Electronic Technology Committee (ETC)

The Electronic Technology Committee (ETC) helps UWRA members make sense of and effectively use technology of many varieties. Just like technology, we have evolved our means of connecting to UWRA membership over time. We currently offer programs and Tech Clinics. The Tech Clinics are the third iteration of our informal offerings. We started with Bug Extermination sessions, moved to Getting IT Done sessions, and very recently incorporated the hands-on aspect in Tech Clinics.

The programs are presentation style. Recent and upcoming programs include the following.
- What kinds of computing devices should I be using?
- The sounds and sightings of nature apps (co-sponsored with the Retirement Challenges and Opportunities Committee)
- Identity theft: protect and prevent

Tech Clinics are interactive and encourage participants to bring laptops, tablets and smartphones to experiment during the sessions. Recent and upcoming Tech Clinics include the following.
- Streaming TV—cutting the cord
- What's a podcast and why should I be interested?
- Google photos II
- Travel apps

The ETC membership is intentionally diverse. Our members are techies, novices, and everything in between. We believe the mix helps us get a handle on the needs of the broader UWRA community.

If you are curious about technology and want a friendly group with which to share your ideas and questions, feel free to join us the fourth Thursday of the month 1:00-2:30 p.m. for our committee meeting. To make it convenient for committee members and others interested in the committee, Tech Clinics follow the committee meeting at 2:30-4:00 p.m. Check the UWRA website calendar or The Sifter for meeting location details.

The committee also wants to hear your ideas for future programs or Tech Clinics. Whatever device(s) you use—PC, Mac, smartphone, tablet, home or automobile technology—do you have questions about how to use it more effectively or securely? Or are there some new technologies that you'd like to hear more about? You may email your suggestions for topics anytime to uwra.tech@gmail.com.