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There will NO longer be general meetings on the second Monday of the month going forward. The Second Monday sessions will be converted into Computer-Help Drop-In: 1-3 PM.

Computer-Help Drop-In: 1-3 PM sessions for February: Feb 12 and Feb 26.

We may have occasional guest speakers for the second Monday sessions and will send out announcements in advance when needed.

In the News:

- a) [Mark Zuckerberg apologizes to parents](#)
- b) [Neuralink implants brain chip in first human, Elon Musk reveals](#)
- c) [Google just settled a \\$5B privacy suit involving Chrome browser](#)
- d) [Samsung Unpacked 2024 recap](#)
- e) [Best of CES 2024](#)
- f) [Microsoft Says State-Sponsored Attackers Accessed Leaders' Emails](#)
- g) [A big change is coming to the iPhone — but only for some people](#)
- h) [The Quantum Dot Powered TV of the Future Takes a Big Step Forward](#)

Articles for February

- a) **How Do I Get Rid of OneDrive?** by Leo A. Notenboom." OneDrive has "become intrusive and downright dangerous in some situations. This has led many people to just want it gone." This article explains how to get rid of OneDrive running on a single PC and "should not delete any data." Leo Noteboom recommends learning to live with OneDrive. But "if you just can't take it anymore," his article will help you "get rid of OneDrive." askleo.com/how-do-i-get-rid-of-onedrive
- b) **How to Disable Microsoft's Ads and Recommendations in Windows 11** by Shan Abdul, 02.05.2024. "Microsoft is known to show advertisements in specific areas of its operating systems, like the Start menu, lock screen, File Explorer, or within certain apps. With Windows 11, the frequency of these ads has increased, aligning with the addition of more personalized features by Microsoft. But why does the company show these ads? Microsoft claims b) these recommendations improve the user experience and help users optimize their operating system. If you're bothered by the constant stream of advertisements and recommendations throughout the operating system, you can easily disable them." Read the article to learn how to disable these ads. howtogeek.com/how-to-disable-microsofts-ads-and-recommendations
- c) **How to get started with Windows' free 'new Outlook' app** by Thomas Joos, 02.05.2024. "With the new Outlook, Microsoft is replacing the Calendar, Contacts, and Mail apps in Windows 10 and Windows 11 as well as in macOS. Although Outlook is new, it will not replace the classic Outlook from the Office package in the near future. The initial aim is to replace the classic UWP (Universal Windows Platform) apps Contacts, Mail, and Calendar in Windows 10 and Windows 11. These three apps will therefore be removed from Windows and merged in Windows 10/11. The new Outlook synchronises all email accounts in Outlook with Microsoft servers. This also applies to email accounts that are not hosted by Microsoft. This is not only about the content of the messages,(cont)

c) but also about the user name and password for all accounts. Of course, this raises some discussion and anyone who doesn't want this should stay away from the new Outlook." Read the article for more information.

pcworld.com/article/2225109/how-to-get-started-with-windows-free-new-outlook-app

d) 9 Tips to Safely Browse the Web by Shan Abdul, 01.16.2024. "To stay safe when browsing the web, use a secure browser, avoid clicking on search ads, block annoying notifications, and do not save sensitive data." These are just four of the nine tips offered in this article. Please read the article to learn all 9 tips which will help you stay safe while browsing the internet.

d) howtogeek.com/9-tips-to-safely-browse-the-web

e) How to create a passkey for your Google account (and why you should) by Jack Wallen. 01.25.2024. To be able to use this information on creating a passkey for Google, "the device you use must be either a mobile device or a laptop/desktop with biometrics (such as a fingerprint scanner). Passkeys are the way of the future for Google account verification. Passwordless authentication is far more secure than using a traditional username and password. Essentially, passwordless authentication uses an encrypted key on a device -- your phone, for example -- to log you into an account."

zdnet.com/article/how-to-create-a-passkey-for-your-google-account

f) Time to update your password: 26 billion personal records just leaked by Alaina Yee, 01.24.2024. "An astronomical 26 billion records of leaked, breach, and sold data has been discovered on the web--You can check to see if you've been caught up in the breached data through services like [Have I Been Pwned](#) and [Cybernews's own lookup](#)." If you see your information on either of these websites, read the article to learn what steps to take starting with changing your passwords.

pcworld.com/article/2217149/26-billion-records-just-got-exposed

g) First of a four-part series about password managers. Please scroll through first article down to "**Do you need a password manager?**" To view this



g) article, you will need to log in with our **WSCUG credentials** for the **AskWoody Newsletter Plus**:
username: **WSCUG**
password: **Woody2023!**
askwoody.com/newsletter/e-dge-workspaces-for-work-and-play

Comments from Ross-- Wi-Fi Signal Strength: We use our home wi-fi to get internet access on our laptops, desktop computers, tablets, TVs and cell phones but we don't pay much attention to signal strength. It is important that our modem is placed in an optimal location for the greatest coverage throughout the house. The best place for the modem to be is centrally located in your house if possible, and the higher you can place the modem in the room, the better. Think of wi-fi signals as being broadcast in an umbrella shape, that is, signals will radiate from your modem in a broad downward slope as if you held up an umbrella and the rain water cascades off to the sides. If your modem is on the floor or behind a bookcase, then the wi-fi signal won't be very strong. However if you mount the modem high up on that same bookcase, you will enjoy a much stronger signal and that signal will go farther distances within your house.



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Apple Launches Do-It-Yourself Repairs For iPhone 13, iPhone 12 and iPhone SE

cnet.com/tech/mobile/apple-launches-do-it-yourself-repairs-for-iphone-13-iphone-12-and-iphone-se

Is This a Phishing Email? 8 Warning Signs to Look Out For

howtogeek.com/phishing-email-warning-signs-to-look-out-for

Windows 11 Paint has its own AI image generator tool

zdnet.com/article/how-to-use-the-windows-11-paint-app-to-generate-ai-powered-images

Android Troubleshooting Tips

howtogeek.com/android-troubleshooting-tips-to-fix-all-kinds-of-problems

Suspect Your Windows PC Has Malware? How to Quickly Reduce and Remove the Threat

howtogeek.com/reduce-windows-malware-threat

Smart DriverTEK Online Workshop AI Chatbots Are Here to Stay. Learn How They Can Work for You

elearn.aarp.org/Public/Catalog/ai-chatbots-are-here-to-stay

Why are we afraid of AI?

teamviewer.com/en/why-are-we-afraid-of-ai

What is a TPM, and why does your PC need one?

zdnet.com/article/what-is-a-tpm-and-why-does-your-pc-need-one