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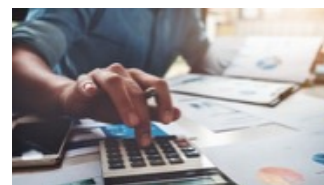
PRESENTATION | April 1 • 7 PM

We will be broadcasting it via Zoom.

TAX SOFTWARE REVIEW

Presented by Tom Burt

Two of the most popular programs for preparing your personal income tax return are **H&R Block** and **TurboTax**. You may use these programs on your PC or Mac, or choose their online versions. Simply purchase the software (or visit the provider's website) and follow the step-by-step instructions. When you are finished, the program will produce a completed tax return ready for filing. You may also choose to file your return electronically.



In this year's seminar, we will briefly review both programs and then demonstrate the H&R Block Deluxe program. We will prepare a 2025 tax return for a fictitious senior couple with typical financial situations, including wage income or retirement benefits, interest and dividends, Social Security benefits, capital gains, business income, itemized deductions, and required minimum distributions. Their assets include a rental property, so a Schedule E will be included.

In 2025, the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act" (OBBBA) introduced several significant changes to the tax laws, including a substantial "above-the-line" deduction for seniors receiving Social Security. We will incorporate this deduction, along with other provisions of the OBBBA, into our example.



About the Presenter: Tom Burt

Tom Burt wrote his first computer program in Fortran in 1964 at Wayne State University, beginning a career that has now spanned more than 60 years. He has worked as a software engineer and IT manager in the automotive, construction, aerospace, banking, and software tools industries.

Tom purchased his first Apple II computer in 1982 and, by 1984, was developing software and drivers for IBM PCs. Since "retiring" from Silicon Valley to Sun City Summerlin (Las Vegas) 26 years ago, he has remained active as a part-time software developer and webmaster for the community's IT department.

He also serves as Vice President of the Sun City Summerlin Computer Club. His contributions include presenting technical seminars, editing the monthly newsletter, managing the club's education program, maintaining the club website, and developing custom software to support the club's operations.

MUSINGS



A PAST PRESIDENT'S MUSINGS

Many of you know that we have a very special member of our STUG Board, Prabhav Govindu. Prabhav is a senior at Pine View High School and has served on our board for the past two to three years. At the beginning of March, he led STUG members on a tour of the Fab Lab on Beneva Road. It was an impressive facility, and Prabhav did an excellent job answering the many questions we had.

Kate Holmes has written a summary later in this newsletter, and I encourage you to read her article. You will be impressed. We are grateful to Prabhav for his involvement and contributions to the STUG Board. He is an exceptional young man with a very bright future ahead.

This is the month of the Giving Challenge. It will take place from noon on **Wednesday, April 15**, to noon on **Thursday, April 16**. This event occurs every other year and is extremely important to our organization, which is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

STUG's mission is both charitable and educational. We provide technology education for our members, and we also refurbish donated computers, laptops, and other equipment. These are then distributed to individuals in our community who cannot afford to purchase them. In addition, we donate many computers to local schools to help ensure that students have the tools they need for a successful education.

A very informative article appeared in the March 12 issue of the Observer, highlighting the work our members do to make these donations possible. During the Giving Challenge, every donation between \$10 and \$100 made within the 24-hour period will be matched dollar-for-dollar by The Patterson Foundation of Sarasota.

The cost of computer parts continues to rise as technology advances, and we must also cover the cost of renting the space where our work is done. Simply put, we need your support. Our members have been very generous in the past, and we hope you will consider making a donation between the afternoon of April 15 and the morning of April 16.

If you wish to donate more than \$100, you may do so by splitting your contribution into separate donations, for example, using your name for one and your spouse's name for another. Thank you for your continued support. Instructions for donating are included later in this issue of the Monitor.

I hope you had the opportunity to read the well-written article in the Herald Tribune around March 19, which featured both Mike Hutchinson and Bill Crowe. We truly have an outstanding group of members.

After attending the funeral of Marshall DuBois in mid-March, I spoke with Saul Lowitt, STUG member number 7. Saul shared that he was our first President and that membership once reached nearly 1,600 members. He continues to volunteer at the Refurb Shop three days a week and says it helps keep his mind active.

This is a reminder of how important it is to stay engaged. STUG offers us an opportunity to continue learning and growing. When I hear from President Jim Cerny that class attendance has been low enough that he is considering discontinuing them, I feel compelled to encourage everyone not to let that happen. Education is one of our core missions, and every class offers something valuable to learn.

If scheduling is an issue, please let Jim know. Schedules can be adjusted. You may even call him directly at 941-926-7888.

Ann Ross

Director at thestug.org

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HELP DESK

Got tech-related questions or issues?
Join us at 6:30 p.m. before our
monthly meeting to get help from
our experts.
STUG members welcome to attend!

BACK TO BASICS



TRY THE PAINT APP IN WINDOWS 11

Jim Cerny



Windows comes with many free applications (apps, programs, or software), and one of the most enjoyable is the **Paint** app. Every version of Windows has included Paint, and over the years it has gained many additional features and menu options.

There are many helpful videos available online, especially on YouTube, that demonstrate how to use Paint. Our goal here is simply to show what is possible, so you can decide whether Paint may be useful for working with drawings, photos, or clip art. (Some features mentioned are available only in Windows 11.)

While Paint offers many useful tools, it is not a full-featured photo editor or professional drawing program. However, it does provide a number of practical and easy-to-use features. With Paint, you can:

- A. Open a photo or other image file and make changes. You can draw on it, add text, change colors, rotate the image, or crop it.
- B. Change the size of an image by adjusting its resolution (number of pixels).
- C. Save an image as a different file type.
- D. Create a new image from scratch. You can choose colors and use a variety of brushes, such as pencil, crayon, spray paint, oil, or watercolor, to create your artwork.
- E. Use the eraser tool to remove parts of an image, or use “Undo” to correct mistakes.
- F. Zoom in or out of an image. You can even zoom in far enough to adjust individual pixels.
- G. Share your creations with others. Anyone using Windows can open and edit the file in Paint.

NEW TOOLS IN WINDOWS 11 PAINT INCLUDE:

- 1. Layers** – You can create foreground and background layers and work on each separately without affecting the others. These layers can then be combined into a final image.
- 2. Text-to-image (AI)** – You can type a description such as “create an image of a dog walking on the moon,” and the Copilot Image Creator in Paint will generate an image. A Microsoft account is required, and usage limits or costs may apply.

3. Background removal – You can remove the background of an image and keep only the portion you want.

If you found yourself thinking, “I didn’t know that,” then we have accomplished our goal of sparking your curiosity. Even if you simply want to experiment or doodle for fun, Paint can help you explore your creativity.

You may wish to search online for “Windows Paint tutorials” and watch a few short videos. The features are not difficult to learn, and you may discover new ways to enjoy working with your computer.



**More HELP
than ever!**

**Sometimes you just need a little guidance.
And who better than the Refurb Crew?**

That's why members can now get help one-on-one
at the Refurb Group's workspace at 3949 Sawyer
Road, Sarasota every hour they're open:
M, W, F from 10 to noon

Bring your device. Bring your questions. Tell your
friends. For the simple cost of membership, \$30,
HELP is there for you for an entire year.

Read about the Refurb Shop and more at stugsrq.com
and thestug.org

Building 25,000 Bridges over the Digital Divide

Sarasota Technology Users Group (STUG) is a non-profit educational organization based in Sarasota. It focuses on technology education of its members, and in 2004 launched The Refurb Project to address pressing community needs. This group has already surpassed 25,000 devices donated to people over three counties and continues with a staff of dedicated volunteers.

Refurb accepts donations of used computers, smartphones, tablets, and other digital equipment. They refurbish then donate the refreshed technology complete with the newest apps, at no cost to qualifying non-profits, low-income individuals, disadvantaged students, and others in Sarasota, Manatee, and DeSoto counties.

While Refurb supplies free expertise and labor, there is often a need to buy fresh parts such as batteries, hard drives, and more. That's where YOU come in!

Schoolchildren need computers: Many children simply have no device at home for schoolwork, and thus fall behind and lose motivation to succeed. Foster children, who move frequently, often lack consistent access to technology. Families with siblings face the issue of multiple children, one device and not enough computer time.



High Schoolers need computers to forge their futures. Applying to colleges increasingly requires online access. Filling out job applications are almost always digital-only. Young adults need to stay in step with an ever-more-online world.

Adults seeking to enhance their marketable skills must have the training to build knowledge of modern applications. The Refurb Group is honored to provide the organizations that serve these people with computers. Such education can help these adults provide for their families and get off welfare.

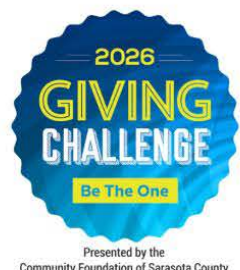


GO TO GIVING CHALLENGE

**Click to donate to STUG
to help support The Refurb Group**

In addition to refurbishing devices, Refurb reduces e-waste through partnerships for responsible recycling of unusable items. Help The Refurb Project with your donation so they can continue and expand their goal of bridging the digital divide, providing access to technology for students and those in need.

For more information on how to donate equipment and a list of nonprofits Refurb works with, visit them at stugsrq.com/the-refurb-group/



APPLE NEWS



Stolen or Lost iPhone

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

Bill Crowe

Losing an iPhone—or having it stolen—can be stressful. Not only is the device expensive, but it also contains sensitive personal data and may be connected to other Apple devices. Acting quickly is essential to protect your information.

DETERMINE IF YOUR IPHONE IS LOST OR STOLEN

If your iPhone is missing, first check its location using the **Find My** app.

- If the device appears in an unexpected location, is moving, or no one answers when you call it, it may have been stolen.
- Immediately mark the device as **Lost** in the Find My app to secure your data.
- If the phone is offline, still mark it as lost so protections activate when it reconnects.

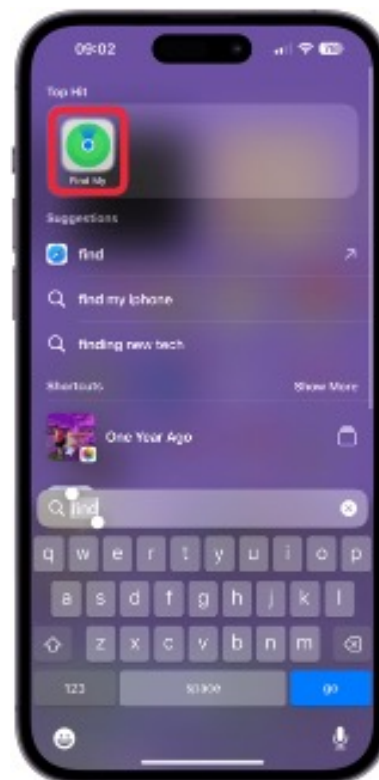
NOTE: If Find My was not enabled prior to the loss, tracking and remote actions will not be available.

ERASE DATA FROM YOUR IPHONE

Once you confirm the device is lost or stolen, you should erase its data to protect your privacy.

Steps:

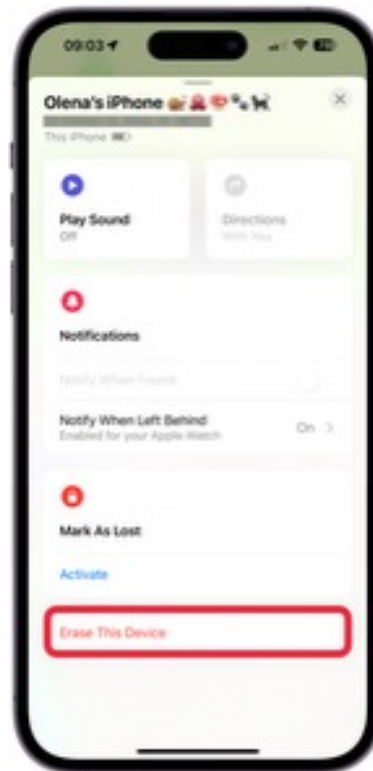
1. Open the **Find My** app



2. Select the **Devices** tab



4. Scroll down and select **Erase This Device**



3. Choose the missing device



5. Details about the device will pop up and you will have to select **Continue** at the bottom of the screen.



6. You may also enter a phone number so someone can contact you if the device is found.



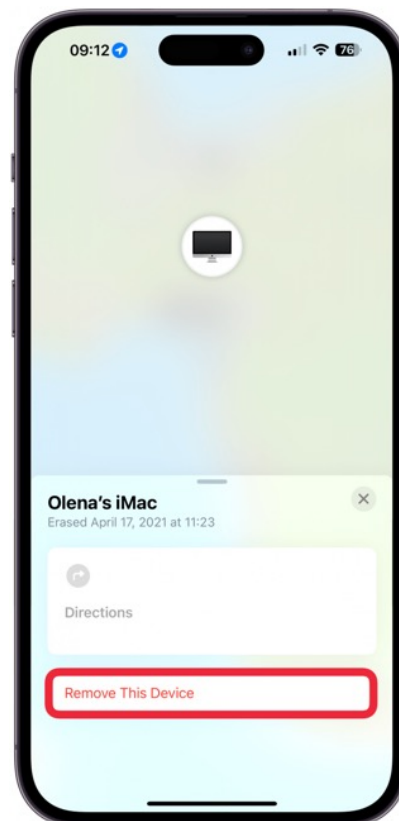
7. Follow prompts and confirm with your Apple ID password.



8. If you find your iPhone before it is turned on and goes online, it is still possible to cancel the erase by selecting your device like you did in Step 3. and tap Cancel Erase. You will need to enter your Apple ID and password to confirm cancellation.



9. If your iPhone is turned on and goes offline, it will be erased. Once erased, you will only see the option to **Remove This Device**.



If the iPhone was off when it was lost or stolen, all data will be erased once the phone is turned on and online. For more iPhone security advice, be sure to check out our [free Tip of the Day](#) newsletter. Next, learn how to set your iPhone to [automatically erase all content and settings](#) after ten failed password attempts.

REPORT THE THEFT AND FILE A CLAIM

Marking a device as lost does not report it to authorities. You should:

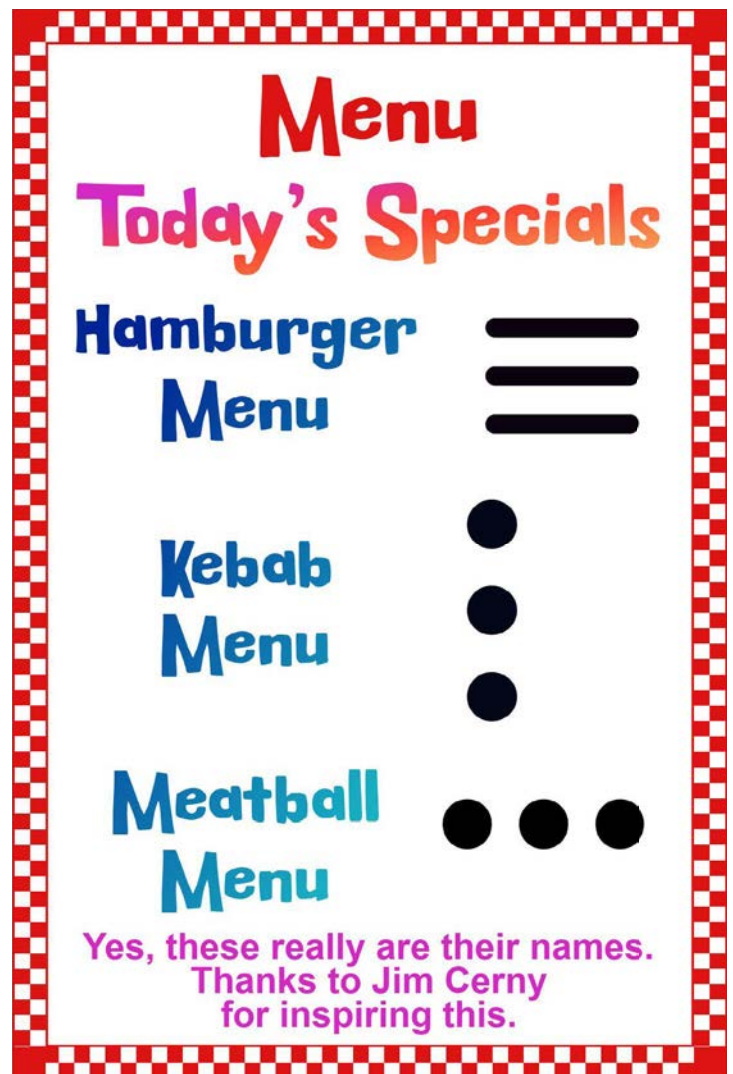
- Contact local law enforcement (non-emergency line or in person)
- Provide identifying details such as the **IMEI number** (your carrier can assist if needed)
- Keep the police report or reference number

If your iPhone is insured (for example, through [AppleCare+](#) Theft and Loss or a third-party provider), you can use the police report to file a claim.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Use **Find My** immediately to locate or secure your device
- **Erase data** to protect personal and financial information
- **Report the theft** to local authorities
- **File an insurance claim** if coverage is available

Adapted from iPhone Life



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SARASOTA TECHNOLOGY

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TECHNICAL THOUGHTS

OTHER USES FOR YOUR
SMARTPHONE*Phil Sorrentino*

It's remarkable how apps can transform your smartphone into a wide range of useful tools. In our smartphone class, we typically end with a topic called "Other Uses for the Smartphone." While the basics are covered in earlier sessions, these additional uses often get less attention. Here are a few you may not have considered—and a few you may not care about at all.

Most of us are familiar with core apps like Phone, Email, Messaging (texting), and Meet for video calls. After all, communication is the primary reason smartphones exist. Many users are also comfortable browsing the internet using apps like Chrome, Edge, or Firefox, although using dedicated apps is generally safer since they connect you to specific, trusted services.

Entertainment is another major category. Apps for photos, videos, and music are widely used. The Photos app is the most common for viewing images, while VLC is a reliable video player. Every smartphone also includes a built-in music player. Streaming services such as Netflix, Hulu, Paramount+, Apple TV+, Peacock, and Disney+ allow you to watch content on your device. There are also free options like Pluto and Tubi—though watching a full movie on a six-inch screen isn't always ideal.

Navigation apps such as Maps, Google Earth, and Waze help users travel efficiently. Social media apps like Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp, and YouTube keep us connected, with YouTube also serving as a valuable source for "how-to" content. Shopping apps such as Amazon, Walmart, Temu, Best Buy, and eBay are also widely used.

Home automation is another growing area, with apps like Alexa, Google Home, Kasa, Blink, and Wyze allowing you to control lights, cameras, and doorbells. Some users are also exploring AI tools such as Copilot, Gemini, Grok, and ChatGPT for information and assistance. While mobile banking apps offer convenience, they require using your specific bank's app (for example, the PNC app only works with PNC accounts). News can be accessed through apps like CNN, Fox News, ABC, CBS, or NBC, or through podcasts using a podcast player.

Beyond these categories, there are many additional apps worth exploring. For example, Glyimpse allows you to share your location temporarily with others, which can be useful in certain situations. The I-Exit app provides detailed information about exits along interstate highways.

Some practical utility apps include:

- **Compass** – Useful for navigation or determining direction
- **Magnifier** – Enlarges small text, helpful for reading fine print
- **Level** – Helps ensure objects are properly aligned

- **Mirror apps** – Use your camera to simulate a true mirror image

One particularly unique tool is an endoscope app, which works with a small external camera attached to your phone. This allows you to see into tight or hard-to-reach spaces, making it useful for DIY projects around the home.

With millions of apps available—over two million for iPhone and more than three million for Android—this overview only scratches the surface. If an app sounds useful, it's worth trying. Simply search for it in your device's app store—you may discover something surprisingly valuable.



NEW MEMBER MARCH '26



Greg Loynds



GENERAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS (MARCH)
Held via Zoom with **69 MEMBERS PRESENT.**



TOTAL MONTHLY ATTENDANCE
242 PEOPLE attended our various Zoom meetings and classes in the month of March 2026.



**TOTAL STUG
MEMBERSHIP COUNT**

198 March
2026



VIEW PAST RECORDINGS!

youtube.com/@sarasotatechnologyusergrou459

Visit our official channel to view recordings of past STUG meetings and classes.

Help Desk Q n A's



Before our regular monthly Zoom meeting, we host a "Help Desk" session from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m., where members can ask questions or discuss technical issues. Each session brings up a variety of topics that benefit everyone who attends. One of the advantages of the Help Desk is hearing different perspectives and approaches to solving problems. Below are highlights from last month's session:

INTERNET PROVIDER COSTS

We had a productive discussion about internet service costs in the Sarasota area. There are essentially two primary providers (excluding Starlink): Xfinity (Comcast) and Frontier (formerly Verizon).

The pricing discussed applies to internet service only and does not include TV packages, phone services, or additional subscriptions. (We are not endorsing any provider; attendees shared these prices, which may vary.)

Xfinity currently offers approximately \$50/month for 500 Mbps or \$60/month for 1 Gbps. This includes a modem, may include promotional incentives (such as gift cards), requires no contract, and offers a price guarantee for up to five years. Frontier offers similar plans, typically at a slightly higher monthly cost, with a three-year price lock.

Recommendation: Regularly review your services and costs, compare providers, ask about available promotions, and cancel services you no longer need.

ZOOM VS. CIRCLE FOR MEETINGS

STUG currently uses Zoom for all meetings, but Circle was mentioned as an alternative platform. Circle is more focused on collaboration and community-based interactions.

Recommendation: Research both platforms (using Google or AI tools) to determine which best meets your specific needs for their entertainment.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PRINTER?

The group discussed printer preferences. While some preferred laser printers, several attendees recommended the Epson EcoTank inkjet line.

EcoTank printers use refillable ink reservoirs instead of cartridges. They come with bottles of ink, often leaving extra after the initial fill. The tanks hold a large volume of ink, reducing the frequency of refills. Users reported strong satisfaction with both print quality and long-term value.

PLEASE JOIN OUR NEXT HELP DESK SESSION A HALF HOUR BEFORE OUR REGULAR MEETING (THAT IS, FROM 6:30 TO 7 P.M.).

DON'T MISS OUR NEXT HELP DESK SESSION

Join us **30 minutes before our regular monthly meeting** to get your tech questions answered!

NEXT HELP DESK:
Wednesday, April 1
6:30 – 7:00 PM (Eastern)
Via Zoom

Bring your questions, share your insights, and learn something new.



the PC REFURBISHING Project

Your donations—whether technology or financial contributions—help us provide “like-new” devices that open doors for children, young adults, and others in need of technology for education, employment, and staying connected with family and friends. Thank you for your support.

The Refurb Project accepts Windows and Apple computers, as well as monitors, printers, tablets*, smartphones*, and related accessories. *(*If a device has a passcode, please provide it when donating.)*

Each item is carefully cleaned, with all data securely wiped. Devices are evaluated for updates, and usable parts are assessed for future use. All equipment is reset to ensure complete data privacy before refurbishment. If a device cannot be repaired or reused, it is responsibly recycled through Urban E-Recycling to help reduce landfill waste.

In February 2026, the Refurbishing Project **refurbished 195** computers. In addition, **1 computer was repaired**. For **2026**, the Refurb Project has **refurbished 400 computers** and **repaired 2 computers**. Since its inception, the Refurb Group **refurbished** a total of **25,415 computers**.

Refurbished machines are distributed to individuals referred by partner organizations. In February 2026, key recipients included:

Sarasota County School students | Women's Resource Center
The Patterson Foundation | CareerSource

REQUESTING A REFURBISHED COMPUTER

Individuals or nonprofits in need may apply by submitting a letter or email that includes:

- A description of your need (e.g., schoolwork, job searching, home use, communication)
- A statement confirming financial hardship
- A phone number and email address for follow-up

Email requests to refurb@thestug.org, or mail to:

STUG – Refurb Project
3949 Sawyer Rd.
Sarasota, FL 34233

Applications will be reviewed to determine eligibility.

DONATING EQUIPMENT

Donations may be dropped off at the Refurb Shop (please call ahead to confirm availability: 941-539-7401) at the address above. If your device has a passcode or key, please provide it so we can properly reset the equipment.

Additional details and a map are available at: www.thestug.org/refurb.html

As a continuing part of STUG's contribution to the community, the Refurb Group accepts donated computer equipment for refurbishing and updating. All equipment is cleaned and restored. These items are then donated to other non-profits and individuals in the community who might otherwise be denied access to technology due to economic limitations.

Donations accepted:

Computers on the Windows or Apple platforms — including desktops, laptops, monitors, printers, tablets*, smartphones*, and peripherals (such as hard drives, CD/DVD readers/writers, and other computer-related items) — are accepted.

*Tablets and smartphones are reset to factory settings and all data is deleted.

Donations Return to the Community:

If an individual or non-profit needs computer equipment and cannot afford to purchase it, the Refurb Group may be able to help.

To request equipment, please write a letter or email explaining your situation to the address below. Be sure to include:

- The specific need (e.g., schoolwork, office work, basic internet use, etc.).
- A statement confirming that purchasing a computer is not financially possible.
- A phone number where you can be reached for any questions or updates.

Your request will be reviewed, and if accepted, equipment will be provided as available.

Komputers for Kids:

The Refurbish Group also manages the Komputers for Kids program. Laptops donated by the Sarasota County Schools are refurbished and provided to Sarasota County public school students.

How to contact the Refurb Group:

By telephone: 941-539-7401

By mail: 3949 Sawyer Road, Sarasota FL 34233

By email: refurb@thestug.org
<http://www.thestug.org/refurb.html>

To drop off a donation or to pick up a computer that is ready:

Shop Location: 3949 Sawyer Road · Sarasota, FL 34233

Hours: Mon-Wed-Fri 10:00 am - 12 noon

(Please call ahead just to be sure someone is there.)

The Refurb Project and the Sarasota Technology Users Group, Inc. (STUG) are a 501(c)(3) non-profit educational organization.

Under current IRS rules, financial and material contributions are considered federally income tax-deductible. A receipt for each donation will be provided upon request.

The Refurb Project plays a critical role in bridging the digital divide, providing access to technology for children, young adults, and seniors. We are proud to have surpassed 25,000 refurbished computers distributed to individuals, families, and organizations in our community.

2026 Giving Challenge – Mark Your Calendar

Noon April 15 to Noon April 16



**Support our mission to provide
technology for education, job training,
and communication.**

Presented by the Community Foundation of Sarasota County

<https://www.givingchallenge.org/organizations/sarasota-technology-users-group>

Please include "Refurb" in the memo and mail to:

STUG / Refurb Project PO Box 15889 Sarasota, FL 34277-1889

<https://www.thestug.org/refurb.html>

STUG members have demonstrated remarkable generosity over the years. Your continued support ensures that we can keep this vital program strong and impactful.



THE UN-EXPERT KATE HOLMES

WHAT I LACK IN TECH KNOWLEDGE
I MAKE UP FOR IN ENTHUSIASM.

Creativity Meets Technology

The first bit of education came while we were waiting for our STUG field trip to begin. Looking around, I said to Board Director Prabhav Govindu, "Wow, this really *is* fabulous!" He smiled and replied, "It's actually a Fabrication Lab."

That explanation made perfect sense during the hour-and-a-half tour he led for our members. We saw laser cutting machines for wood and metal, vinyl cutters and printers, and a large heat press used for creating custom T-shirts. There were also classrooms where elementary and middle school students learn STEAM concepts.

STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics. The "A" was added to the original STEM model to emphasize the importance of creativity—blending technical subjects with areas such as visual arts, music, design, and the humanities.

The 3D printers were especially fascinating. In addition, there is a fully equipped woodworking shop, classrooms stocked with craft materials for younger students, and take-home science kits. These kits are delivered and collected by Fab Lab volunteers for use in public and private schools, as well as homeschool programs.

The best news for our members is that by supporting the Suncoast Science Center through membership, you may also use their equipment by appointment. Instruction and guidance are provided at no additional cost. Information on becoming a member is available on their [website](#).

If another opportunity ever arises, please take the time to visit this fabulous Fab Lab on Beneva Road, just north of Proctor Road. We guarantee you will not be disappointed!



Prabhav showing the group a middle-school project as well as a marble slab engraved onsite.



A gracious and knowledgeable guide fielding questions right and left.



Ten STUG members enjoying their "field trip" to Suncoast Science Center.



Our first STUG field trip was a great success! Where shall we make tracks to next time? Comment below.

APRIL 2026

Classes & Workshops

All classes are free for current members.

Class REGISTRATION

All classes are on Zoom unless otherwise noted.

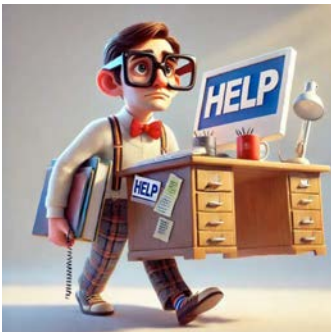
Notice

A calendar with all our classes, workshops, and forums is available from a link on our website's [home page](#).
Click on [Monthly Education Calendar](#).

HELP DESK

HOSTED BY JIM CERNY AND OTHERS

HELD BEFORE OUR REGULAR MONTHLY ZOOM MEETING



Do you have a tech-related problem or question? Then join us at the **Help Desk**, where all STUG members are welcome to ask our panel of experts for assistance. You're also welcome to join just to listen in and learn something new that might help you avoid future issues!

To attend, simply join the **monthly Zoom meeting early at 6:30 p.m. (EST)**.

If you have any questions about the Help Desk session, please contact **Jim Cerny** at: jimcerny123@gmail.com.

WINDOWS SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

APRIL 12 (SUNDAY 1:30 PM - 2:45 PM (EST))

The next meeting of the CFCS-STUG WinSIG is Sunday, March 8, 2026, at 1:30 pm. The meeting opens at 1:00 PM ET. You must register 1 time at <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEvce6grz8qGdyZenMWbknhMmKkQP8Rq01->

The Window Special Interest Group is a joint meeting for CFCS & STUG. It covers all things Windows and other general computer items. This SIG has been meeting for over 25 years. The meeting is the 2nd Sunday of the month. The meeting is followed by the main meeting of the Central Florida Computer Society and all STUG members are invited to stay for that meeting using the same link.

iPHONE & iPAD CLASSES

SATURDAYS IN APRIL

10 AM - 12 NOON ET

INSTRUCTOR: BILL CROWE

Bill continues his popular classes covering commonly used applications. These sessions are suitable for both beginners and experienced users. Even experienced users often discover new tips and useful information.

All classes are held on Saturday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (Eastern Time).

How to Register:

To register, email wtcrowe@verizon.net at least **one day before each class**.

Include:

- Your **first and last name**
- Your **email address**

*If you have attended one of Bill's classes within the past six months, you will automatically receive an invitation — **no need to email again.***

Class Schedule:

- **April 4** – Maximizing iPhone Battery Life and Performance
- **April 11** – Managing Your Email
- **April 18** – Working with Non-Apple Photo Applications
- **April 25** – Entertaining Applications

LET'S TALK AI (ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE)

APRIL 24 (FRIDAY 1 PM - 2 PM)

This session is for anyone interested in learning more about artificial intelligence. We will discuss tools, prompts, and the many services available today, as well as how common apps are beginning to incorporate AI features. To receive the Zoom link, please email Hewie at hewie@hewie.net.



Mission Statement

It is our mission to bring to our members quality education in using today's personal technology products, and to provide to qualified Sarasota County citizens refurbished computer equipment.

