

Metro Area Personal Computer Club

Meet: 3rd Tuesday at Apple Barrel, So. 24th St. 7P.M. Co. Bluffs



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Club Motto: "Pass it on"

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Tidbits of Tech

Raspberry Pi has released a new model 4 with 8GB of RAM. In order to get beyond 4GB, you need a 64-bit OS, so they are coming out with that as well. While they are at it, they are going to change the name of the OS from Rasbian to Raspberry Pi OS. Now that you can purchase a model with 8 gigabytes of RAM, it might be worth trying out the version of Windows 10 that's made for the ARM processor like that used by the Raspberry Pi 4.

Thanks to SpaceX along with NASA, the United States of America has sent two U.S. Astronauts in to space from U.S. soil. The next day, they docked with the International Space Station. It's nice to know that a team of really smart people from a private company such as SpaceX can do so much with modern computer technology!

April of 2020 brought the latest "Long Term Support" (LTS) releases of Ubuntu and related distributions of Linux. One flavor, called Pop! OS by System76 (who sells Linux-based computers) looks pretty good and can even be run "Live" to try it out a bit before doing the actual install of the computer Operating System. I know of a small business that's already using it on several All-In-One PCs in their workplace with great results.

Elon Musk (Tesla CEO) is expected to announce their latest improvements in battery tech in the coming weeks. While this would primarily be for the Electric Vehicles (EVs) that Tesla builds, the technology could also be licensed for improvements in the batteries that power our cell phones and laptops. Tesla does sell something called a Powerwall, which could benefit greatly from this as well. The Tesla Powerwall is popular in California to power a house during the peak times after getting charged at night during lower costs for electricity as they have different cost rates during different times of the day. The Powerwall can also tie-in with solar panels from the likes of yet another Elon Musk owned company called SolarCity, a solar energy services company which is now a subsidiary of Tesla, Inc.

So... Be Safe. Social Distance. Wear a mask when near others just in case! Love each other and appreciate the wonderful things that each person brings to the world. God Bless us all!

Presidents Corner

Hello fellow club members,

Due to the current COVID-19 issues going on world-wide and locally and restrictions on gatherings:

We will also not be having the June 2020 meeting.

Please check back often at

<https://www.mapcc.com>

For updates as we have them for when we will have our next club meeting.

Thank you for your support.

~~**Meetings -- January-November**~~

~~**Apple Barrel (at Sapp Bros.)**~~

~~**2608 S. 24th St.**~~

~~**Council Bluffs, Iowa**~~

~~**MEETING BEGINS: 7 PM**~~ (NOT in December)

Minutes of May 19, 2020 Meeting

Meeting was called off due to the continued health concerns of having crowds of people, etc.

First Drawing

The \$10 drawing was won by N/A.

Minutes and Treasury Report

Minutes and treasury report will be read at next meeting. (we hope)

Old Business

No old business due to no meeting.

New Business

No new business due to no meeting.

Demo

The “demo” was not shown, but hopefully we will be able to sometime in 2020.

Stick-Around Drawing

The stick around drawing (\$0.00) was not done for May.

Adjourned

No meeting!

Minutes recorded by Bruce 05/19/2020

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The Metro Area Personal Computer Club Newsletter is published monthly and posted on the club website: <http://www.mapcc.com>

Meetings:

3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. (WHEN ALLOWED TO)

Apple Barrel (party room)

2608 S. 24th St.

Council Bluffs, IA 51501

Elected Officers:

President: David Ladd

Vice President: Kevin Holloway

Secretary: Bruce

Treasurer: Kevin Holloway

Appointed Officers:

Newsletter Editor: Bruce

Annual Membership Dues:

Individual: \$15.00 Family: \$20.00

Club Motto:

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