RMUG MEETING NOTES
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This past week, both our RMUG and DMUG members had wonderful meetings with David A. Cox of TechTalkAmerica. Mimi van der Voort of DMUG took these excellent notes for us.
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David is so full of all kinds of information and he has made a huge series of short YouTube videos that you can subscribe to and watch. So far, there are over 400 of them posted… Here is where to go: https://www.youtube.com/user/TechTalkAmerica . Click on the Subscribe RED button on left side and you can enjoy all the information he has. Note that each video is free, but has a short ad and as this is his only income, he asks that you **do *not* skip the ads**. If you like his video, please make sure to click the Like button and maybe post a comment about it.

Another thing you may want to do is to click on the little Bell icon located right next to the Sub-scribe button, as this will then notify you of any new videos by David. Please note that in order to subscribe to his channel, you need to have a Google account and sign in. Well worth doing as you can also get Google Photos to store and share your various photos and maybe add a Gmail email account. (Yes, Google owns YouTube.) His channel will now show up on the left side of your YouTube page under "Subscriptions", making it that much easier. These videos are really useful and short so our attention spans are maintained…

David also has his on website (https://www.techtalkamerica.com/) on which he posts his rec-ommendations for apps and where you can go for private lessons online with him and he also has some PDF guides on a variety of topics. He is also updating his site to include some other product recommendations. He would prefer that you purchase his product recommendations directly thru his link…

David is always looking for new topics to create videos, and he would appreciate any suggestions you may have. You can get in touch with him either by asking me to forward your ideas or by following his Facebook link and message him thru it.

Here are David's notes on his presentation:
(Mimi's additional notes from meeting in RED)

David's Guide to Organizing Your Photos

Link to David's class on this topic: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7yF2SKj-Uic

Start by creating a structure for your photos. Create a folder for every year of photos for years where you have a lot of photos and a folder for a series of years when photos are more scat-tered. (i.e. 1970-1980 vs. 2016, 2017)

Inside each folder create a new smart album. This will be used to sort the photos, but ultimately this is just to help you turn your photos into "albums." The "recipe" for the smart album should be "date captured" "is between" and then change the dates to "1/1/YEAR to 12/31/YEAR" Then add a second rule which will be used to ignore photos that are already organized into albums. The recipe for that is "Album" "is not" "any." The reason you want to make an album out of the Smart Album is Smart Albums do not show up in iCloud. Repeat for each year.

You will now see all the photos that were taken in that particular year (and you won't see any photos that are already in albums). Now you can select a group of photos and then hit "Command + N" which will turn those photos into an album. This is important because only "albums" can sync to mobile devices. The default name of your album will be similar to the name of the smart album, so you will likely want to rename it.
For scanned photos that you upload to Photos, you will need to change the date of the scans as the date in its metadata will be whenever you uploaded the scan. Select the photos by actual year of photo and then click on Image in menu bar and select Adjust Date & Time and enter the year photo was actually taken. By the way, David recommends an app called PhotoScan for your iPhone to digitize your photos. Much easier than using a scanning machine.

Let's talk Apple Watch

I argue it's a good product for seniors because the latest version has fall detection. It should also be noted that if you have trouble with remembering things, Siri can act as a crutch to help you by sending your note to your Reminders app. (*"Hey Siri, call Jim at 5:00PM"*) Make sure you have enabled "Hey Siri" on your iPhone (Settings ->Siri & Search -> "Listen for "Hey Siri"). Make-Enter your correct age for setting up the watch as it helps Apple determine if you have really fallen or if you are just exercising or clapping your hands.

David's Favorite Siri Commands for both the Apple Watch and the iPhone:

IF YOU OWN AN APPLE IPHONE YOU NEED TO MEMORIZE THIS PHRASE VERBATIM: "*HEY, SIRI CALL 911 ON SPEAKER*"

It is critical to say **"*on speaker*"** since 911 operators are trained to not hang up and once a call is placed you need the iPhone to be on Speaker mode so you can talk to the operator from across the room. If you were to fall severely or immobilized and could only use your voice, this phrase could literally save your life.

Also consider setting up your Emergency Contacts (found in the Health App) so that if you initiate an SOS call, that person will be automatically contacted and will see a map with your current GPS location. Oddly, 911 Operators do not get your GPS location from the iPhone?

Do you know what the SOS feature on your iPhone is and how to use it? Make sure to watch his video on this as the way it is accessed depends on the model of phone you have.

David has three videos, thus far, under the "Tech that can save your Life" section of his YouTube channel that explains in detail the above and more: Create an Emergency Bypass on your iPhone, How to use Emergency SOS on your iPhone, and The Most Important Siri Command you Need to Know.

Do Not Disturb Mode

For your own safety you should absolutely know how this feature works. "Do not disturb mode" can be either manually or automatically turned on. You'll know when it's on when you see a tiny crescent moon icon at the top of your iPhone. When enabled, if anyone calls you, the call will go straight to voicemail. There are two exceptions you can set up in *Settings/Do Not Disturb* on your iPhone. The first exception is to you have the contact saved as a Favorite and the second is to allow calls if the caller tries to call a second time in under 3 minutes.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT: If you have an emergency late at night and try to call a friend for help and their phone goes to voicemail, you should know that if you call them back immediately, it will ring on their end. Likewise, it is also important to know if YOUR phone rings late one night, it may be an indication that someone is urgently trying to reach you. For this reason, you should make sure your loved ones are marked as "Favorites" in their contact cards.

If you really want to not be disturbed for an urgently needed sleep break, set both these options to off. You can then still continue to allow calls from your spouse or children by changing their Ringtone (in Contacts) to "Emergency Bypass On". Great for overnight emergencies, but not so good if you are just attempting to silence your phone in a meeting and they call to chat!

Watch the class on this: https://youtu.be/xi8fQmgnrdk

Malwarebytes App

David Recommends that everyone get Malwarebytes for Mac. You can purchase it through his website at: http://bit.ly/MalwarebytesMac There is a free version of it that detects malware, but the premium paid version ($39.95) will repair the malware.

If your Mac's web browser ever becomes hijacked, resolve this by Force Quit (Command + Option + Esc), then quit the misbehaving browser. Then hold the SHIFT key on your keyboard when you go to re-open it. Then, go to your browser's preferences and make sure that the Home Page listed is the one you selected - and if not, correct it now.

Even if you already have Malwarebytes, David highly recommends watching his class on this topic. https://youtu.be/al2lyg83tKQ

FileVault: this is Apple's encryption of your hard drive. It will slow down your Mac because everything has to be encrypted and decrypted every time anything is altered. David's recommendation is to not use it. Go to System Preferences/Security & Privacy and turn it off.

PASSWORD MANAGEMENT

The biggest problem is most people don't even know where the issue is when it comes to password security. The issue is NOT with anything on your computer, The problem is the internet where all your accounts live.

Bare minimum security: Make sure the password to your e-mail account (which the Mac likely saves so you don't need to re-enter it) is NOT used for anything else. And please change from AOL to an iCloud or Google email account. AOL marks you as a 'senior' and probably susceptible to hacking as you use a single or limited variety of passwords!

His Password Management recommendation at this point is the LastPass application. David has an entire class on it here: https://youtu.be/R6uxc524xnk and you can find there why it is his favorite password managing app. 1PassWord is another excellent choice.

You need to take passwords seriously and view this as a "Digital Will" which can easily be passed onto a loved one (or printed). Make sure that your trustees/attorney have the code to unlock the password manager so that they can gain access to your various accounts and information. Consider putting the master password in your safety Deposit Box along with a copy of the will.

Migrating from one password managing app to another is simple as each app has a export and import function.

Wireless Bluetooth Audio:

He mentioned a couple of Bose wireless headphones that he loves and they are noted on a link from his product recommendation page: https://www.techtalkamerica.com/headphones-bluetooth-speakers. You will see online that they are all good products with high ratings.

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To Book A Private Lesson with David A. Cox please visit https://www.techtalkamerica.com/privatelessons

You can book a lesson with David thru his website and the instructions are there. Note that they are one hour lessons and he recommends that your write up a list of issues you have so that you

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