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This edition of NOOZ is being sent to your group's officers that are listed in the UGLS (APCUG's membership database).

We urge you to share the information by including it in your newsletter, posting it on your website, or e-mailing it to members of your group.

PLAN AN EVENT TO PUBLICIZE YOUR GROUP

August 19 – Virtual Technology Conference – PATACS in Virginia is having a 'watch party' along with a light lunch prior to the two presentations they are watching. Invite members of your community to view selected presentations at your meeting location. Ask your librarians if they would like to show 1 or 2 or 3 videos in a meeting room. Whatever you can think of to help publicize your group via the VTC.

September 16 – Software Freedom Day - <http://www.softwarefreedomday.org/> - Plan an event!

October 2017 – National Cyber Security Awareness Month – Become a Champion!

<https://staysafeonline.org/ncsam>

Have a security presentation at your meeting publicize it via

<https://staysafeonline.org/ncsam/events/submit-ncsam-event>

If your group hasn't had the opportunity to have BobG's 2017 *Staying Safe Online, Preventing Ransomware, and Identity Theft* presentation, he'd be happy to add your group to his October webinar meeting schedule – bob3160 (at) [gmail.com](mailto:bob3160@gmail.com). Presentation info: <https://goo.gl/625EcH>

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1. POSSIBLE Advertising for Your Newsletter - From the April NOOZ. MANY GROUPS LOOK FOR ADVERTISING LIKE WE HAD BACK-IN-THE-DAY. DID ANY GROUP TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OFFER?

APCUG does not endorse this product but is just passing the information on to member groups. We don't have any more information than what is below.

Paul Bordenkircher, OPe Technologies, is interested in finding out whether there are opportunities to advertise in your newsletters or emails.

According to him, it's a cloud storage solution, more secure version of Dropbox, with on-device encryption and higher security standards than the big guys. It's planned for release in late-August. He thinks APCUG groups would "get" the need for this product before most other users.

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2. Info for Editors

From Judy: Terry Harvey, Wisconsin All-Computer Users Group (WAUC) really enjoyed Cynthia's WorldStart Tech Tips and added the below comment under one of her tips. I say enjoyed, since WorldStart has closed its doors; Cynthia bought the rights to all the 'old' tech tips/articles/digital guides and is continuing to upload new tech tips every day at her website: <https://cynmackley.com/> I have received permission from Cynthia for APCUG-member group editors to include her tips in their newsletters.

"Won't you please give a shout out to computer clubs/groups/user groups? Some people don't even know they exist. I've been a member of the Wisconsin All-computer Users Group (WAUC) for 20+ years. It's so awesome. And....the best part of it is, the more you involve yourself, the more you learn. Our motto is, "Let us help you get the most out of your computer. We are located in Milwaukee, WI and I know you have very loyal readers in this area."

From Cynthia: "That's a great idea Terry, there are a lot of local computer groups out there that help their members out a lot. So how about this. If you're a member of a local computer group or an organization that offers tech help to people, why don't you let us know in the comments? Groups and non-profits only, no businesses."

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Tech Definition: What's a thread?

By Cyn Mackley, Tech Whisperer & Mystery Writer

July 21, 2017

<https://cynmackley.com/2017/07/21/tech-definition-whats-a-thread/> (or a Tiny, Bitly or Google shortened URL)

3. 2017 Q3 Reports

In this issue, you will find meeting ideas, what is happening in other groups, and some of the info uploaded to Jere's Tech Tips column on APCUG's website as well as the new Apple Tech Tips column. Both are updated at least once a week or more often as he and others find tips they think you would be interested in knowing about. Gabe also has his usual Tips for User Groups. I think you will find interesting information on each page.

4. Is Your Group's Website Protected with an SSL Certificate?

SSL establishes an encrypted link between your web server and your visitor's web browser. This ensures that all data passed between the two remains private and secure. Google highly recommends all websites be secure with an SSL certificate. Your first step should be to check with the ISP that hosts your website and ask about what they offer in the way of SSL certificates.

This link takes you to an article on how to get a free SSL certificate: <http://bit.ly/2vg2TF2>

This article also has information on obtaining an SSL certificate: <http://bit.ly/2v8mPIU>

Let's Encrypt <https://letsencrypt.org/> is a site that offers free SSL certificates that work with many hosting companies.

5. APCUG's Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/APCUG/>)

If your group is on Facebook, have you and your group liked APCUG's page? Have you let your members know APCUG has a presence on Facebook and that we encourage them to like the page? Lots of great information and tips are posted regularly. For information on how your group can connect with APCUG's Facebook page, click on these links: <http://bit.ly/2tKHAR> / <https://www.screencast.com/t/fewRFb9P>

6. Reminder - FREE August 19 Summer VTC

A few members can get together and watch the sessions together. Or, members can 'attend' different presentations at home in their bathrobes and fuzzy slippers and give reports at their next general meeting. Or, if your group meets on August 19, attendees can watch live one or more of the presentations for their meeting. The Quad-Cities Computer Society has had Tailgate parties in their meeting room with attendees bringing the refreshments. Of course, groups also use the VTC videos for meeting presentations.

Descriptions and Bios at: www.apcug2.org

Register at: <https://apcug-summer-2017-vtc.eventbrite.com>

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