

# **Good Uses for a Smart Phone**

## **#10**

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# What is new for smartphones?

- In today's talk, I will highlight new features for smartphones over the last 6 months.
- At the end of the slides, updated slides from talk #9 are attached for reference.
- This talk will cover Apple iPhones, along with Android phones like Google and Samsung. Other phones, like simple phones for seniors are not covered here.

# These are historical times

- I have given a talk about good uses for smart phones to the MG Computer Club for 5 years.
- Spring and Fall for 5 years, this is #10
- Politics have seen historic events
- Global warming and big fires cloud the future
- COVID pandemic has changed life, less personal contact, more use of the Web and smartphones

# Smartphones have a big impact

- A smartphone is a phone, camera and computer all shrunk for your pocket/purse
- It can help us keep up with life
- As we age, we can use more help and smartphones help a lot. Accessibility features make a smartphone easier to use
- Add a watch to improve fitness, monitor our hearts, bodies, falls and emergencies

# Wish list yet to be offered

- Seniors and everyone have needs that have yet to be filled. Smartphones can lead the way.
- This morning my iPhone went shut down WITHOUT warning because the battery ran out of juice. Under 10% should give a big warning!

# Wish List part 2

- Warnings and blocking scam phone calls and emails.
- Dictate text and search slowly without cutting out. Seniors need time to pause when giving a command to a phone.
- Prevent accidental phone calls by bumping.
- Easy way to select a block of text to copy and paste.

# Wish List part 3

- Pesky reminders for important tasks.
- Better calendar, task, reminder cooperation.
- Label the app or website that is active.
- Broadcast status in a building, such as when mail is closed off or available.
- Navigation for walkers in buildings like MG is needed by some. Google has assist in some public buildings like museums, but nothing for MG. Take advantage of all the Wi-Fi hubs to find location, including which floor level.

# Wish List part 4 ?????

- COVID risk warnings ??
- Do you have some needs or frustration with your smartphone service?
- Send your thoughts to :
- KQGREEN@gmail.com



# Group meeting on line

- NEW: Apple has expanded Facetime.
- Free for up to 6 people. Voices left and right.
- People on Android and Windows can get invites and join in.
- Zoom is still the most popular method, free for up to 100 people, but limited to 40 minutes. (You can start another 40 minutes.)

# Navigation and traveling

- Google has the most information, but Apple is catching up.
- When traveling, Google can help with combined driving, trains, planes, subways, walking and schedules. It is very powerful and handy.
- In addition to Google Maps, use Google Travel to plan and reserve.

# New Google for the Environment

- Google wants to notify you on how to travel using less energy and causing less pollution.
- Now Google Maps will show the fastest route to a destination. It will also show any alternate routes that are almost as fast but use less gasoline. You can decide.
- Google flights will show jet fuel pollution with each route.

# Zoom talk on Transportation and Health and Climate

- Opinions in the video do not represent the MG Computer Club and are the opinions of the authors.
- Use this website:
- <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=404459224615902>
- Or search for
- **Hot Topic - Health, Climate, Vehicles and YOU**
- By Anna Quisel, MD and David Donohue, MD
- (my daughter)

# New Apple Maps, iOS 15

- Improved Navigation
- 3D view of intersections
- View of accidents
- Tips on next turns
- Identify bus and pedestrian lanes
- Public transportation info
- “Does the place down the street take credit cards?”
- Zoom to planet Earth and spin the globe

# Apple iOS 15 update now

- FACETIME for groups of 6 with Android, Windows.
- SPOTLIGHT text and things in photos, images (like Google Lens)
- Apple MAPS has a 3D view of interchanges.
- SAFARI and SIRI take more voice commands.
- Easier to run 2 apps at the same time.
- Sticky notes
- Privacy protected , can block tracking
- Can share health data.

# Tips on COVID, sharing photos, images

- Sign up quickly for booster shot at CVS.
- Use browser, enter [vaccines.gov](https://vaccines.gov)
- Follow directions to find nearby site, such as CVS on Hatton Drive (in Target across street)
- Click the CVS to reserve time
- Answer questions to qualify
- Take photo of med. Insurance card front and back with smartphone. Send on email to self.
- Save image on PC, link to CVS form as option

# Tips for pesky reminders

- You can be reminded of a task repeatedly until you mark it as done. This helps you get important and critical tasks done on time.
- On iPhone, open Reminders app. Use “+” to make a new reminder.
- Hit the arrow key and select “arriving home”. You will get reminded every time you get home.
- When it is done, go to Reminders app and click the circle to indicate that the task is done.



Enjoy your smart phone !!!

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# **Good Uses for a Smart Phone #9**

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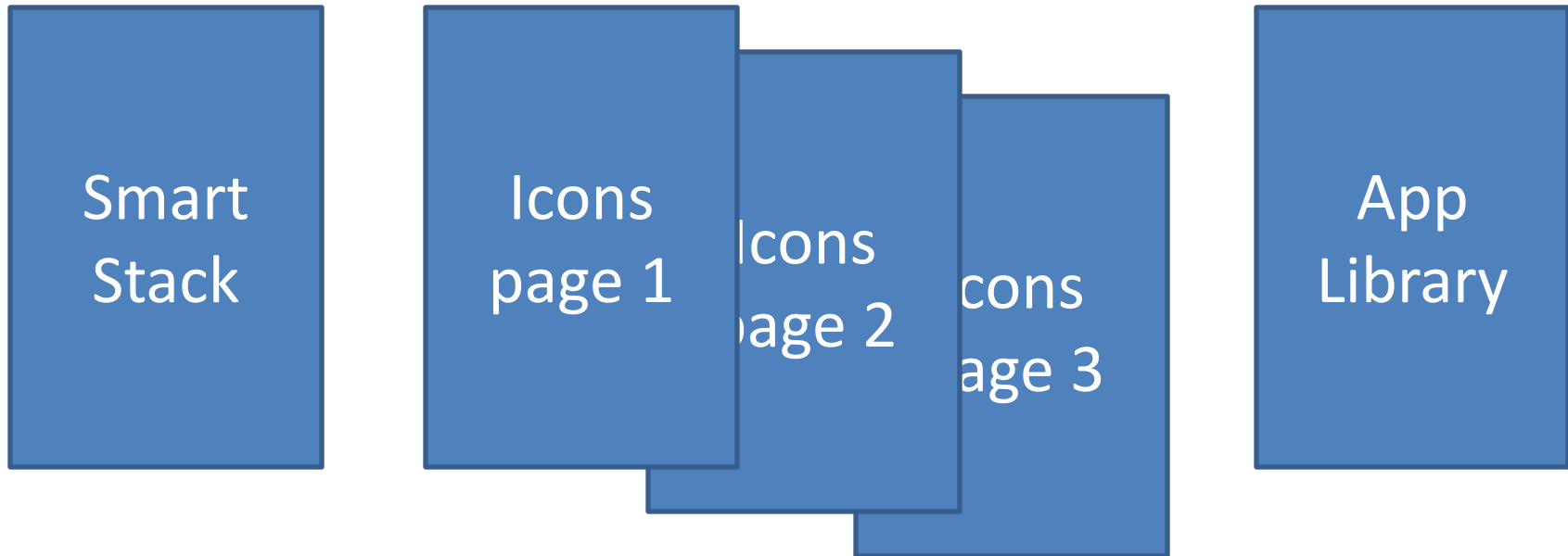
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# Tips for a Simple Phone

- There are simple phones but Computer Club is only familiar with powerful smartphones from Android (Google Pixel, Samsung, etc) and Apple iPhone
- Get an old Android or iPhone cheap and simplify the home screen for the apps you use.
- I will show how to modify your iPhone display

# iPhone 14.3 Adds Home Views

- A “Widget” is bigger than app icon, has info
- Smart Stack – swipe right
- “App library” – swipe left all the way



# iPhone App Library

- A way to find an app by category
- (In addition to normal pages of icons)
- Apple has predetermined the categories
- Categories will change as you use apps
- You can download apps to any category
- Type an app name into the search box to find it
- Delete an app by pressing firmly on icon

# To Move Apps and Hide Pages

- Press firmly on space of screen until icons wiggle
- Touch and move an icon on page or slide to another page
- All icons move to make room
- To hide a page, touch the dots at bottom
  - Uncheck a page to hide it, check to show it
  - Remember this if you cannot find an app!!

# Show Video in Small Box

- You want to watch a video but multi-task
- Works in certain apps like Safari
- Tap on icon for a small view
- Video now floats while you do other apps
- (I have not got it to work)

# Use 3-D View and Guides for Maps

- Apple has a nice 3\_D view
  - You can scroll around big cities
  - Philadelphia > Flyover > Start city tour
  - Google has a weak 3-D view
- Apple has guides to a few cities
  - Uses 3-D view and scans to key sites in city
  - You can stop it anytime and move around yourself
- Google is beginning a guide program
  - Not yet operational
  - Will link to photos by individual guides



# iMessage New Features

- iMessages still show as a chain of bubbles
  - Blue – Other party has an iPhone
  - Green – Other party does not have an iPhone
  - Grey – Other parties are a mix
  - Only iPhones receive all the features you send
  - Some emoticons vary
- Swipe left to see time and dates sent for bubbles
- To reply to a bubble, press the bubble
- To reply to one name, type name and tap it
- Third party has a way for Android to use iMessage

# Share Reminders, Assign Tasks

- Share a reminder, assign tasks to others
- For sharing, select a list >> (...) >> sharing
- >> enter email address or contact name to share this list (must be iCloud users)
- >> Add more people
- List of tasks, tap to right of task “I”
- >> Fill out time, priority, location, flag
- >> Assign task to a person
- People sharing can add tasks and complete tasks

# Use Calendar to Remember Tasks

- “Hey Siri add an event March 3 9am shop for groceries”
- If you want to shop at the same time every week, edit the event. Select “repeat”. Select “every week”. Now it shows every week.
- To modify time for one week, edit the time and choose “this event only”.
- To modify all future weeks, edit and choose “all events”.
- When a task is done, you can edit event and type “done” or tap “Delete event”.
- This can help with taking medicines, cleaning, paying bills, putting out trash.

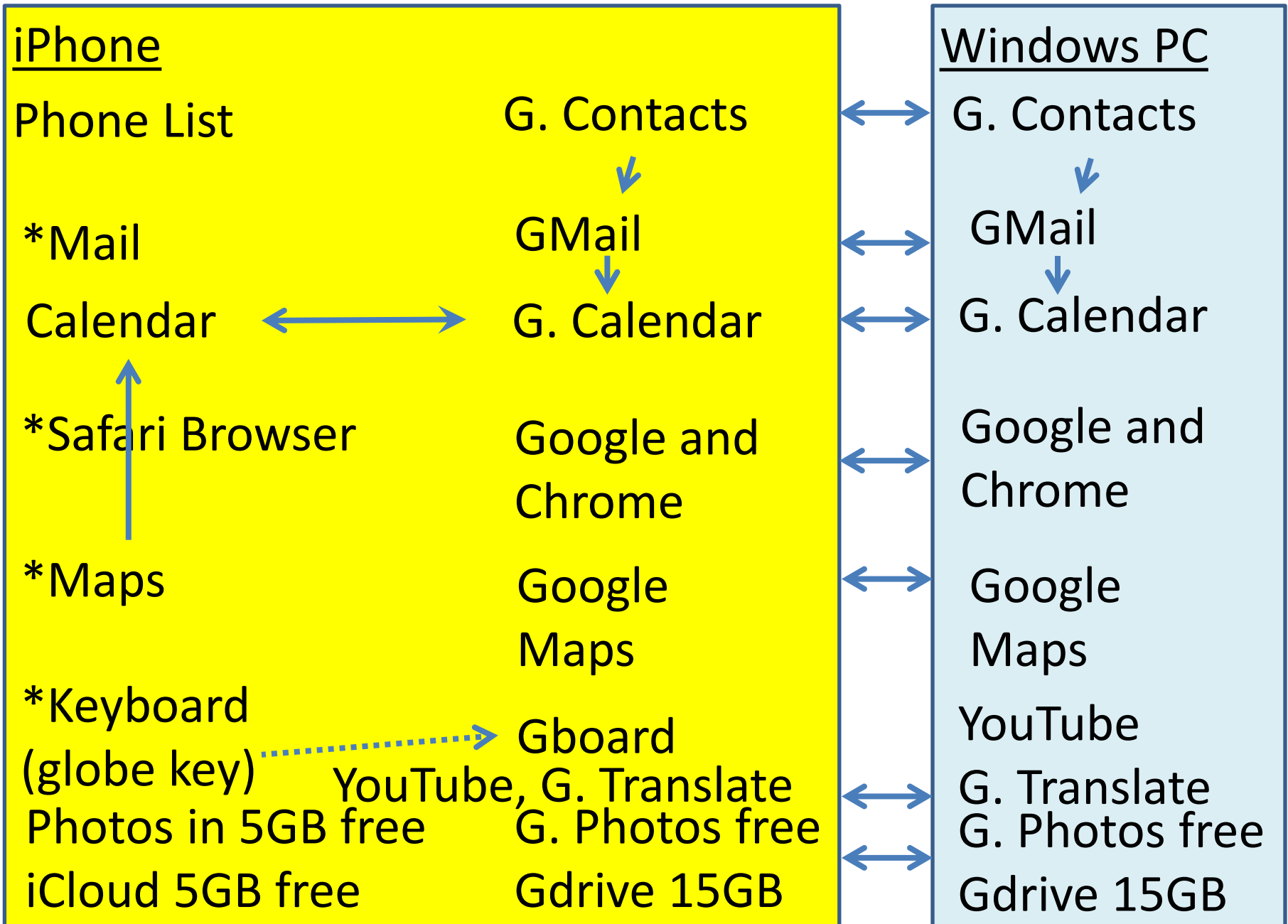
# Get Siri Suggestions for Apps

- Get Siri suggestions when using apps
- >>> Settings>Siri & Search> tap an app on

# Undo and Redo

- Works only in some Apple apps
- Is similar to MS Word feature on PC
- Touch the screen with 3 fingers
  - - swipe left UNDO
  - - swipe right REDO

# iPhone Apps (\* Not used)



# Get help for your Smartphone

- Save User Guide as a iBook to read any time
  - Search by title in iBooks and add to book list
- Go to store: Apple, ATT, Best Buy, etc.
- Search the web with your question
- **support.apple.com** website
- support.google.com website
- MG – Enrico and team, **800.677.0211**
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