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Tuesday
August 13, 2024
10:00 AM



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Our links can be found at:

LCCUG.com/links, There you will find many interesting places to visit. Check them out and see what you can find interesting

This meeting will be held in person and on Zoom
on Tuesday August 13, 2024 10:00 am.
Join us in person at:

LCCC Community Learning Center
201 W Erie Ave, Lorain, OH 44052

Please Email: info@lccug.com
if you have any questions or concerns!



A Word From Our President



At our July meeting we had a good talk about options for free TV viewing. We reviewed some of the online tools that can help us to find where we can stream movies or TV shows.

In August we will again have another meeting of a mix of topics that we've been calling "Hodge Podge". This will be a meeting discussing a variety of topics. We will look at several short videos on a variety of topics that should appeal to our members. It is fun to discover new ideas and tips and share our thoughts on them.

We want to continue offering learning opportunities in many areas that can help seniors feel more confident and empowered in a digital world. Please let us know what you would like to learn about!

Hopefully, our members have been taking advantage of the free classes on Artificial Intelligence that are being hosted by Senior Planet. There are four more classes being presented in August. The email promoting this was sent out to our members on July 12th.

Enjoy your summer!

Sandra Ruth
LCCUG President



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LCCUG is on Facebook

Come and visit our Facebook page for interesting facts and ideas. You can get a lot of computer information from our Facebook page. Have a question ask it on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/lccug>

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These topics are an easy way to learn about anything you are interested. Check out our website at: <https://lccug.com/> click on presentations and there you will find websites mentioned in all or most of our presentations. We are hoping you enjoy these learning films.

Woohoo

Your renewal dues have been changed from \$15.00, To 3 years for \$15.00. When everyone else is raising their prices our Computer Club is lowering their dues, so tell your friends to come and Join in the fun and learn computer information.

Tell your family and friends about this great deal. Once in a lifetime opportunity.



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Spring Cleaning: Organize Your Desk



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PCMag offers several tips for organizing your work area and desk. Spring cleaning is underway, and this doesn't just apply to your yard or closet. It's time to tackle your desk, too.

First, PCMag recommends buying anything you might need for your workspace, whether a laptop or a new keyboard.

Next, clear all objects off your desk. This includes any cables plugged into a wall outlet or

surge protector, lamps, coasters, mugs, and everything else. Then, use a micro-fiber cloth that is slightly damp with water. You can use other products, but don't spray your computer monitor or desk with chemicals containing ammonia or other harsh cleaners. PCMag recommends getting out the vacuum if you need to clean off your desk chair.

PCMag notes you should start placing your items back on the desk, but don't plug in any items yet. Check to make sure the feel is right, your monitor is at the right level, and you're practicing good ergonomics.

Once you are ready, get your cables under control. Use Velcro cable ties or some other method to contain all of those excess cables.



Executive Board Meeting Minutes

JULY 2, 2024

The board Zoom video meeting for July was attended by Sandee Ruth, Don Hall, Micky Knickman, Pam Rihel and Neil Higgins.

There was discussion of joining for lunch after the meeting next week. It was felt the Olde Towne Pizza in Amherst would be a convenient location.

Sandee talked about Fiber Optics in her house. She remarked about cost, installation, service and fake bills.

Next week's program will be "Streaming Services".

Micky moved, Pam seconded the meeting be adjourned.



General Meeting Minutes

JULY 9, 2024

President Sandee Ruth called the hybrid meeting to order. A motion to accept the minutes as shown in the July issue of the **INTERFACE** was made by Micky and seconded by Richard Long. Motion passed by voice vote.

Sandee and Micky presented a program, "Streaming TV Services & Information". These services range from \$69.99 to \$86.39 while some are free. Sports channels are most expensive.

Sandee announced those interested in dining after the meeting will meet at the Olde Towne Pizza in Amherst.

Pam Rihel moved, Margie Soto-Rivera seconded the meeting be adjourned.



MEMBERSHIP WITH LCCUG:

Yearly dues are now \$15.00 For 3 years. For more information contact:

LCCUG
Director of Membership,
membership@lccug.com.

Meeting Location:
At a new time: from 10 am. - noon
in a new location: LCCC facility at
[201 W. Erie, Lorain](#)

Our meeting space is on the first floor – easily accessible – larger – refreshments available! Please email info@lccug.com if you have any questions.

Newsletter Editor: Pam Rihel using Microsoft Publisher, 2019

This Month's contributors: Micky Knickman, Sandra Ruth, Pam Rihel, Don Hall, Neil Higgins, Michael John Neill, Phil Sorrentino, Jim Cerny, Lynda Buske, Kurt Jefferson Adobe Stock, Scambusters, Ask Leo, APCUG, Google Images, Microsoft Office art online, AARP

Newsletter is now
Online at:
lccug.com/newsletters or lccug.com

The Lorain County Chapter of OGS

is having its next meeting online:

Check our webpage for the next program.

<http://loraincoogs.org/events.html>



We are having our meetings virtually only, using Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/6681479672?pwd=amh0NmtmalZWa0lmRWVBWEwySkxmZz09&omn=92912561207>

Lorain County Chapter is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Meetings are free and the program begins at 7:00 PM.

John Kolb
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Lorain County Computer Users Group

2024 Calendar of Events

<http://lccug.com>
email: info@lccug.com



Using Zoom & In Person
Meeting & program starts at 10:00 am

*2nd Tuesday of each month. Changes are announced on the webpage and the newsletter.
All meetings are open to the public*

If you have anything you would like to know about, PLEASE let up know. We would really like your input.

January 11, Thursday Wireless 5G Internet services

February 8, Thursday HodgePodge

March 14, Thursday Glenn Pubal from Royal Business in Elyria

April 11, Thursday HodgePodge

May 14, Tuesday HodgePodge Part 2

June 11, Tuesday Should I Have a Land Line

July 9, Tuesday Ways to Supplement or Replace Your Current TV Viewing Options

August 13, More HodgePodge & short films

September 10

October 8

November 12

December 10

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Genealogy Tip of the Day
<mjnrootdig@gmail.com>

Underlined Errors?

Michael John Neill, 25 Jul 08:22 AM

The bulk of pre-20th century local land records in the United States consist of handwritten transcriptions of original deeds. These deeds occasionally contained errors that were noticed by the clerk making the record copy. The clerk's job was to transcribe the document exactly as it was written. One way to indicate an obvious error was to underline the apparent incorrect text. In the illustration, a husband and wife are selling property and both sign the deed. But the writer of the deed has written that "he signed" instead of "they signed." The clerk, noticing the error, still wrote the word "he" because that's what the deed said. But the word "he" was underlined to indicate that the error was not that of the clerk, but of someone else. Underlining was a

common way for clerks making handwritten copies to indicate words or phrases that looked wrong even though they were written into the document.

Were They Ever Married?

Michael John Neill, 24 Jul 07:41 AM

I knew my aunt had at least three children in the 1840s in Germany with a man that I assumed was her husband. Turned out he was the father of her children, but that they were not married when some of the older children were born. Because of their parents' marital status, some of the children used her maiden name as their last name, some used his last name as their last name, and some went back and forth between their parents' last names.

It took me forever to locate one of the daughter's marriage record as she married under her mother's maiden name and not the last name of her father.

NEED HELP?



Here's Who to Contact:

Neil Higgins

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Evenings 6 p.m. -10 p.m. + Weekends
Hardware, Linux & Windows Operating Systems,
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General Software Configuration, Hardware Installation, Basic to Advanced Windows

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Evenings & Weekends
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Basic Word Processing, Windows, & Web Design
Advanced Internet

Pam Casper Rihel

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6:00 p.m. to 9:00 pm Monday thru Thursday
Genealogy help
prihel1947@gmail.com

Denny Smith Unavailable at this time

440-355-6218 - dennis.smith@windstream.net

Microsoft EXCEL
Leave message on machine if no answer

If any of our members are interested in helping other users with what programs you are adept at, please contact any of our officers with you name, what program or programs you would be willing to give help with, you email address and or phone number and when you would like to have them call you. Thanks



LCCUG ONGOING WORKSHOPS

ALL ARE FREE AND SOME ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Problem Solving Workshop

Date: Tuesday– August 13, 2024

Time: 12PM –Please show up by 11:30

Instructor: Micky Knickman

Place: LCCC @ 201 W. Erie Ave., Lorain, OH

Learn how to repair or update your computer by changing hard drives, memory, CD ROMs, etc.

This workshop is limited to LCCUG members in good standing.

The Problem Solving Workshop is being held at our new building, LCCC, 201 W. Erie Ave. Lorain, Ohio

You are asked to bring in your computer, laptop and other electronics that you need help with unless the problem/question can be replicated on any device.

Learning About Electronics

Date: Tuesday– August 13, 2024

Time: 12PM –Please show up by 11:30

Instructor: Sandee Ruth

Place: LCCC @ 201 W. Erie Ave., Lorain, OH

Learn how use you electronic devices.

Members are encouraged to bring their tablets, iPod, kindles, etc. for assistance from Sandee and any other knowledgeable members. The public is welcome to sit in on these sessions.



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Recognizing the red flags of a phone call scam will help safeguard your information from being stolen and abused: Internet Scambusters #1,128

Unfortunately, we live in a time where we receive calls from an impersonator claiming you are in trouble with the law, your credit card information has been exploited, or your bank is telling you a fraud alert was placed on your account.

In this week's issue we'll give you prevention and safety tips to show you ways to recognize their deceitful tactics and to protect yourself from being a victim of these phone call scams.

Phone Call Scam Tactics Designed to Get Your Personal Information

An impersonator is someone who pretends to be another person, usually to deceive or defraud. They are nothing more than scammers. These scammers often pose as a trusted figure with a title that leads you to believe the caller is legit.

They could be posing as a family member, government entity, law enforcement officer, or bank official. The phone call scammers' goal is to trick you into revealing sensitive information or taking your money. Understanding the basics of phone call scams/impersonations and the tactics they use will help you be more alert and aware to avoid these fraudulent schemes.

Impersonators are very skilled at mimicking voices, using convincing language, and creating a believable incident to tug at your emotions. The scammer may tell you your bank account has been compromised, you owe back taxes, missed a jury assignment, or a family member is in trouble and needs money immediately.

Being aware of the many ways impersonators operate is the first step in safeguarding yourself against these types of scams.

What are Impersonators/Scam Callers Looking For?

Scammers have specific goals and objectives in mind when they call you. Scammers often target vulnerable people. Typically, the caller is after:

- **Personal information:** Social Security number, date of birth, or other personal information that identifies you.
- **Financial Information:** They may request your bank account number(s), credit card details, or online banking information like username and password.
- **Money:** Scammers often use high-pressure tactics to convince you to transfer money or purchase gift cards.

Scammers are skilled at sounding legitimate when making their request for your information. They use official-sounding language and specific details about your life and job (often gathered from public sources), creating a sense of urgency to get you to take immediate action. Recognizing these patterns can help you stay vigilant.

By knowing what the scammer is after, you can better guard your personal and financial information. Always question unexpected requests and inquiries, and verify the identity of the call before giving them any personal information.

Signs of a Suspicious Phone Call

Some red flags of a suspicious phone call are subtle, others are more obvious and blatant. Identifying them can be challenging, especially when the scammers are highly convincing. Here are some major red flags and indicators that should raise your suspicions immediately and help you identify a potential fraudulent call:

- **Unsolicited Contact:** If you receive a call out of the blue, especially from someone claiming to be an authority figure, be cautious.
- **Urgency and Pressure:** Scammers often create a sense of urgency, insisting you take action to avoid any bad consequences. Scammers use fear as a driving force to get you to react.

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- **Requests for Personal Information:** Legitimate organizations rarely ask for sensitive information over the phone. Never give anyone your Social Security number, bank details, or passwords.
- **Questions Asking for Confirmation:** Watch out for questions like "can you hear me," "is this [your name]," or anything else that you would normally answer with "yes." They are looking to record you saying yes, which they can later use to verify transactions on the phone. Never say "yes" or "no" in answer to a question on an unsolicited phone call; say "uh huh" or "uh uh" instead.
- **Caller ID Spoofing:** Scammers can manipulate caller ID to display a legitimate company's name and/or phone number.
- **Request for Payment Methods:** Say no and hang up if you are asked to transfer money, pay with gift cards, or provide your bank account details.
- **Threats and Intimidation:** The scammer might threaten legal action, arrest, or other severe consequences if you do not comply with them immediately.

These signs are not complete but can certainly serve as initial red flags. Be extremely skeptical and trust your gut feeling – if something feels off, it probably is. Taking a moment to pause and think about responding. It can save you from falling victim to a scam.

Suspicious phone calls often follow a pattern of unsolicited contact, urgency in the matter, and requests for personal information. Being aware of these signs can help you recognize and avoid potential scams against you.

Remember, it is always better to be safe and verify the caller's identity before taking any action.

How Can I Protect Myself?

Protecting yourself from an impersonator who is trying to scam you requires vigilance and proactive measures.

Here are some steps you can take to safeguard your personal and financial information:

- **Verify the Caller:** If you receive an unsolicited call, do not hesitate to hang up and call the organization directly using a verified number from the organization's official website. If the caller wants to give you a phone number to call to verify their legitimacy, do not call that number; do a web search for that organization's actual website, and call the number listed there.
- **Do Not Share Personal Information:** Never provide sensitive details over the phone unless you are 100% certain of the caller's identity.
- **Report the Call:** If you suspect a call is fraudulent, report it to the [FTC](#) or the [FCC](#) and your local law enforcement agency.

Taking these steps can help you avoid becoming a victim of impersonation scams.

Verification is key – always double-check the authenticity of the call before sharing any information. Additionally, reporting suspicious calls can help authorities track and combat these scams.

Stay Safe and Informed!

Impersonators/scammers are a growing threat, but by staying informed and vigilant, you can protect yourself from these scams. Recognize the signs and red flags, and take proactive measures to safeguard your personal and financial information.

Often people are embarrassed when they become a victim of a scam and do not make a report. The scammers are getting good at what they do and keeping yourself informed and educated makes it harder for the impersonator to succeed.

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<http://www.scambusters.org>



Tip of the Day: Add Another Language

Multi-lingual households and businesses are more and more common these days. It can be challenging to use a computer displaying a language other than your native one.

Windows 10 and 11 make this a fairly easy change, though it will require a one-time download. Once configured, you'll have to sign out and back in again to switch from one language to another.

In the Settings app, locate "Region & language" settings (the easiest way is to click the Start menu and start typing "language"). It's shown above.

Click on Add a language, and you'll be given a long list¹ from which to choose, displayed with their names in their native language above their names in the current language. (This makes it easier for a non-current language speaker to locate the language they care about.)

Locate the language you want to add, and click on it. For some, you'll be given extra choices for dialects or other variations. After you make your choice, the Settings app will list your new language along with default features, one of which is "Install language pack". Click on Install.

Once that is completed, you're done.

To change the language used by Windows, click in the drop-down list and select the language you want. You'll be asked to sign out and back in again. After doing so, Windows will use the language you've selected.

As noted in the dialog, "Apps and websites will appear in the first language in the list that they support." In order to change these, make sure that the list is in the priority order you want. Note that not all languages are supported by all apps.

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If not, you might want to consider it for specific accounts if it is offered. Two-factor authentication is a way of adding an additional level of privacy to a computer account. When you set up an account, typically on a computer server, you assign a "User Name," which is not private, and a Password, which you are advised to keep private. This provides a certain level of privacy because to access your account, you must provide the User Name, which is not private, and the password, which is, hopefully, known only to you. This is probably all you need to do for most of your accounts. However, adding another level of privacy would be prudent to guarantee that you can access the account only for specific accounts. These accounts would be those that you would be very unhappy if someone else, or some other computer, could access and download or manipulate its contents. An account that contains very personal information or an account at a financial institution might be just this type of account.



Client-Server Architecture

Keep in mind the internet employs a Client-Server Architecture. Using this architecture, your account is on a server computer, not your home computer, tablet, or phone. These (client) devices only provide the ability to connect to the server and manipulate the account contents. So if someone else knew your User Name, which is not protected, and knew or stole or guessed your Password, which is hopefully protected, they could access the account and manipulate

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the contents. If it's a financial account, they could probably manipulate its value. Unfortunately, no matter how diligent you are in protecting your password, sometimes passwords become known to the bad guys, such as "hackers." If hackers get into your financial account, they can possibly use it for fraudulent financial transfers or payments, or worse, a password alone may not be enough. Even many services that don't offer two-factor authentication have instituted various checks on the computer attempting to use a particular server account, like sending an email to the email of record indicating a new computer is trying to access the account and asking, "Is this you?". If you are concerned about this, google "What happens if someone accesses my account" and see the possibilities. Nowadays, many services employ two-factor authentication to help guarantee that only the account owner can access a particular account.

Two-factor authentication is not a new concept. Banks have used a second form of identification for years, using ATMs to secure access to safe deposit boxes. When a bank customer visits a local automated teller machine (ATM), one authentication factor is the physical ATM card that the customer slides into the machine ("what you have"). A second factor is the PIN the customer enters through the keypad ("what you know"). When you want to get into your safe deposit box, you have to provide the account number ("what you know") and a key ("what you have") before they will let you into the box.

Fortunately, many, if not all, financial institution servers provide the ability to use two-factor authentication. Two-factor authentication requires a second form of identification, which you typically have. Two-factor authentication increases the probability that the requester is who he says he is. The more factors used, the higher the likelihood that the requester is the account owner. Two-factor authentication is sometimes confused with

"strong authentication," but these are different strategies. Soliciting multiple answers to challenge questions may be considered strong authentication. However, unless the process also requires "what the user has" or "what the user is," it would not be regarded as two-factor authentication.

What you know + What you



have=Positive Authentication

In general, authentication can be done by "what you know," like a password or pin, or "what you have," like a badge or a smartphone, or "what you are," like a fingerprint or iris eye-print. (Some highly classified systems may require all three for authentication, which would involve possessing a password and a physical token used in conjunction with biometric data, such as a fingerprint, a voiceprint, or a retina scan.)

For most typical internet servers, the second form of identification is "what you have." The "what you have" can be a code sent to you by text, email, or phone; the account owner usually makes the choice. The code is typically a one-time-use series of six or so digits. Once the code is sent, you will have enough time to enter it into the screen that starts the authentication process. If email is selected, the server will send an email with the code to your email address of record on that server. Once you provide the correct code, you will be granted access to the account. If a voice phone call is selected, the call is made to the phone number on the record on that server. Once the phone call is answered, the digits are announced, and you can enter them on the screen that starts the process. If a text is selected, the text will be sent to the phone number of record on that server (ensure the phone number can receive texts). The code in the text can then

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be entered into the screen that starts the process.

Two-factor authentication adds an extra step to your login process, and depending on how the service has implemented it, it can be a minor inconvenience or a major annoyance. (And it also depends on your patience and willingness to spend the extra time to ensure higher security.) However, in the long run, using two-factor authentication improves the security of your private information, which is undoubtedly something we all want. So, take the time to set up two-factor authentication on at least all of your financial and very private accounts.



The Artificial Intelligence Explosion, an ever-changing topic

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Artificial intelligence (AI) is a term we've all encountered, and its impact is already evident in various sectors such as business, education, entertainment, art, manufacturing, research, and health care. However, this is just the beginning. The potential of AI to revolutionize our lives is immense, possibly surpassing the transformative effects of computers and electronics. Are you prepared for this future?

Many people see the AI revolution as bringing huge benefits. If you have been using a search engine on the internet to get information you want or need, AI can do more by providing intelligent results to your searches.

Try using the following free AI internet sites and seeing the results of your inquiries:

- ChatGPT (<https://chat.openai.com/>) - Chatbot from OpenAI that can have natural conversations and generate human-like text on various topics.
- DALL-E 2 (<https://labs.openai.com/>) - AI image generator from OpenAI that creates images from text descriptions.
- Hugging Face Spaces (<https://huggingface.co/spaces>) - Platform to build, train, and deploy machine learning models, mainly focused on natural language processing.
- Perplexity (<https://www.perplexity.ai/>) The answer to any question.
- Anthropic Claude (<https://claude.ai/chat/>) - Conversational AI assistant trained to be helpful, harmless, and honest.
- Gemini (<https://gemini.google.com/>) is a conversational AI chatbot from Google. It is meant to function similarly to ChatGPT, with the biggest difference being that Google's service pulls its information from the web.
- Co-Pilot from Microsoft. An AI-powered digital assistant that aims to provide personalized assistance to users for a range of tasks and activities. Copilot is integrated with Microsoft Edge. <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/edge/>
- Leonardo (<https://leonardo.ai>) is a generative AI platform that empowers users to effortlessly generate captivating images and artwork.
- NightCafe (<https://creator.nightcafe.studio/>). Create unique artworks in seconds using the power of Artificial Intelligence.

Since AI is going to affect almost every area of

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life on this planet, how is AI going to affect you, and how are you going to handle it? The STUG organization has some experienced AI users who will help guide STUG in helping our members understand and use AI. No matter what your life interest is, AI will affect it. You can start by asking Google or an AI website something like "How will AI affect art?" or "How will AI help with my investments?" or "How do I use AI to create a photo?" Yes, AI already affects all areas of your life, even if you do not realize it. You can watch many videos to learn more about all aspects of AI.

Creative AI can write stories, create works of art, and amaze us. Humans may review what AI has created, "touch it up," or add pieces later. As an example, AI is already affecting those who make their living writing by doing most of the work.

AI technology impacts many industries, transforming how they operate and interact with customers and employees. Here are some sectors that are being heavily affected by AI:

- **Marketing:** AI can predict what customers might want to buy. It helps companies show customers suitable ads.
- **Retail:** AI helps keep track of inventory and can recommend products that each customer might like. Some stores even have robot helpers that can answer customer questions.
- **Insurance:** AI can quickly process claims and detect fraud to help the company run smoothly.
- **Banking/Finance:** Banks use AI chatbots and virtual assistants to make banking more accessible for customers. AI also watches for fake charges on your account.
- **Education:** AI tutors can adapt to each student and help them learn at their own pace. It can grade papers and free up time for teachers.

- **Healthcare:** AI is making significant advancements in healthcare, from diagnosing diseases and analyzing medical images to drug discovery and personalized medicine. It has the potential to improve patient outcomes and streamline healthcare processes.
- **Manufacturing:** AI is integrated into manufacturing processes to optimize production, improve quality control, and enable predictive maintenance. It is revolutionizing the way products are designed, produced, and delivered.

These are just a few examples of industries that AI is heavily impacting. However, it's important to note that AI is a rapidly evolving field, and its impact is not limited to these industries alone. AI can potentially disrupt and transform other sectors, such as transportation, agriculture, energy, etc.

There are also downsides to AI. Many jobs will be affected, and people must adapt to different situations. For example, when steam trains went to diesel, firemen were no longer needed—and now there are no train cabooses either!

Perhaps a good AI concept summary example could be in the area of law. An AI "lawyer" would have all the knowledge of previous similar court cases and create a perfect prosecution or defensive argument. The judge and jury would have to make the decision. But what if AI makes the decision itself? Would that not be better than any human judge?

Can you imagine more of what AI will do? It staggers my human intelligence!



Pack your bags!



By Lynda Buske
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As you already know, one of my interests is travel photography, and we are entering the season when many of us travel far (or near) to experience and photograph new locations. A stay at an area B&B or a friend's cottage can provide ample opportunity to enjoy a different life from your normal routine. Perhaps you have time to notice nature's beauty when the pace is slower and your schedule is not so packed. Maybe you also have the chance to view familiar things from a different perspective. Finding beauty that others walk by is a comment I often hear with respect to my photos.

I have often written about travel photography, so here are some links to past articles you may find useful.

Tips for travel photography. Review my five tips for better travel photos.

<https://opcug.ca/Photography/TipsForTravelPhotography.pdf>

Rainy day photos. Don't spend vacation days inside when rainy days offer enticing photographic opportunities.

<https://opcug.ca/Photography/RainyDayPhotos.pdf>

Shooting near water. Canadians have abundant opportunities to visit lakes and seashores, so review these tips before heading to the beach!

<https://opcug.ca/Photography/ShootingNearWater.pdf>

Don't miss the road shots! Don't miss photo opportunities from the passenger seat or on a bus.

<https://opcug.ca/Photography/RoadShots.pdf>

What to do with all those travel photos? How to organize your pics once you are home. Please note that the article refers to Shutterfly.com. As of March 2023, setting up a personalized site for sharing on Shutterfly is no longer an option. I would suggest trying a site like Flickr, where you can post 1000 free photos and provide links to friends.

<https://opcug.ca/Photography/WhatToDoWithAllThoseTravelPhotos.pdf>

Happy travels!

Court Records Can Be More than Ledgers

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When using US court records researchers should determine if there are case packets of various court papers in addition to using court references in various court ledgers and journals. These packets of court papers usually include original copies of filings, depositions, court findings, and other material related to the case at hand. Papers were typically folded and placed in one packet which may have been tied with a string or somehow kept together. Filing structure can vary from one location to another. Ledgers and journals duplicate some of what is in these materials, but many times there is information in the case file or packet that is not contained in the bound materials.

Unfortunately not all jurisdictions retained these case files, but when accessing and utilizing any local court records in the US, make certain you have determined if case files or packets are available.

