



Computer Club Meeting

JAN 9, 2025

Welcome new and old Club Members

2025 Meeting Schedule:

- Jan 9, 2025
 - Computer Club Dues - Still \$5.00
 - February 6, 2025
 - Computer Cub Leadership for 2026
 - Feb 1-15 Committee Signup Sheets in the RH
 - Feb 17 Election of Committee Officers
 - Computer Cub Leadership for 2026
 - Election of officers/venue/meeting times
 - March 13, 2025
 - Budget for 2026 Due in March
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Buttonwood Bay Computer Club

Newsletter BB Bytes



July/August - 2024

Greetings ya'll. (sounds like a southern thing ☺). I hope everyone had a safe, fun filled July 4th holiday and this newsletter finds you well. From what I see it is still very hot for you folks still in Buttonwood Bay. At least you received some rain.

June is a very busy exciting month in the IT world. The WWDC "World Wide development Conference is held in June. This year it was from June 11 through June 14. The event showcases new software upgrades including iOS 18, iPadOS 18, watchOS updates, and a new macOS. This year Apple had a tremendous number of upcoming items they introduced.

As you should be aware Microsoft still has plans to discontinue support of Windows 10 in October 2025. They may be backtracking on this since most of their user base is still running Windows 10 and their are still the hardware requirements for windows 11 for older systems. There have been several notices from Microsoft about Windows 10 and Windows 11. As you are aware October 2025 is the cutoff date for windows as far as updates go. If you are looking for a new PC there is a link on the website [under Microsoft] on the topics page that includes the best 6 PCs under \$500.00. Keep in mind this is someone's opinion. If you chose to upgrade your hardware the web site contains a link as what to do with an older PC. LOL (and its not just putting it in the trash)

Microsoft is also announcing the discontinuation of "MICROSOFT MAIL","CALENDAR", and "OUTLOOK LIGHT". These are older applications that most folks do not use. From what I've seen most are using Office 365 or a version of it. Office contains mail, calendars, and outlook but that is not what Microsoft is referring to.

This past month several updates have been released to the Windows 10 & 11 Community so you may want to check for updates on your windows pc.

iOS 17.5.2 should be release in the next 1 or 2 weeks so look for new updates on your iPhone. There are 14 new articles/links for iPhone on the Topics pages so if you are an

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COMPUTER CLUB COMPUTER LAB

Membership Required

You are welcome to come in and inquire about membership
Only \$5 per season

Session Hours

Monday 1-2pm Joan Hale & Mike Frantz
Wednesday 1-2pm Rick Dean & Bob Stanionis

By Appointment BobStanionis b03stan@gmail.com

Visit our Computer Club website at
[Buttonwood Bay Bytes \(k8rlm.com\)](http://k8rlm.com)
For more information

January 9, 2025, Meeting agenda

- IOS / iPadOS
 - Windows 10 Updates
 - Windows 11 Updates
 - The Scams to watch out for
 - Warnings and Scams
 - Other e-mail scams
 - IOS
 - macOS
 - Control Center
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IOS / iPadOS

- Latest Release 18.2.1 January 6, 2025
 - What's in it.
 - Apple's iOS 18.2.1 is the first iPhone [software](#) update of 2025 and was released alongside iPadOS 18.2.1 on Monday, January 6.
 - Apple says the update "provides important bug fixes and is recommended for all users".
 - Apple doesn't say what those bugs are.
 - Apple does not disclose which bug fixes are released until they are in place to minimize vulnerability's that hackers can exploit.
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IOS / iPadOS

- Next release 18.3 expected by end of January 2025
 - Net features and additional security fixes.
- If you are experiencing problems such as (Camera problems, contacts and calendars syncing across devices, mail issues and a host of others) upgrade all your devices {iPhone/iPad) to IOS level 18.2.1.

IOS – iPhone / iPad – What's new

- Personalize your Home Screen.
 - Lock and hide apps.
 - Control Center.
 - Photos. Redesigned Photos app. (Some of the new features you may not like)
 - Messages. Add text effects such as bold, italics, underline, and strikethrough to emphasize your messages, etc.
 - Safari. Safari automatically detects relevant information on a page and highlights it as you browse.
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Microsoft – Windows 10

- \$30 to delay Windows 11 switch for 1 year.
 - Windows 10 will reach the end of support on October 14, 2025.
 - Microsoft fixes Windows 10 bug causing apps to stop working
 - After installing the September 2024 preview update ([KB5043131](#)),
 - Apps such as Quick Assist, Microsoft Teams, Windows Narrator, etc might fail to start if you are a non-admin user
 - Windows 10 KB5044273 update released with 9 fixes, security updates
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Windows 10 – Continued

- **[Start menu]** New! This update might move your profile picture to different positions. There is also a new background color for the left pane on the menu. This color change makes the commands on the menu stand out more.
 - **[IE mode]** Microsoft Edge sometimes stops responding when you use IE mode.
 - (internet Explorer Mode)
 - **[Media playback]** Playback of some media might stop when you use certain surround sound technology.
 - **[Microsoft Entra single sign-on (SSO)]** The SSO notice that the European Digital Markets Act (DMA) requires prompts too often. This occurs when you authenticate using a certificate.
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Windows 10 – Continued

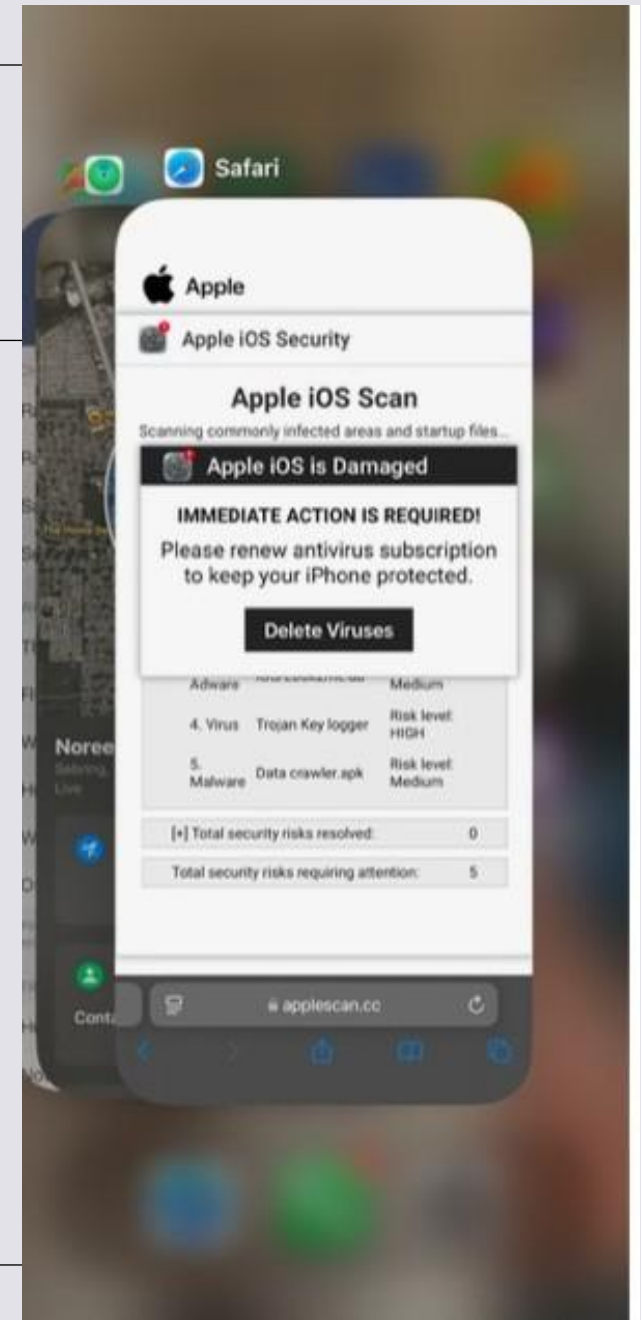
- **[File Explorer and taskbar]** Windows server stops responding when you use apps like File Explorer and the taskbar.
 - **[Windows Update opt-in notifications]** They now appear when you sign in.
 - **[Directory enumeration]** This might fail if a directory has symbolic links that have long target names.
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Windows 11

- Microsoft: Windows 11 Mail & Calendar stops working after December 31, 2024
 - Microsoft has quietly confirmed that Mail & Calendar apps will stop working after December 31, 2024.
 - The alternative is switch to Office 365.
 - What's New in the Windows 11 24H2 Update?
 - Updated Start Menu With Phone Link
 - New File Explorer Features
 - New Taskbar Features
 - Updated Power Settings Interface
 - Copilot+ PC Exclusives
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The Scams to watch out for

iPhone / iPad



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Verify Your Apple ID Information

We've Temporary Restrict your Apple ID [REDACTED] access and Apple Pay Service.

We regret to inform you that your account has been disabled as a result of violating our policy and terms of service. Our system detected an unauthorized attempt by individuals to impersonate your Apple ID account.

Therefore we need to re-verify your account data. If you did not verify your account within 48 hours, your account will be terminated. Go to Apple ID and verify it as soon as possible.

The Scams to watch out for

Please be advised that providing false information when creating an Apple ID violates Apple's Terms of Service and can lead to the suspension or termination of your account. While Apple may not pursue legal action for such violations, using false information in digital accounts can have broader legal implications. For Instance, in many jurisdictions, using a fake ID or providing false information to obtain services can result in legal penalties, including fines or criminal charges.

The Scams to watch out for

- Windows 10/11
 - Within your Browser (IE, Firefox, and Google Chrome)
 - Your Anti-Virus subscription is out of date:
 - McAfee
 - Norton
 - Please click CONTINUE to update your Subscription.
 - Clear your Browser History, Delete all Cookies and Browser Data. Reboot your PC.
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The Scams to watch out for

- Your IOS has 7 Critical viruses
 - Select Download to clear all viruses to ensure your device is safe.
 - Failure to do so will compromise your IOS Device
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Warnings and Scams

- **Government Issues New iPhone, Android 2FA Warning—Stop Using SMS Codes Now**
 - The advice leads with a mandate to “use only end-to-end encrypted communications... such as Signal or similar apps.
 - Users are urged to use apps that are “compatible with both iPhone and Android operating systems, allowing for text message interoperability across platform,” [ruling out Google Messages and iMessage](#).
 - Do not use SMS as a second factor for authentication. SMS messages are not encrypted.
 - A threat actor with access to a **telecommunication provider’s network** can intercepts these messages and read them. SMS MFA is not phishing-resistant and is therefore not strong authentication for accounts of highly targeted individuals.
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Scams to Watch Out for in 2024

- 1. Check cooking scam

- Check washing, where thieves [stole paper checks](#) and washed the checks with chemicals, keeping the signature but erasing the amount and the payee so they could fill in a new name and amount.
 - Now, they've discovered a less messy way to steal. In **check cooking**, thieves take a digital picture of a stolen check and then use commercially available software to alter it.
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Scams to Watch Out for in 2024

- 2. Voiceprint Scams

- Thanks to technological advances, it's possible for thieves to capture a recording of your voice and then use a software program to generate an imitation "deepfake" version that can be used to impersonate you.
- "That voiceprint can be used to access your insurance or your financial institution or apply for a driver's license,"

- To prevent your voice from being duplicated, "don't answer the phone," from unknown callers and if they ask if this is Mr./Mrs. DO NOT SAY "YES"
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Scams to Watch Out for – Continued

- 3. Delayed-action sweepstakes scam
 - [Sweepstakes scammers](#), who call or write to say that you've won a fabulous fortune, have been around for ages.
 - Recently they've come up with a new variation on the old formula. Instead of trying to get you to pay taxes or other fees in advance to collect the nonexistent prize, the scammers will ask for personal information so that they can validate you and set up the payout. "
 - "They'll say, just give us your banking information and your Social Security number, and we'll file with the IRS and we'll take care of everything,"
 - As with previous variations of the sweepstakes scam, remember that if it seems too good to be true, it probably is.
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Scams to Watch Out for – Continued

- 4. Virtual celebrity scam
 - Celebrities have had online presences for years.
 - “You’re on Instagram or Facebook, and someone pretending to be Celine Dion or her manager reaches out to you,” It’s a fake manager, “They might say, ‘Celine loves your comments. She’d love to talk to you. Here’s her private account.’ ” But after you connect to an impostor pretending to be the superstar singer, the talk gradually turns to how her fortune is tied up in a lawsuit, and she could use a \$50,000 loan from you, or a similar story involving a need for your money.
 - If you get a direct message from someone claiming to be a famous performer or superstar athlete or representing them, be skeptical. It’s almost certain to be a scam.
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Scams to Watch Out for – Continued

- 5. Multistage grandparent scam
 - This is a new, more sophisticated version of the old [grandparent scam](#), in which crooks call and pretend to be a grandchild who's been arrested and needs bail money to get out of a nonexistent legal jam.
 - In the past, grandparent scammers were often small-timers who would plead for a few hundred dollars.
 - But these days, they often set up call centers staffed with young people who are paid a few bucks for every grandparent that they can connect with. After posing as grandchildren who've been jailed after a car accident, they'll provide a case number and instruct the target to call their defense attorney or the local prosecutor. "

Scams to Watch Out for – Continued

- “When Grandpa calls up, they say, ‘Oh, do you have the case number?’” It’s actually a subtle psychological trick to see whether the grandparent is compliant and will follow their instructions to send thousands or even tens of thousands of dollars.
 - If you get a call from an unfamiliar number from a family member claiming to be in trouble, don’t panic. Instead, after you’ve finished talking – and certainly before sending money – the **Federal Communications Commission** recommends that you call or text the person at his or her usual number and check to see whether the family member is actually in trouble.
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Other e-mail scams

- Roberta Davis needlingewe1@yahoo.com
 - **Hello,**
 - **I hope this email finds you well. Unfortunately, I'm experiencing difficulty speaking due to a severe sore throat. Could you please acknowledge when you receive this message? I have a favor to ask.**
 - **Thanks**
 - **From:** robert.maron@sbcglobal.net <robert.maron@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, July 25, 2024 6:21 PM
To: 'Roberta Davis' <needlingewe1@outlook.com>
Subject: RE: Favor to Ask 🙏
 - **I received your message. Sorry you have a sore throat.**
 - **I'm doing OK. Had a couple of bumps in the road but doing well.**
 - **Let me know how I can assist.**
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Other e-mail scams – Continued

- **From:** Roberta Davis <needlingewe1@outlook.com>

Sent: Friday, July 26, 2024 6:07 PM

To: robert.maron@sbcglobal.net

Subject: Re: Favor to Ask 🙏

- Happy to hear from you, I'm trying to get an Apple gift card for a friend who's battling liver cancer - it's her birthday today and I want to make it special. Unfortunately, I'm not feeling well myself (sore throat) and my attempts to buy one online have been unsuccessful. Would you be able to pop into a nearby store and pick one up for me? I'll ensure you're reimbursed for the cost of the gift card later I promise. Thanks

Other e-mail scams – Continued

- **Sent:** Monday, July 29, 2024 1:57 PM
To: 'Roberta Davis' <needlingewe1@outlook.com>
Subject: RE: Favor to Ask 🙏
- ***I mailed the gift card to you on Friday afternoon. You should have it today or tomorrow. Glad I could Help. Get feeling better. Bob***
- **The total amount for the gift card is \$300. After purchasing the gift card, I need you to remove the card from the packaging, take a clear photo of the back showing the serial number and PIN then email the picture to me. I'll forward it to my friend. I would greatly appreciate it if you could complete this task today.**

Thanks once again

IOS – iPhone

- iPhones newer than iPhone XS and iPhone SE 2nd & 3 gen.
 - Latest version 18.2
 - Version 17.7 (if you don't update to IOS 18)
 - The new iOS requires an A12 Bionic chip or later, only found in iPhone XS and later models.
 - The newest chip is A18.
 - [Apple](#) Intelligence, iPhones new AI feature, necessitates a phone with an A17 Pro chip, currently only found in the iPhone 15 Pro and Pro Max.
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IOS – iPhone – What's new – Continued

- **Maps.** View topographic maps with detailed trail networks and hikes, including all 63 U.S. national parks.
 - **Wallet.** Use Tap to Cash to send and receive Apple Cash by holding your iPhone or Apple Watch near the other person's iPhone or Apple Watch, without having to share phone numbers.
 - **Notes.** You can record live audio in a note and have the speech transcribed to text.
 - **Privacy and Security.** Redesigned Privacy and Security settings help you manage how much information you share.
 - **Password** – New app to manage stored passwords.
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macOS

- [macOS Sequoia](#), the latest version of the world's most advanced desktop operating system, is available today as a free software update for Mac.

macOS

Control Center

- Get familiar with Control Center.

There are a lot of new features that are easy to use

- Swipe from Upper Right diagonally to the center of the iPhone or iPad
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Its up to you!

- Questions and open discussion about anything on your mind
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NEXT MEETING

- February 6, 2025 12:30 CC
 - Topics ? Your Suggestions
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