

Notes for May 2026 Meeting

1. Cleaning out the recycling bin

- a. Will it speed up phone usage? Probably iffy
- b. Will it return space to one's phone storage? Yes, but it may not be very much space unless you do some deleting of very large files
- c. Does an Android phone have **A** recycling bin?
 - i. Not really – each app keeps deleted files rather than having one big bin for all files that have been deleted

How do we go about cleaning out the recycling bins? Use a file management app

2. Samsung Messaging app is being discontinued.

- a. Generally, I recommend using the Google Messaging app.
- b. Benefits:
 - i. Google uses Rich Communication Services (RCS) which allows better interoperability with iPhones and high res media
 - ii. Integrates well with other Google apps
 - iii. Clean, simple interface that is standard across all Android phones
 - iv. Messages will transfer within 24 hours – usually appears to be instantaneous
- c. Downsides:
 - i. Samsung offered more customization
 - ii. Easy to use inbox tabs and superior search functions

d. Helpful instructions from Samsung:

<https://www.samsung.com/us/apps/samsung-messages/>

3. Motorola phones hijacking Amazon app

- a. Characteristic called affiliate codes has become common in some instances
- b. Has the ability to direct clicking an apps icon and opening up an affiliate in one's web browser (i. e. Chrome or Firefox)
- c. In this instance it is affecting the Amazon app icon in the App Drawer, but not Amazon app icons on a home page
- d. Explain difference between App Drawer and Home Page

4. Mention Google settlement and give out URL

- a. **\$135M Android Data Collection Settlement:**
- b. **Eligibility:** US residents who owned an Android phone with a cellular data plan between November 12, 2017, and the settlement date. **Implies that payout is per phone with cellular data plan.**
- c. **Action Required:**
 - i. Mostly automatic; often no claim form is necessary for those in the system.
- d. **Final Approval Hearing:** June 23, 2026.
- e. **Payout:** Pro-rated, expected to be small due to ~100 million eligible users – **makes me reluctant to spend much time on this (i.e. around or even possibly less than \$1.00 apiece).** **Supposedly they will try to pay out to everyone that is eligible, whether you fill out forms or not.**
- f. **Information Site:** [Federal Cellular Class Action](#)

5. 20 Tips for Google's Messages App – JR Raphael

- a. **Trash** – stores deleted messages for 30 days

- b. **Pin** up to 20 threads to top of message list
- c. **Hide Gemini in Messages** – settings
- d. **Scheduled message send** – touch and hold send button for option
- e. **Bigger text** – zoom out (pinch out) if it doesn't work, check settings
- f. **Smaller text** – zoom in (pinch in)
- g. **Auto-delete one-time passwords (OTPs)** – Settings, Message Organization, turn on
- h. **Quick Thumbs Up** – double tap incoming message sends a thumbs up icon

6. Ringtone Settings

- a. Key Ringtone Options & Methods:
- b. **System Settings:** Open Settings > Sound & vibration > Ringtone to select pre-installed options.
- c. **Custom Ringtones:** Within the Ringtone menu, select "My sounds" or the + (plus) icon to add personal audio files (MP3/WAV) from your device.
- d. **Contact-Specific Ringtones:** In the Contacts app, open a contact, tap the menu (three dots) or "i" icon, and select "Change ringtone" to assign unique sounds.
- e. **Third-Party Apps:** Download apps like Zedge or [Ringtones for Android](#) for thousands of categorized options, including popular, classic, and comedy tones.
- f. **Download & Use Songs:** Download music directly (e.g., from Pixabay) to your phone's media storage, then assign it through the sound settings menu.