

## **President's Corner: Online Learning Videos**

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At the September meeting of CUGG, I introduced our attendees to the [Virtual Tech Conference](#) (VTC) section of the APCUG website. ([APCUG](#) is the Association of Personal User Groups, a worldwide organization that provides support and services to local computer user groups such as CUGG, which is a paying member.) VTC is just one of the services that they provide. Every season, members of various groups submit presentations on a variety of topics, free to view and download. Each presentation consists of a file and usually also a YouTube video. You may peruse the site for what interests you or search APCUG's [YouTube channel](#). The videos are typically about forty minutes in length.

A sampling of the most recent submissions—posted in August 2018—includes creating a smart home, teaching technology to seniors, and Ubuntu Linux. The presentation we watched and discussed was [A Guide to Synchronizing Your PC](#) by Bill James. It covered topics that have been of interest to CUGGers: How to synchronize pictures and other files between desktops, laptops, tablets, and smartphones. I recommend it for anyone who is new to such technologies as using cloud services to share files between computing devices.

If the VTC videos do not meet your technology needs, other free resources exist. Three that I am familiar with are [GCFLearnFree.org](#), [CBTClips](#), and [Lynda.com](#). GCFLearnFree has tutorials on a variety of topics such as technology, language, and math. CBTClips is a resource provided by the [High Plains Library District](#) (HPLD). It specializes in short technology tutorials on topics such as Windows, Word, Excel, and Outlook. Lynda is another resource provided by HPLD. It offers more advanced learning, such as programming, web design, photography, and CAD. (Access to Lynda does require that you have a current patron account with HPLD.)

If you find something that is useful to you for learning technology, please be sure to share it with CUGG. You may do so through our mailing list or by chiming in during one of our meetings. Everyone of us is learning, even the so-called “experts,” so please do let us know what resources you like to use.