

Zoom

We are holding our membership meetings on Zoom on the third Tuesday of each month. Many of you may already be familiar with it. It allows you to attend the meeting using a computer, an iPad / tablet, or a smartphone.

You'll receive your invitation at the email address you have on file with the club. We'll send it out about 10 days before the meeting with the connection information and again just before the meeting as a reminder. Remember that the meeting is always the 3rd Tuesday in the month.

If you're not familiar with Zoom, virtual Zoom meetings are used by schools, churches, businesses and individuals quite safely if you follow the best practices provided by the Zoom. It's quite easy to use; hence its popularity has skyrocketed with all age groups, especially during the Coronavirus outbreak.

What do you need to use Zoom?

- All you need is a computer, tablet / iPad or smartphone. For those without any of those, you may join by telephone if you wish (although there will be no video of course).

How do you join the meeting?

- To get a head-start on using Zoom, go to this link on the web <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9isp3qPeQ0E> to have a look at this instructional video. It's only eight minutes long, and it's very clearly explained.

Additionally some of you may wish to have a chance to get a head start with some hands-on experience. We're offering one-on-one coaching sessions to help you become more comfortable with the platform. It will consist of getting you set up with the Zoom application as well as learning some of the basic functions.

We really want you to be familiar with Zoom since it's being used for not only the membership meetings (while we cannot meet in person), but it will also be used for numerous interest group meetings and fun online group social activities over the next 6-8 months. Plus it's a great platform to visit with families and friends. So please take the opportunity to learn Zoom through any of the opportunities noted above or simply contact our Zoom mentors listed below who are waiting for your call or email.

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NEW BREAKOUT ROOM OPTION

for those of you who have attended our meetings in the past, we're going to try out something new for the **Breakout Rooms**.

When people join our Monthly Membership Meetings on Zoom, it can be a confusing cacophony of chatter while awaiting the start of the meeting. You might want to chat with someone, but it's difficult to do so because so many people are trying to speak at once.

At our January Membership Meeting on Zoom, we will introduce a feature that will allow you the option to join a Breakout Room where there are fewer people and therefore make it easier to chat.

It will work like this:

When you are first admitted to the meeting, you will find yourself in the Main Room with everybody else. However, if you wish, you can choose to join a smaller group in a Breakout Room.

To do so, move your screen pointer which will cause a list of options to appear on your screen. If you have the most recent Zoom software installed, you will see an icon labeled "**Breakout Rooms**". Click on this, and you will see a list of rooms.

Make your choice, and you will find yourself "moved" to that room. If you are the first one in the room, you will have to wait for others to join you.

The rooms will have names of cities. You may want to prearrange with a friend to meet in a particular city. These are the cities (Breakout Rooms):

Athens
Bangkok
Buenos Aires
Casablanca
Dublin
London
Madrid
Montego Bay
Paris
Sydney

If you wish, while in the room, you can choose to leave by clicking the icon "Leave", and then you will be returned to the Main Room. Then if you want, you may choose to move to a different room.

When it is time to begin the meeting, Breakout Rooms will close and you will be returned to the Main Room automatically.

We hope that you will give it a try and that you will find it useful. Feedback is welcome.