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NewsTalk 1260

Attn: Mr. Dan Diamond  
225 NW Hollywood Blvd  
Ft Walton Beach, FL 32548

Dear Mr. Diamond:

I enjoy your show when I can, but that’s not often since I no longer commute to work, and the 1260 AM signal isn’t very good at my house in the county. However, I've been a long-time listener of your predecessors and have heard many local service organization representatives as guests on his and now your show. I would like to propose such a guest:

**Mr. Carl Lofstrom** is the founder and president of the South Walton Computer and Technology Club (SWCTC), and he is also the originator of the annual Computer Tech gathering which has been held at Northwest Florida State College (NWFSC), in January or February, for the last thirteen years. The event is run by volunteers and is designed to introduce ways to use personal computers (and other personal electronic devices) that the average or new user may not know. Attendance was free until last year when the NWFSC started charging us for the facility, so in 2019 we charged $5.00 per person (persons with student ID get in free).

The next Computer Tech will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2020, **but only if we can find a suitable venue:** NWFSC now wants $1500 for their venue and we can’t afford that. We have asked Mr. Marcus Chambers, Superintendent of Schools, if he can help get us a low-cost venue from school resources. If we are successful, perhaps we can drop the admission charge again.

As is true of many volunteer-led community affairs, adequate publicity is difficult to get without the gracious help of outlets such as our local news media. We hope you will consider having Carl and one of his associates as guests on your show before the January event, and maybe we can get more local support. You can find out more by checking out the Computer Tech web site at <[**https://computertechnwf.org/**](https://computertechnwf.org/)>.

Attached for your information are copies of the flyer and schedules for the 2019 event (you can see them in color on the website). The event for 2020 should be similar.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Best regards,

Committee Member, Computer Tech Expo of NW Florida  
Founder, Northwest Florida Linux User Group (NWFLUG) <[**https://nwflug.org**/](https://nwflug.org/)>