Upcoming March, 2019 Classes

See the ACL website agecomputer.org for complete class description and future classes. REGISTER ONLINE (Classes will be cancelled 48 hours ahead if not enough enrollees.)

Accessing Digital Information

**Getting Your Digital Life in Order**  (Thursday, March 21 at 10:00 a.m. – $25)

What would happen in case you or your spouse were to die or become incapacitated? Could your heirs or executors access all your digital accounts and information? Could they remove your Facebook account? Would they be guaranteed rights to all your digital information? Are there certain kinds of information that you take for granted that would be difficult for them to access, such as your device passwords, etc. The panel will discuss things you may not have considered that would make managing the digital aspects of your affairs or your estate simpler and more efficient.

**NOTE:** This will be panel discussion that focuses on managing your technology and digital information in case of emergency or death. There will be some hands-on time using the internet to view websites as needed to demonstrate the concepts discussed by the panelists. However, the class will primarily be presentation and answering questions.

Photography

**Shooting Neon: Night Photography Field Trip**  (Thursday, March 21 – 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. – $25)

Nothing tempts a photographer's eye more than an arresting mix of light, color, and shape. And few subjects combine those elements more intensely than neon signs. And it's really fun! This field trip will be all about shooting neon. Since neon creates its own light, it is a really easy subject. On this field trip we'll learn the right settings to shoot neon and explore some really fun special effects with neon like zoom blur and spin blur. This is also something that you can use when traveling since neon signs exist worldwide.

**NOTE:** You'll need a camera that can shoot in manual or aperture priority mode, a zoom lens (preferably one you can zoom by hand), and a tripod (hand holding is possible but requires very high aperture). We will meet in an area (to be announced) where within a short walk we'll be able to shoot a variety of signs. Sign up soon, attendance will be limited.

Using your Phone GPS

**GPS Phone Navigation for Austin Traffic**  (Thursday, March 28 at 1:00 p.m. – $25)

Have you found yourself avoiding driving to a different part of Austin because you dread the traffic? Are you frequently puzzled about what time to leave to arrive at your destination on time? Traffic is a fact of life in Austin.

In this class, we'll provide an introduction of how to use cell phone apps Waze and Google Maps, which leverage our GPS location data to help us plan our journeys around Austin and navigate the traffic once we are on the road. We will focus on Waze and Google Maps as those are the most popular and run on both iPhone and Android platforms. We’ll also touch on Apple Maps as an alternate option in some situations. In addition, we will spend some time talking about how to avoid some of the pitfalls and how to really leverage Waze by linking it to your cell phone address book and calendar.