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Meeting Order

(Sequence of meeting events)

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About Us

- The Saint Louis Area Computer Club (SLACC) meetings are for all computer users.
 - First Thursday of each month (usually).
 - Free format, focused on trouble shooting questions.
- SLACC was founded a long time ago (1974?).
 - The extant Saint Louis Area Computer Club (SLACC) is the oldest, longest enduring, continuously meeting personal computer organization active in Greater St. Louis .
 - Originally met face-to-face with problem hardware and software at hand.
 - The usual **SLACC** meetings...?
- The St. Louis Area Computer Club (SLACC) is supported by SLUUG email and web.
- All of our meetings are free and open to the public.
- There is no individual membership fee.

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www.slacc.org Guidance

- Provides education, information and/or support for computer users.
- Schedule and announce remote video meetings.
 - Will use either Jitsi or ZOOM (not both).
- Assorted links...
 - Meeting order or sequence PDF
 - Bash script for checking software configurations
 - Linux Mint Troubleshooting Guide
- Presentation Archives of SLUUG and STLLINUX meetings

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Agenda

- Daylight Saving Time ended Sunday, 5 November.
 - CDT was GMT-5. CST is GMT-6. https://www.time.gov/
- 6:00pm ~Arrival ~ testing chat, microphones, sound, screen sharing.
- 6:30pm ~ STARTS with introductions, announcements, then any call-for-help and trouble shooting questions.
- Then we continue with open discussion, more questions and topics that are whatever the users in the session want to focus on.
- No scheduled presentations, then a hardware & software configuration workshop.
- After the meeting, further discussions are possible on our mailing lists.
- This meeting is recorded; but, that recording is **NOT** shared (anyone can record).
- Any video, chat, or slides are **NOT** posted to Internet, nor websites.

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Again (say it twice, only different)

- A Saint Louis Area Computer Club for all users with configuration, hardware or software issues.
- Topics are hardware vendor and Operating System software agnostic.
- We will open the remote session at about **6:00 PM**, so that you can join early to test your microphone, screen and video sharing.
- Meetings are free and open to the public. You are invited to attend our meetings. They are usually held on the first Thursday of every month from 6:30 PM until 9:00 PM. Meetings that conflict with holidays might be on the second Thursday.
- We have no membership dues or other charges for the meetings. Any room or service fee is paid for by SLUUG. Please join us at our next meeting or event for answers, fun, knowledge and networking.
- If you want a recording, you'll have to do it yourself.

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Configuration Focus

- This meeting will be free format, without fixed topics.
- Everyone will have different problems.
- All Computer Hardware or...
- All Operating Systems...
- All application software...
- All questions are welcome. No questions are stupid.
- We might know, or not. If you don't ask, we don't read you mind.

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Co-hosts

- Phil Bunch
 - Leader in Trailing Edge Technologies.
 - Left Missouri before the authorities.
- Stan Reichardt
 - It's too much technology for me!
 - https://www.sluug.org/bio/Stan_Reichardt
- Position available
 - Everybody can help





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Announcements

- Next SLACC meeting usually on the First Thursday of each month.
- Next SLACC meeting dates: June 5th, July 3rd, and August 7th.
- Next SLUUG general meeting on Second Wednesday of each month.
- Next STLLINUX meeting follows (on a Thursday, 8 days later) .
- Next NEWLINUX meetings usually on Fourth Thursday of each month.
- 2025-10-14 (This Year) Microsoft Windows 10 End of Life
- Call for any other announcements.
- Mention sponsored meetings, archives, calendar, and our mail lists.
- Then a call-for-help session.
- After our Call-For-Help time we are **Open to Configuration Questions**.



Bye Bye Windows 10

- * 2025-10-14 (This Year) Microsoft Windows 10 End of Life
- Prepare for October 2025 end of Microsoft support...
- Bye Bye Windows® 10:
- Saving Money and Landfill Space When Your Operating System Retires
- © Copyright 2025 by Stephen B. Whiteman
- The PDF version of this book may be freely distributed. Download it from either of these sites:
- https://mega.nz/folder/tc5RgRoR#nR0J66ublmMc5-0nlnoRaA
- https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/143M0UNAqhIDck7TORlrvAJs7uuR4Ti2T?usp=sharing
- Amazon Paperback copy \$11.95 US ~ available as of 7 April 2025
- Amazon Kindle edition \$2.99 US to buy or \$0.00 with Kindle Unlimited membership



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Presentation Archives

- Only SLUUG and STLLINUX meeting recordings are posted.
- Recorded chat, slide-work, video available (within next few days) .
- Listed at bottom end of each of our web sites.
- https://www.sluug.org/resources/presentations/



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but, are **NOT** posted, **nor** shared (however; anyone can record).

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- Anyone might be recording.
- If you want to do your own recording:
 - See SLUUG 2020-10 session on SimpleScreenRecorder:
 - Slide work PDF
 - Early BASE portion of VIDEO (first 52 minutes)
 - https://www.dedoimedo.com/computers/linux-simplescreenrecorder.html



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- **SLUUG** provides a graphical calendar of technical events.
- https://www.sluug.org/calendar
- SLUUG sponsored events are highlighted in red.



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Mail Lists

- Our members ask questions and sometimes provide answers.
- https://www.sluug.org/mailman/listinfo/ Sign up here.
- ANNOUNCE ~ Very limited traffic (usually meeting instructions).
- **Discuss** ~ General discussion, opinions, questions and reviews.
- Steering Committee ~ Every opinion counts. Ideas welcome.
- Sysadmin ~ Our volunteer support staff. Actual work required.









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www.sluug.org sponsored Meetings

Loosely Affiliated Special Interest Groups



STLLINUX ~ Saint Louis Linux User Group

• www.stllinux.org

Linux Presentations



- **NEWLINUX** ~ NewLinux Linux User Group
 - www.newlinux.org Beginner Workshop



- SLACC ~ Saint Louis Area Computer Club
 - www.slacc.org

Configuration Workshop

(Hardware & Software)

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Call-for-Help

- Before we go on...
- All attendees can ask questions and sometimes provide answers.
- From novice to Grey Beards, all experience is valued.
- Various use cases are interesting and instructive.
- Questions precede answers.
- What did you break or try to do recently?
- What were you trying to do that gave strange results?
- What was the surprising or unusual answer to your problem?

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Configuration Workshop

- Troubleshoot all vendor hardware makes and models.
 - Personal Computers, printers and other devices.
- Troubleshoot platform software configuration.
 - Apple, BSD, Linux and Microsoft Windows.
- Quite a bit more difficult to solve problems remotely.
 - Hands on was often much easier.
- BIOS/UEFI issues are extremely difficult (sometimes impossible) .
 - Yet, we have had some surprising successes explaining the process.
- Success depends on diversity of participants.

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Feedback

What are your questions?

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