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#### Objective:

To bring the latest technology news to you, our members. Tips and suggestions will help you to keep your device(s) running smoothly and help you be aware of threats. Technical tips will be coming to you through our Technical Committee.

#### Committee Members: (Pictured Below)

Ben Tarbell, Mike Gerkin, Peggy Bullock, Jim Mills, Rick Heesen, Lowell Lee, Steve Andreasen (Apple/Mac) and Mike Smith. Jim Oliver and Dick Strong.









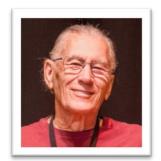












Dick Strong and Jim Oliver are on "time off" for season 2017-2018.



Another page of the calendar has flipped – the beginning of Summer? Well, maybe, but it depends on where you live. I am sitting in my 5<sup>th</sup> wheel with a sweatshirt, jeans & my husband's fleece jacket on! He is in the other room with the AC on!! This situation is typical for us. It's a gray, cloudy, cool day in NY/PA! Hoping you all are enjoying your summer no matter where you are or what is happening in your life. But remember – keep up with current technological events and notices. Hence,,,,,,,, the June issue of Tech Times is brought to you by our faithful Tech Committee at SuperSun Computer Club.

Remember – Our Club Website is: <a href="https://www.supercomcc.org">www.supercomcc.org</a>. We try to keep it up to date too. I have a few more meetings/pictures to add that I became slack on towards the end of the season. I promise to get it updated too! (Well, this is from last month & I still don't have it done!! Sorry!!)

All links in our newsletter are safe to click on.

#### **Submitted by Rick Heesen:**

Oh Rick, this is an awesome article!! I'm sure we have heard all the reasons or excuses. Great article!!

#### Your Battery Is Designed To Be Used

But spending too much time thinking about your battery's long-term health doesn't give you much benefit, and often means you're not taking advantage of your battery right now. It's better to not overthink things and generally just keep things charged.

Here is the rest of this great article: <a href="https://www.howtogeek.com/351074/dont-worry-about-your-battery-just-use-it/">https://www.howtogeek.com/351074/dont-worry-about-your-battery-just-use-it/</a>

#### **Submitted by Steve Andreasen:**

Having problems with your email or friends complaining you are sending stuff you aren't? Here's some information that Steve that is interesting with some helpful hints:

### Help! My Email was Hacked!



Jamie Grill/The Image Bank/Getty Images

by Mary Landesman
Updated May 19, 2018

Do you suspect your email account has been hacked? Can't login to your email account? Are you getting undeliverable and bounce messages for email you never sent? Are friends and family complaining of receiving email you never sent? Is it malware? A hacker? Here's how to tell.

#### **Undeliverable and Bounce Messages**

Spammers frequently spoof the From sender on the email they send. They just substitute their real email address with a random email address found on a mailing list or one just randomly made up.

Some poorly configured email gateway products don't distinguish between the manually editable "From" address and the actual sender origin, so they simply send any undeliverable messages to the spoofed From address. To better understand how this works, and help you track down the real origin of an email, see: Reading Email Headers.

Best defense: Simply delete the undeliverable/bounce messages.

In other cases, email worms will send themselves disguised as an undeliverable/bounce message. The bogus email contains either a link or an attachment. Clicking the link or opening the attachment leads directly to a copy of the worm. Your best course is to learn to overcome curiosity.

**Best defense:** If you receive an undeliverable or bounce message for an email you know you did not send, resist the temptation to open the attachment or click the link. Just delete the email.

#### **Unable to Login to Your Email Account**

If you are unable to login to your email account due to an invalid password, it's possible that someone has gained access and changed the password. It's also possible that the email service is experiencing a system outage of some sort. Before you panic, make sure your email provider is functioning normally.

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#### **Submitted by Rick Heesen:**

For all you iPhone users – here is an article for you! It's mostly about 3D touch tips but there is also a hyperlink included that talks about what 3D Touch is for those who are unfamiliar with it.

https://www.howtogeek.com/351994/best-hidden-3d-touch-tips-you-didn't-know-about/

#### **Submitted by Mike Gerkin:**

We all know that our Mike Gerkin is always looking for a bargain!! Well, he found one that should tickle everyone's toes!!! I believe this time he has found the best and you don't even need a store coupon!! Thanks Mike, your insight is always a pleasure to look forward to. Hoping you all agree with his "Bargain Shopping"!!!

I read that Best Buy has just offered a new annual \$200 subscription for their Total Tech Service to repair and support devices for subscribers. If a home visit is involved that is another \$50 charge.

Wow, a SuperCom member gets all that for \$10 a year and if a home visit is necessary it is free! Not only is that a great comparative bargain, but SuperCom tosses in a variety of classes, SIGs, weekly educational meetings, a web site, and free donuts!

We want to make a special effort to keep our members reminded of the great benefits of their participating in SuperCom, the largest organization at Superstition Sunrise. Invite your friends at SuperSun and your neighbors - we might as well aim to push our membership over 500.

#### **Submitted by Rick Heesen:**

Interesting info. Hopefully something like this will happen in the US as well.

## What is the GDPR Privacy Law and Why Should You Care?

by Harry Guinness on May 25th, 2018

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is a new European Union law that takes effect today, and it's the reason you've been receiving non-stop emails and notices about privacy policy updates. So how does this affect you? Here's what you need to know.

The new GDPR law takes effect today, May 25th, 2018, and it covers data protection and privacy for EU citizens, but it also applies to a lot of other countries in various ways, and since all the tech giants are huge multi-national corporations, it affects a lot of the stuff that you use on a daily basis.

### The Problem GDPR is Trying to Solve: Companies Are Collecting and Abusing Your Personal Info

Since the dawn of the internet, companies have been gathering as much data as possible on anyone they can. It's simple to collect that information, so there's no reason for them not to hoard it.

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#### **Submitted by Mike Gerkin:**

Here is a good explanation of why it may be a good time to reboot your router. This article contains a copy of the May release of the FBI memo

# The FBI wants you to reboot your router NOW to help destroy a botnet

DO IT NOWWWWW.

by

Sean Hollister



The Netgear Nighthawk R7000, which this author owns, is one of the many routers pegged as vulnerable to VPNFilter.

#### Dong Ngo/CNET

Remember when the world discovered that <u>over half a million routers have been infected</u> with sophisticated "VPNFilter" malware that could, among other things, cut off access to the internet or be used for Russian spying?

Today, the FBI is asking everyone -- yes, *everyone* -- to reboot their <u>routers</u> immediately. Right now, even. Or maybe after you finish reading this story.

Continued here: <a href="https://www.cnet.com/news/the-fbi-wants-you-to-reboot-your-router-now-to-help-destroy-a-botnet/">https://www.cnet.com/news/the-fbi-wants-you-to-reboot-your-router-now-to-help-destroy-a-botnet/</a>

#### Submitted by: Peggy Bullock

For those of you who are really curious about your descendants and have done this, you might want to check this article out -

- Kim Komando website:

#### 92 million accounts hacked from this popular DNA testing service

Genealogy websites are a popular way to learn about your family's history. The process is relatively inexpensive and fast. Typically, in less than a month you'll find out if you're a descendant of royalty or not. Unfortunately, popular websites like these are excessively targeted by cybercriminals. We've just learned about a DNA testing service that was hacked, exposing over 92 million of its users' information.

Click here to find out if your critical data was stolen and what your next move should be.

Enjoy your summer and we will be back next month with another interesting Tech Times!

Your Techs for this time:

Rick Heesen, Mike Gerkin, Steve Andreasen & Peggy Bullock