



Smart Phones: 2 More Cool Apps

PIA VPN

I spend my winters in Cuba. Don't whine...I'm working while I'm there. But thanks to a certain overbearing foreign government who will not be named, it can be problematic (read: impossible) to access any site associated with or located in said overbearing foreign government. So, I can't shop (Amazon's pay portal is american), or attend only Rotary meetings (Zoom is american).

Well...I *couldn't*...but thanks to PIA VPN I can. PIA stands for Private Internet Access and it allows you to create a virtual private network that allows anonymous surfing. So, I pick Canada as my place of origina – it now thinks I'm in Canada – and I'm good to shop, enjoy my meetings and access almost any site I try to access. There is a nominal cost – but it's well worth it if you're finding yourself stymied by such an embargo.



Google Hangouts

Stay in touch with a group. Be a part of as many groups as you need.

An example, my husband and I often communicate with the kids – who both live in different cities. We can easily coordinate who is bringing what food for the weekend, etc. You add a message or photo – and everyone in the group gets it and can see *who* said/sent it.



For July long weekend, we created another, bigger, group – with the kids and cousins.

A great way to get group input and feedback.