

# PATACS Online Calendar


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Geof Goodrum, OPCUG+PATACS Meeting, 17 August 2024

# Objectives

- Demonstrate the features of the PATACS online calendar.
- How to use the calendar to remind you about PATACS meetings.

# Demonstration

- Implemented with Google Calendar
- John Krout is the PATACS Calendar Administrator
- “Meeting Calendar” link on PATACS home page
  - <https://patacs.org/mtgcalendar.html>
- Multiple view options
  - Monthly (default), Weekly, Agenda
  - Toggle display of meetings and holidays
- Printable (left click  icon)
- John Krout provided Year-at-a-Glance graphic
  - Tip: right-click on graphic, open image in new tab, print with CTRL-p

# Clickable Widgets

Change Date

Print Options

View Options

The screenshot displays a Google Calendar interface for August 2024. At the top, there are navigation controls including 'Today', left and right arrows, the month/year 'August 2024', and a dropdown arrow. To the right are buttons for 'Print', 'Week', 'Month' (the selected view), and 'Agenda'. The calendar grid shows days of the week (Sun to Sat) and dates. Several events are visible: '7pm PATACS Arlington' on Wednesday, August 7th; '1pm PATACS+OPCU' on Friday, August 9th; '7pm PATACS Board' on Sunday, August 11th; and '7pm PATACS Trouble' on Wednesday, August 28th. A yellow highlight is placed over the date '11' on Sunday, August 11th. A red callout box labeled 'Meeting Details' points to the event '7pm PATACS Arlington'. Another red callout box labeled 'Sync with App' points to the Google Calendar logo at the bottom right. At the bottom left, a footer states 'Events shown in time zone: Eastern Time - New York'.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	Aug 1	2	3
4	5	6	7pm PATACS Arlington	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	7pm PATACS Board	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	7pm PATACS Trouble	29	30	31

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# Added to My Google Calendar

The screenshot shows the Google Calendar interface for August 2024. A modal window is open for a meeting titled "PATACS+OPCUG joint monthly meeting" on Saturday, August 17, from 13:00 to 15:30. The meeting is recurring monthly on the third Saturday until November 17, 2024. The location is Tallwood room TA1, Osher Lifelong Learning Institut... The main educational topic is SMART PHONE PHOTOGRAPHY, and the learn-in-30 educational topic is THIS PATACS GOOGLE CALENDAR. The meeting is organized by the Potomac Area Technology and Computer Society (PATACS) and jointly sponsored by PATACS and the OLLI Personal Computer user Group (OPCUG). Members of both user groups receive email notices of all group meetings, including Zoom details, and other benefits. The meeting also includes one or two educational presentations related to modern tech, mostly with an opportunity to ask questions of the presenters. Learn in 30 is a short form presentation lasting at most 30 minutes, though Q&A about the topic may run longer.

The calendar view shows the following events:

- August 4: Chris's Birthday
- August 11: 14:45 Cuckoo
- August 12: 20:00 Wilson Girls
- August 18: 16:00 My Penguin Fr
- August 19: 19:00 PATACS Board
- August 17: 13:00 PATACS+OPCUG (highlighted)

The left sidebar shows the "My calendars" section with the following calendars:

- Personal (checked)
- Birthdays (unchecked)
- Tasks (unchecked)
- Other calendars: Holidays in United States (checked), PATACS Meetings calendar (checked)

# Google Calendar Phone App



Left: 3-Day View

Right: Event Detail

The Google Calendar app provides the easiest integration but requires a Google account.



# Third Party Calendar Apps (Etar)



Example of event detail in my Android Etar Open Source calendar app sync'd with my Google Calendar via DAVx<sup>5</sup>.

Note HTML formatting tags (e.g. <span>) from Google Calendar are visible in plain text.

John Krout reported similar results syncing the PATACS Calendar with the Apple iOS calendar app. However, if you have a Google account, see <https://support.google.com/calendar/answer/99358>

# More Info

- Email questions and comments specific to the PATACS Calendar to [info@patacs.org](mailto:info@patacs.org)
- General information about Google Calendar
  - <https://support.google.com/calendar>