

The Luddite Lounge – Five Five Tech

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You're listening to The Luddite Lounge where we're serving up news, views and how-tos for the digital world we've all come to depend on—whether we like it or not!

Hey there glad you can join me today in The Luddite Lounge. I'm Elizabeth Kricfalusi, publisher of the Tech for Luddites blog and Chief Luddite.

This is Episode 19 of The Lounge and today's episode is another edition of our Five Five Tech segment, where I'll be discussing five topics in five minutes. You can find show notes with related links at ludditelounge.com/episode19.

Let's get started!

Number 1:

Contest alert! During this year's June blogathon, Tech for Luddites ran a contest for readers to submit their own tech tips that can help out other Luddites—including me! Well, to kick off holiday season, the Share Your Favorite Tech Tip contest is back, with a couple of differences. This time, for every tech tip you submit through the online form, your name will be entered into a weekly drawing for a chance to win a \$25 gift card from Amazon. Note that submissions will be eligible for all remaining drawings throughout the contest period, so the earlier you submit your tip, the better your chances of winning.

Not only that, but I'm not going to be promoting the contest publicly until after the first drawing this coming Sunday, October 30th. So if you get your tip or tips in before then, your odds will be even better. Woo-hoo!

To read the full contest rules and submit your tech tip, go to techforluddites.com/sharetips.

Number 2:

A T4L reader wrote me a few days ago wondering what had happened to the Chromecast icon in the Chrome browser. Originally you had to install the Google Cast extension to be able to cast content from your browser to your Chromecast and the extension would add the casting icon in the toolbar. A couple of months ago, Google built the Google Cast functionality directly into the browser.

So now, if the website you're on is integrated with Google Cast, it will show you the cast icon in the video window (it might be in different places depending on what site you're on). If it isn't integrated, you can use the Cast command from the three dots menu at the top right of the browser to cast the video. You can see a screenshot of the menu item in the show notes.

Also, just because they like to keep us on our toes, Google has just changed the name of the Google Cast app to Google Home, in case you're looking for it on your phone or tablet.

Number 3:

A couple of Google Maps updates. If you use Maps on iOS, it's rolling out an update that includes some new features, including the ability to order food through the app and add your own location photos. There's a link to an article with more new and recently added features in the show notes.

<https://9to5mac.com/2016/10/24/google-maps-food-delivery-services/>

And if you happen to be an aficionado of all things Marvel, Google Maps now includes a listing for Doctor Strange's Sanctum Sanctorum.

<http://nerdist.com/doctor-stranges-sanctum-sanctorum-actually-appears-on-google-maps/>

Number 4:

Here's a nice treat for my fellow Canucks. One of the more popular TV networks in the States—SHOWTIME—is being added to Bell Media's Crave-TV streaming service so you'll be able to watch its programming without having a cable subscription. Even more surprising, it's going to be even cheaper in Canada than in the States! A CraveTV subscription is \$7.99 Cdn a month while SHOWTIME's American standalone service is \$10.99 a month. (Side note: You can get it in the States for \$8.99 a month as an add-on subscription with Amazon Video or Hulu.)

Nice, eh!

<http://www.hollywoodreporter.com/news/showtime-streaming-service-comes-canada-940787>

And finally...

Number 5:

Speaking of streaming media, let's file this item under "Screaming Media." If you're one of those people who lives for Halloween—or at least super-scary movies—check out Amazon Prime Video. They have a pretty extensive library of spooky titles, including Rosemary's Baby, Misery, The Texas Chainsaw Massacre, and yes, Halloween, that Prime members can stream for free. You can find a link to the all these videos in the show notes and learn more about all the benefits of Amazon Prime at techforluddites.com/prime. Boo!

<http://amzn.to/2eLhS18>

And that's it for this episode of The Luddite Lounge. Again, you can find the show notes at ludditelounge.com/episode19.

Thanks for listening! Until next time...