Interesting Internet Finds - August 2019
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In the course of going through the more than 300 RSS feeds, I often run across things that I think might be of interest to other user group members. The following are some items I found interesting during the month of July 2019.

Trying to stay off your phone? Turn the screen grayscale
https://www.lifesavvy.com/5053/trying-to-stay-off-your-phone-turn-the-screen-grayscale/
A simple, yet effective way to avoid distraction. Since reading this, I set my phone to grayscale whenever I need to concentrate on something. Also, I put the phone in airplane mode.

Search smarter with the DuckDuckGo search engine
https://www.askdavetaylor.com/search-smarter-with-the-duckduckgo-search-engine/
Are you using DuckDuckGo as your default search engine? You should be if you are serious about not having everything tracked. That said, searching with DuckDuckGo is a little different than searching with Google, Bing, etc. Dave Taylor explains how to search smartly with DuckDuckGo in this posting.

Cord-cutters beware: Amazon's TV antenna listings are rife with dubious claims
https://www.techhive.com/article/3409624/amazons-tv-antenna-listings-are-rife-with-dubius-claims.html
Cord-cutting is becoming very popular. This means higher demand for TV antennas. As with anything else, if you decide to go the antenna route make sure you do your research so you don't end up spending your money on useless things. This post explains some of the things to look for.

How to use a public computer safely
https://www.online-tech-tips.com/computer-tips/how-to-use-a-public-computer-safely/
We are in the travel season now, which makes it more likely you will be using a public computer. Read this post from a reminder of ways to keep safe while using one.

6 Ways to Prevent Computer Eye Strain
https://www.elegantthemes.com/blog/business/prevent-computer-eye-strain
This post contains tips everyone who is using computers should know. These are nothing new, but from time to time reminders of how to keep eye strain at bay are needed.

"How should you destroy old USB flash drives so that sensitive information cannot be recovered from them?"
https://langa.com/index.php/2019/07/16/how-should-you-destroy-old-usb-flash-drives-so-that-sensitive-information-cannot-be-recovered-from-them/
The question is specific to USB flash drives. The answer applies to any hardware form of data storage.

The most important thing to check before buying a Chromebook
https://www.computerworld.com/article/3405893/buying-a-chromebook.html
It is almost time for back to school, the holiday season, and the end of Windows 7 support, which means there will be more and more interest in Chromebooks. This Computerworld article explains important things to check before purchasing one.

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