



Donate your old computers!

Donate your old computers, tablets, cell phones and cables to the Repair Shop. Your personal data will be permanently erased, and the device will be refurbished or recycled. In September the Club received \$285.14 for scrap computers, tablets, cell phones and cables/electrical cords. This provides some income to help keep your membership dues low.

Membership

The Club has 270 households which is 463 individual members.

New members since last newsletter:

Paul and Jan Bell

Lynette Davis

Lacey Hammock

Shop news:

35 computer devices repaired at the Shop during November 2024, YTD 378 devices.

Current Software

Windows 10 version

22H2 build .5247

Windows 11 version

24H2 build .2605

MAC OS Sequoia 15.2

Mac OS Sonoma 14.7.2

iPhone iOS 18.2

iPad OS 18.2

iWatch OS 11.2

January 7th Meeting :

Brian Smith from Edward Jones will once again be our guest and will provide an economic update and take questions from our group.

New PCs, Laptops, Phones for Christmas?

Call the shop for purchase or setup assistance. (252-586-9919)

Come to the shop for help and bring your old equipment for recycle.

There will be a significant amount of equipment turnover in 2025. Use the shop!

Dec. 10th Meeting Recap:

Christmas Party! Pot Luck!

So much food to share.

Coordination of the food was led by Georgia with

assistance from the Ancestry SIG! All Silent auction items

were won! Drawing for prizes!

Lots of cables and phones were donated as

scrap! Larry Java discussed his photo class on to take sharper pictures.

Paul discussed his SIG and the use of the new TV.

FBI warns that you should keep your messages private

"Encryption is your friend" for texts and phone calls. Even if the adversary is able to intercept the data, if it is encrypted, it will make it impossible for them to detect it. The good news for people who use Apple phones is that iMessage and FaceTime are also already end-to-end encrypted. For Android phones, encryption is available in Google Messages if the senders and recipients all have the feature turned on.

But messages sent between iPhones and Android phones are less secure. The simplest way to ensure your messages are safe from snooping is to use an end-to-end encrypted app like [Signal](#) or [WhatsApp](#). With these apps, your communications are end-to-end encrypted every single time. A hacker who has managed to get your ID and password for a website can monitor your text messages to intercept a one-time passcode that's used in two-factor authentication (2FA). This is a really serious security risk. They recommend getting 2FA messages through an app like [GoogleAuthenticator](#) or [Authy](#).