



March - 2026



Monthly Meeting Information
Thursday March 5

Attend in Person:
 Light Refreshments at 6:00 PM
 Broadmoor United Methodist
 Education Building
 10230 Mollylea Dr.

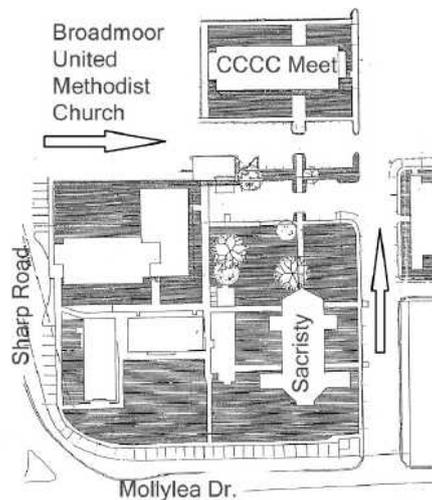
Attend via Zoom:
 Meeting ID: 857 3358 8755
 Passcode: 935921

Zoom Log-in starts about 6:15 PM
 Meeting starts at 6:30 PM

Embracing the AI Age - Part 2

Hewie will continue demonstrating how we are embracing the age of artificial intelligence (AI) and exploring practical applications for seniors. He provides an overview of what AI is, explaining that it is a technology that helps computers think and learn like humans. Hewie highlights the chatbot ChatGPT as an example of AI to have human like conversations. The presentation will then delve into the various ways AI is being used. There will be many examples of AI that will amaze you.

This month's speaker will be presenting via Zoom.



Hewie Poplock joined the Central Florida Computer Society in 1987 and is a 4 time Past President and currently is the APCUG Rep and the Windows SIG (Special Interest Group) Chair. He has always enjoyed sharing his computer knowledge and information. In 2014, he moved to Bradenton and joined the Sarasota Technology User Group (STUG). He was elected to the STUG Board of Directors and was appointed the APCUG Rep for STUG.

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OPEN SOURCE LAB

by Cal Esneault



Should I go from Windows to Linux?

I have written many articles about the Linux OS (Operating System). With users unhappy about the demise of Windows 10 and others having misgivings about Windows 11, some have asked if they should consider moving to Linux. Here are some general thoughts to those Windows users so they can have a clearer understanding of what they should expect.

First, if you decide to switch, you should take the time and effort to give Linux a “test drive”. Keep running your Windows system as usual and conduct Linux testing isolated from your normal activities. Run Linux on a spare PC or as a “live” USB to adapt to the “Linux” way of doing things. Learn how to perform the basic operations in Linux analogous to the Windows environment: manage files, do searches on the Internet, send/receive e-mail, modify system preferences, install new applications, update software, etc.

There are many choices as to distributions, desktop interfaces, and individual free software applications. This confuses Linux “newbies” since they are used to a more restricted situation. Consider that there are multiple excellent ways to do the same thing (due to “open software” practices). Pick one distribution and learn the fundamentals using its strategy and specific approach. You should choose from one of the popular “consumer” (for example, Linux Mint or Ubuntu). Later, if you wish, moving to another distribution will be easier following by analogy to the first.

Although there are many helpful videos and much information online (and at the Clickers), you still have to personally experience these actions yourself. Try to do this in small, easy increments (for example, at least a few days). If you lose enthusiasm or find all this “above your head”, delay your switch until you get a better feel for what will happen.

Next, consider special “must have” software applications that do not run on Linux. For example, Microsoft Office programs don’t run on Linux, but there are many Linux native programs that can read and write to MS Office files. However, an exact match may be required by an employer or other organizations that makes a substitution impractical. Another example may be PhotoShop where you have spent many years fine-tuning your skills and don’t want to start over. An option in such cases can be to maintain a limited Windows presence just for those special needs and keep a Linux system for the rest of your computing. This takes planning before you switch Linux and may even be a game-stopper.

Linux distributions typically come with a large amount of software (Internet browsers, office suite, audio & video players, etc.) that cover routine needs. They also have “software centers” where you can download from thousands of additional pre-screened applications. The distribution’s software package management system will help you easily keep up with any security or bug fixes.

Once you have migrated to Linux, you will find you are responsible for more of system operations. Since you have more control of your machine and software options, this is actually one of the benefits that many users seek. However, this requires more “tinkering” with your new “hobby”. Expect to engage more with fellow users (the “community”) to find answers to you questions.

In general, I have found the most critical step in moving to Linux is the ability to do the first critical base install. Be sure to do enough research on the Internet or get the assistance of a current Linux user for this step. Most users find that Linux looks and feels more like Windows than they had imagined. With time and experience, you can eventually make a full transition.



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THOUGHTS FROM A CLICKER

By Tiny Ruisch



Typeless

I haven't jumped on the Artificial Intelligence (AI) bandwagon. Sure it is fun to create silly pictures and write funny songs while demonstrating at a club meeting. In my real life day to day computing, I haven't found much use for it. Why should I spend time writing prompts to create a picture when I can download thousands of them.

Early on, I did a lot of experimenting with AI. I had it create a quiz for the newsletter and write a couple of articles for my website. They were okay, but I didn't think very good. About a year ago, I downloaded a Microsoft AI app called Seeing Eye. I demonstrated it at a club meeting and at Grandparents Raising Grandchildren. It was a lot of fun and did quite a few things. I haven't opened it for several months now.

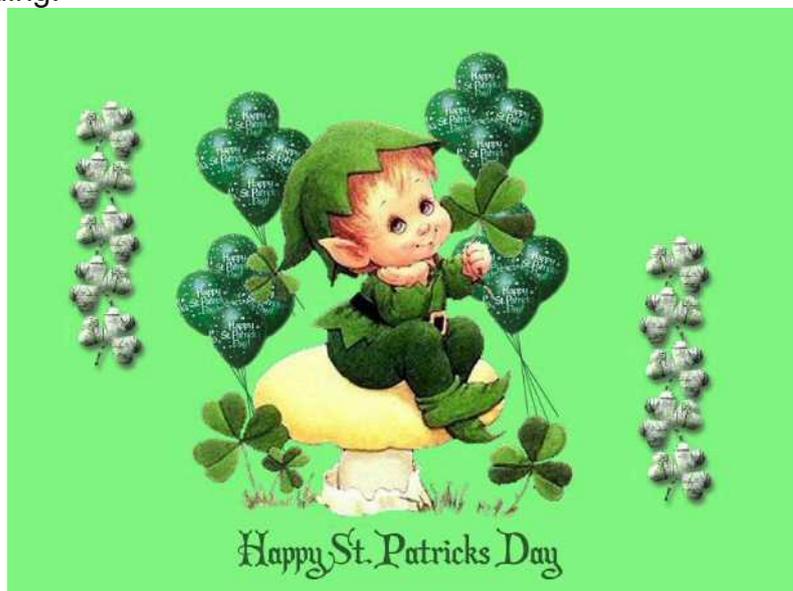
I'm not giving up though. I've found some AI software that actually seems to be useful for me. Typeless is a voice productivity tool that converts spoken words into polished text in real time. It removes filler words, detects self-corrections, and structures content without requiring manual editing. The idea is that anywhere you would normally type something, you just speak it instead. Instead of typing, you just say it. Typeless takes out all the errors and converts your speech to text.

On my phone, it works by replacing the keyboard with a large microphone icon. If you need your regular keyboard, it only takes a tap. It works great for texting. On my Windows computer, it is activated by holding down the Right Alt key and speaking. Other than composing emails, I haven't used it all that much on Windows. It is not yet available for Linux,

Typeless requires an email address to register the app. After registration, there is a 30 day free trial of the pro version. After that, the cost is \$30 a month or \$12 if you pay annually. The free version limits you to 4,000 words per week. As I write this article, I've got four days left on my trial. I like the program but am not planning on paying for the Pro features.

[You can find out more about the software on their website.](#)

Thanks for reading.



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ExxonMobil gives our club grants for their volunteer efforts.

Along with membership dues, ExxonMobil grants help with everyday club expenses.

Want to Learn Something New?

Sign Up For a Workshop



Skill Level Codes: B=Beginner E=Everyone I=Intermediate A=Advanced Exp=Expert

March 2026

Date & Time		Workshop	Skill	Instructor	Location	Length
3 - Tue	09:00 AM	Windows 11 Part 1 of 4	E	Barney Babin	Zoom	3 hrs
	01:00 PM	Clickers Q & A	E	Tiny Ruisch	Zoom	2 hrs
5 - Thu	06:30 PM	Monthly CCCC Meeting	E		Zoom	2 hr 30 min
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9 - Mon	10:00 AM	All About Zoom	E	Tiny Ruisch & Pat Aucoin	Lecture Room	2 hrs
10 - Tue	09:00 AM	Windows 11 Part 2 of 4	E	Barney Babin	Zoom	3 hrs
	01:00 PM	Clickers Q & A	E	Tiny Ruisch	Zoom	2 hrs
11 - Wed	10:00 AM	Linux SIG	SIG	Calvin Esneault	Jones Creek Library	2 hrs
12 - Thu	01:00 PM	Don't Get Scammed	E	Tiny Ruisch	Zoom	2 hrs
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13 - Fri	01:00 PM	What Works in Photography Part 2	E	Bernard Gillette	Jones Creek Library	3 hrs
14 - Sat	10:00 AM	Introduction to Cajun Clickers	E	Tiny Ruisch	Lecture Room	2 hrs
17 - Tue	09:00 AM	Windows 11 Part 3 of 4	E	Barney Babin	Zoom	3 hrs
	10:00 AM	Linux Extra Help	B	Calvin Esneault	Lecture Room	2 hrs
	01:00 PM	Clickers Q & A	E	Tiny Ruisch	Zoom	2 hrs
18 - Wed	01:00 PM	iPhone & iPad Extra Help	E	Richard Lewandowski	Goodwood Library	2 hrs
24 - Tue	09:00 AM	Windows 11 Part 4 of 4	E	Barney Babin	Zoom	3 hrs
	01:00 PM	Clickers Q & A	E	Tiny Ruisch	Zoom	2 hrs
25 - Wed	01:00 PM	Google Drive, Docs, & Sheets overview	B	Richard Lewandowski	Lecture Room	2 hrs
31 - Tue	01:00 PM	Clickers Q & A	E	Tiny Ruisch	Zoom	2 hrs

Helpful Website Workshop Hints

Note: You must log into the Club Website to click on links.

Workshop Calendar Link:

Click on the Workshop Title to see the Workshop description

Click on the Instructor Name to send a message

If the workshop is listed twice, you can select to attend in the Windows Lab or via Zoom

How to Register for a Workshop:

1. Check the box for the workshop you would like to attend
2. Click on the "To register button" link
3. On the next page, click the "Continue Registration" button
4. After registering, you can either Return to the Main Page or go Back to the Members Only Page

List Your Registered Workshops Link

to view or cancel your workshops



Clicker Quizzler



This month's Quizzler is some brain teasers for you to answer. All are solvable, but you might have to think a little. Don't overthink the answers.

1. Bill was hiking in the woods when he came to an intersection where three paths cross. He looked for the sign indicating the direction to his destination. He found that the pole carrying three destinations and arrows pointing to them had fallen. He picked it up and inserted it back into place, pointing out the correct direction for his destination. How did he do it?
2. Pat had a wad of money in her purse. She gave half of the money to Kathy. Then she spent half of the remaining money. She lost five dollars, which left her with just five dollars. How much money did Pat have to start with?
3. A farmer has a field with six haystacks in one corner, a third as many in another corner, twice as many in a third corner, and five in the fourth corner. While piling the hay together in the center of the field, the farmer let one of the stacks get scattered all over the field by the wind. How many haystacks did the farmer end up with?
4. One morning, Gehr awoke to find that his bedroom window was misty with condensation. He drew the word "SNOWING" on it with his finger. Then he crossed out the letter N, turning it into another English word: "SOWING." He continued this way, removing one letter at a time, until there was just one letter remaining, which is itself a word. What words did Tom make, and in what order?
5. How do you make the number 7 an even number without addition, subtraction, multiplication or division?
6. Urbin and Richard are playing chess. They play five games. Each wins three games. How is this possible?
7. Why is an older one-hundred dollar bill worth more than a newer one?
8. Tiny was given an empty wine bottle with a valuable diamond inside. The bottle is made of glass and has a cork sealing the top. Without breaking or damaging the glass in any way and without taking the cork out of the bottle, how did he get the diamond?

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February Solution

Here are the answers for last months Fictional Characters.

1. The Quaker Oats guy on the oatmeal canister – Larry.
2. Mrs. Butterworth on the sirup bottle – Joy Butterworth
3. The Policeman in the Monopoly game – Officer Edgar Mallory
4. Peppermint Pattie in the Peanuts comic strip – Patricia Reichardt
5. Barbie and Ken, the dolls – Barbara Millicent Roberts and Ken Carson
6. The Cookie Monster on Sesame Street – Sid
7. Mr. Peanut on all of the Planter's cans – Bartholomew Richard Fitzgerald-Smythe
8. Jughead in the Archie comics – Forsythe P. Jones
9. Mr. Whipple in the old Charmin toilet paper commercials – George Whipple
10. The neighbor that looked over the fence in Home Improvement – Wilson W. Wilson, Jr.
11. The Skipper on Gilligan's Island – Jonas Grumby
12. Mr. Spock on Star Trek – S'chn T'gai Spock



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To Save Money, Cajun Clickers is looking for a new location to do our computer repairs. If anyone knows of a possible location, please contact the office at 225-273-7113.

Treasury Report

Starting Balance	20,952.68
Additions	
Repair	100.00
Exxon Grants	
Donations	
Dues+Square	662.13
EJ Interest	43.21
Subtotal	805.34
Subtractions	
Donations/Dues	62.90
Supplies/Purchases	563.96
Entergy	91.61
Cox	168.41
Rent	900.00
Cleaning	100.00
Subtotal	1,886.88
Ending Balance	19,871.14



It Happened in February

Compiled by Tiny Ruisch

If you want to understand today, you have to search yesterday. - Pearl Buck

A short synopsis of some of the technological things that happened in February. Not all were a giant leap, but I hope you find that they are all interesting.

- 1850 The first US. patent for push-key operation of a calculating machine was issued.
- 1877 Alexander Graham Bell demonstrated the telephone for the first time in public.
- 1878 Thomas Edison received a US patent for the phonograph
- 1885 The American Telephone and Telegraph Company is incorporated in New York State.
- 1909 The first color motion picture process, Kinemacolor, was shown to the general public
- 1915 The first successful tests of the wireless telephone from a moving train were conducted.
- 1924 The first presidential radio address is delivered by Calvin Coolidge.
- 1946 ENIAC, the first all-electronic computer was unveiled at the University of Pennsylvania.
- 1947 Edwin H. Land demonstrated his one-step instant camera and film.
- 1954 The first color television sets using the NTSC standard are offered for sale to the public.
- 1959 Jack Kilby of Texas Instruments filed a patent for miniaturized electronic circuits.
- 1968 The first-ever 911 call was placed.
- 1969 The Boeing 747 jumbo jet took flight for the first time.
- 1972 Hewlett-Packard introduced the first scientific hand held calculator, the HP-35.
- 1978 Ward Christensen and Randy Suess completed the Computerized Bulletin Board System. It was the first BBS.
- 1982 The Intel 80286 was introduced.
- 1984 IBM introduces the IBM Portable Personal Computer.
- 1987 The Internet domain apple.com was created.
- 1991 Tim Berners-Lee introduces World Wide Web, the first web browser and HTML editor.
- 1990 A small software package for manipulating images was launched. It was called Photoshop.
- 1999 Victoria's Secret's online fashion show became the first major webcast.
- 2000 Microsoft released Windows 2000, the successor to Windows NT 4.0
- 2001 US Robotics introduces the V.92 modem standard.
- 2003 Google acquired Blogger.
- 2004 Mark Zuckerberg and a few other guys at Harvard launch TheFacebook.
- 2004 Apple's first iPod Mini arrived in Apple retail stores and online.
- 2005 The domain name YouTube.com was registered.
- 2005 Google Maps released for mobile phones in the US.
- 2008 Microsoft introduced DirectX 10.1 included with Vista SP1 and Windows Server 2008.
- 2011 The NRO announced that the free pool of available IPv4 addresses was fully depleted.
- 2011 IBM's Watson, an AI computer system competed against Jeopardy champions Ken Jennings and Brad Rutter.
- 2012 Orders began for the small and inexpensive Raspberry Pi computer.
- 2013 Microsoft released the Surface Pro.
- 2014 Chris Nakamoto of WBRZ was the speaker at the CCCC monthly meeting.
- 2015 RadioShack filed for bankruptcy.
- 2016 Facebook added emoticon options to 'Love', 'Haha', 'Wow', 'Sad' or 'Angry' to its 'Like' button.
- 2017 Chris Friley gave a presentation on Income Tax at the monthly CCCC meeting.
- 2017 A typo in a command to take some servers offline for maintenance caused an outage on Amazon's S3 service that took millions of websites offline.
- 2018 SpaceX launched its Falcon Heavy rocket for the first time, landing 2 of the 3 boosters for re-use.
- 2019 Nicole Perret of the Hancock-Whitney Bank talked about avoiding financial scams at the CCCC meeting.
- 2020 Apple was fined \$27 million for deliberately slowing down older iPhone models without notifying consumers.
- 2021 Fry's Electronics shut down operations and closed the business permanently after 36 years in business.
- 2023 The European Union approved legislation outlawing the sale of new gasoline powered cars starting in 2035.
- 2024 Cal Esneault gave a presentation to the CCCC on the Qualcomm smartphone chip Snapdragon X Elite.
- 2025 Dubai-based Bybit announced hackers stole \$1.5B of cryptocurrency, making it the biggest heist in history.

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Members Needed to share their knowledge with the rest of the club. Are you really good at using a particular program? Do you know how to navigate the internet? Are you good at fixing your computer problems? If you answered yes to any of those questions, why aren't you sharing your knowledge with the rest of the club? Sign up to run a workshop, either on-line or in the Windows Lab. For more information, [e-mail Richard Lewandowski](#) or leave a message at (225) 273-7113.

Newsletter Help Wanted: Do you know of a great website that everyone might be interested in? Got any hot tips on how to make tech easier? Always wanted to be a tech writer? Don't miss your opportunity to get published in the monthly newsletter. [E-mail the Editor](#)

Win a \$10.00 Gift Card: Random membership numbers will be placed in the Club Newsletter. If it is your number, claim your gift card either at the monthly meeting or pick it up at the office prior to Thursday, March 26.

Are you on the APCUG Mailing List?

If you aren't, you should be. Joining the list gets you invitations to all of the associations workshops. These informational presentations are on Zoom They are usually presented every Wednesday and on one Saturday each month. Clicking the registration link will open a form in your web browser. Just enter your e-mail address, first and last name. In the final block enter "Cajun Clickers Computer Club". The full name is required. When workshops are scheduled, you will receive an e-mail with information on how to register and get Zoom login credentials.

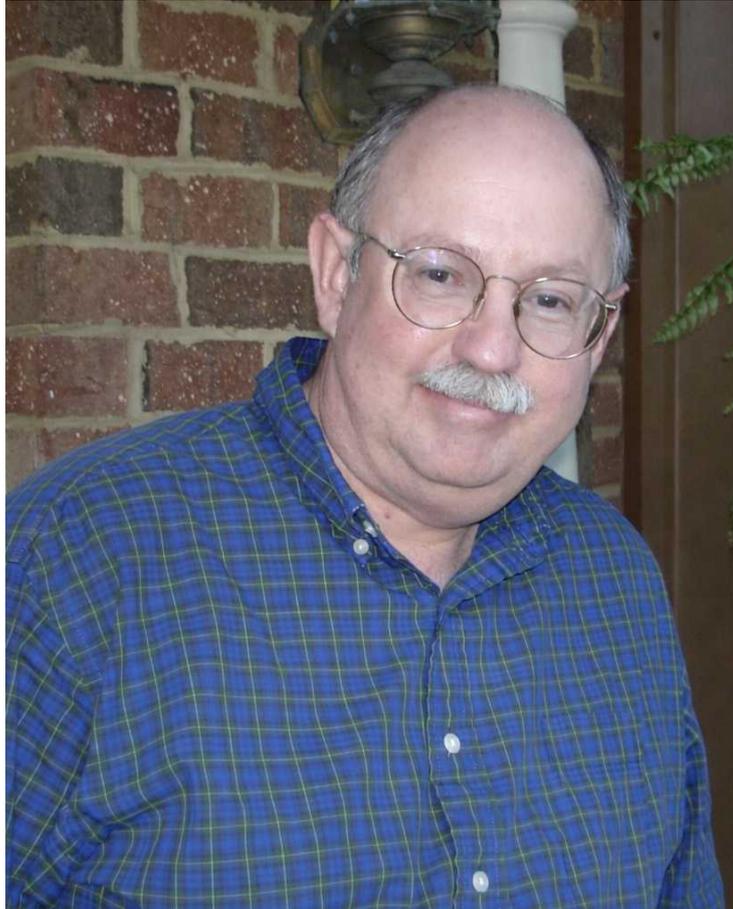
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We are bringing back a program from years ago. It will be BUILD YOUR OWN COMPUTER. If you are interested in building a computer, we will be offering a chance for you (under the guidance of our staff) to put together the parts to complete the computer.

The club is selling our old computers for the low price of \$10.00. These computers come with Windows 10 or 11 and we have some monitors to go with them. They are older models that run a little slower than new ones. If interested, please call the office and set up a day and time to come and view them.

Dr. Paul Gregoire Catrou

April 25, 1948 — January 24, 2026



Dr. Paul Gregoire Catrou, a distinguished physician, educator, and devoted family man, passed away in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on Saturday, January 24, 2026, at the age of 77. A native of Napoleonville, Paul was born in New Orleans on April 25, 1948, to the late Yves Pierre and Doris Delaune Catrou.

Paul dedicated over 45 years to the field of medicine, serving as a revered professor and researcher at both East Carolina University and Louisiana State University Medical Schools. A pioneer in clinical informatics, he authored numerous research papers and co-authored several medical textbooks, leaving an indelible mark on the next generation of physicians.

Beyond his professional achievements, Paul was a man of diverse passions. He was a licensed pilot, a skilled computer scientist, and an enthusiastic ham radio operator. He was known by all as a gentle, generous soul whose integrity was beyond reproach. His family finds comfort knowing he is now reunited with his beloved wife and the love of his life, Patricia Templet Catrou.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his beloved wife of 38 years, Patricia Templet Catrou; and his brother, Pierre Henri Catrou.

Paul's legacy lives on through his son, Paul Marcel Catrou and partner Debra Lynn BoyKin; his sister-in-law, Frankie Doiron Catrou; his niece and goddaughter, Angele Catrou Hebert and her son Dakota; and his nephew, Jean-Pierre Marcel Catrou, his wife Annie and their children.

Editors Note: Paul was active in Cajun Clickers as both an instructor and demonstrator. He created the member data base much of the club website.



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