"Zooming" OVRC on-line Meetings

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Overview

- The Covid-19 crisis has forced us to become innovative! We will be hosting on-line meetings on our usual meeting dates until we can resume our face-to-face meetings.
 - Maybe we should supplement our face-to-face meetings by making them available on-line?
- We will use the "Zoom" platform.
- Our first "Zoom" meeting was April 8 2020, and was successful.
- We plan "Zoom" meetings for
 - May 13 (topic: 100 years of Canadian broadcasting, and show us your homebuilt 1-tube radios (Greg's Challenge from the April meeting)
 - June 10. (topic: Stewart-Warner Radios)

Zoom.us

- Zoom is an on-line tool that allows us to hold meetings with audio and video.
- Zoom.us is a California-based company. <u>www.zoom.us</u>
- This will work on PC's, Apple's, smart phones, and some versions of Linux.
- It does install a small program the first time you use it, but this is pretty transparent; On PCs and Apple computers, you do not need to manually install anything yourself.
- I have found it reliable. (In rare cases, sound will not work until the computer is rebooted)

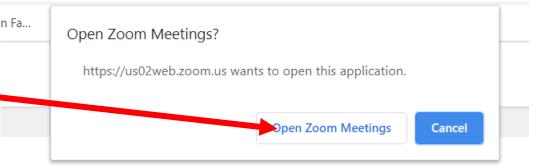
A Zoom Primer: Getting In

- I will e-mail an invitation to everyone in our club's mailing list. (I do not use passwords so please do not post the invitation anywhere public!) Let me know ovrcpres@gmail.com if you did not receive it.
- Click on the link in that invitation.

• The first time you use it, it may ask you if it can install the zoom

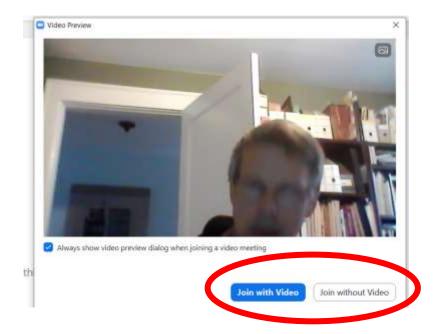
application, Say "yes".

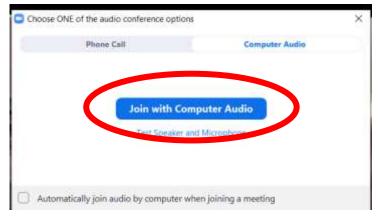
 If it asks you if you want to open Zoom, click "yes".



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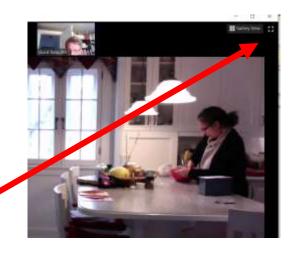
- It may ask you about using video:
 Click "Join With Video" if you want to
 share your smiling face. OR, join without
 video if you are shy or naked.
- It may ask you about joining with computer audio. I have been using computer audio exclusively. You can test your audio here.
- You're in!

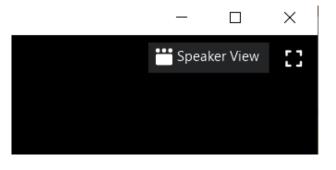


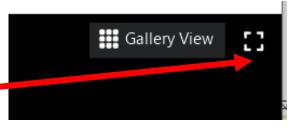


A Zoom Primer: Using Zoom Gallery vs. Speaker View. Full Screen

- Go to upper right part of screen
- Speaker view: The speaker's picture is expanded to fill the screen. Others are small.
- Gallery view: All participants have the same size screen.
- Full screen

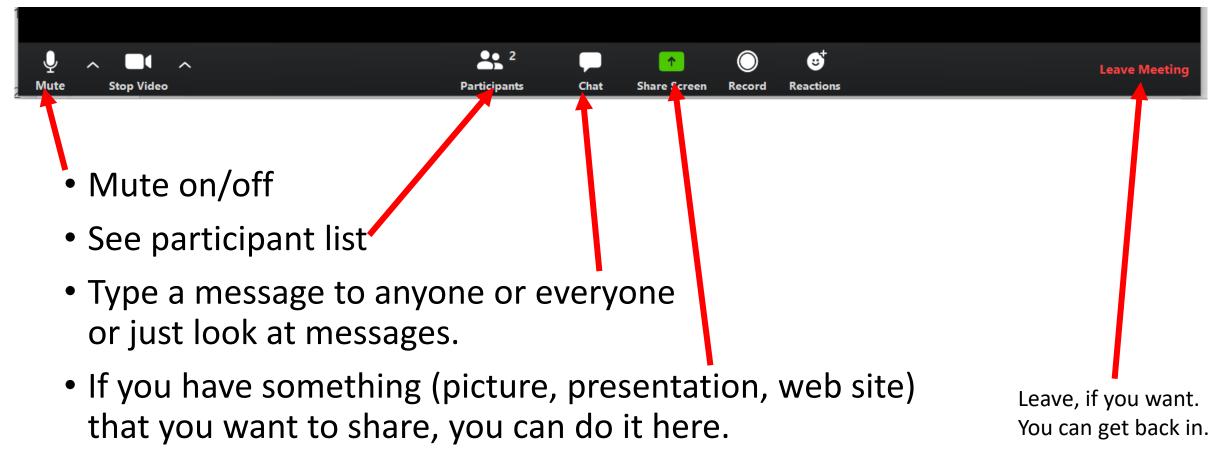






A Zoom Primer: Bottom of screen



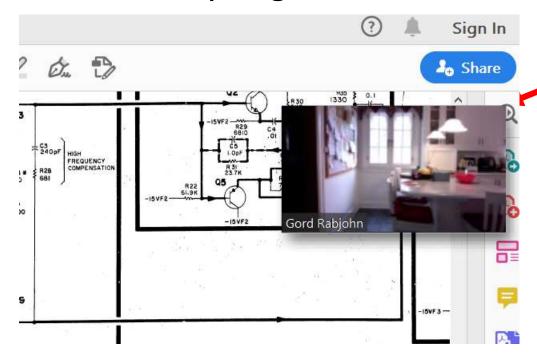


A Zoom Primer: What if this happens?

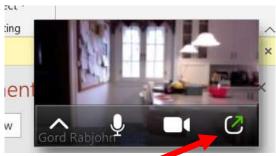
Zoom is controlled with this icon at the bottom of the screen



What if all you get is a small zoom window, like this?



Hover your mouse over this window.
 Buttons should appear at bottom.



Click here

Zoom Primer: Conference Call Etiquette

- Remember, effectively only 1 person at a time can talk, so please share the soundscape!
- If your room is noisy, please mute your microphone. (The meeting host can also mute your microphone, but he'd rather not)
- Avoid quick one-word comments, like "uh-huh", "yea", as it can momentarily cause the mic to switch to you, interrupting the speaker.

Zoom Primer: Backup Information

- Zoom is at <u>www.zoom.us</u>
- They have lots of how-to information at https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us
- Zoom is a very comprehensive tool, and we only use a small fraction of its capability, so just stick to the simple stuff. This is a one-minute tutorial: https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-Meeting