing-with-fake-ask-leo>

If You Plan on Installing a Ton of Smart Home Devices, Skip Wi-Fi-

<https://www.howtogeek.com/406022/if-you-plan-on-installing-a-ton-of-smarthome-devices-skip-wi-fi/>

The U.S. Army is building a giant VR battlefield to train soldiers virtually

<https://www.digitaltrends.com/cool-tech/synthetic-training-environment>