



TESLA

So have you've heard of Tesla? You know, the company Elon Musk is CEO of, who's main purpose was to build electric vehicles. *(with some amazing computer tech I might add)*

Well, they've been doing an amazing job and making a profit long enough to be added to the S&P 500 recently which opened the eyes, and pocket books, of many investors such that they more than doubled in value in a matter of weeks. In fact, they decided to split the stock shares by five so it would be more affordable to buy a share!

Elon has other companies, which I'll talk about in a minute. Meanwhile, after a delay of several months due to the pandemic, Tesla is planned to have "*Battery Day*" in September of 2020. The expectation is that some serious improvements in their battery technology, including technologies like those that Tesla recently received patents for, as well as technological advancements made by some battery tech partners will be unveiled this month. This will of course help their electric vehicles go farther on a charge and perhaps take less time to charge, but that's not all. This could also greatly help all of us if they license their magic battery formula to others (or maybe even make it themselves). Imagine the increased battery life that could become available for our computer laptops and mobile phones. So watch for the "*Tesla Battery Day*" news on September 22, 2020.

Elon's other companies include The Boring Company and SpaceX, but also co-founder of Neuralink Corporation established in 2016. Neuralink is a small company now, but is expected to grow from a couple hundred employees to over 10,000 within the next 18 months. They are developing implantable brain-machine interfaces (BMIs). That's right, they have a dime-sized implant that can connect via bluetooth to a laptop or cell phone. The implant uses tiny electrodes that are 5-microns thin and is implanted in to the brain by a robot. The current unit can handle as many as 1024 electrodes. The hope is that they may be able to help those with brain issues such as brain damage or those that have had strokes.

Still not on Windows 10?!? Well, you may be able to update for free! Check out this updated article on the subject: <https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/microsoft/you-can-still-upgrade-to-windows-10-for-free-heres-how/>

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 with restrictions on gatherings:

We will also not be having the September 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 August 18, 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 June.

Adjourned

No meeting!

Minutes recorded by Bruce 08/18/2020

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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:

“Pass It On”

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