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Best Buy team to return for October Tech Night

Christene Wheaton, a Best Buy Customer Solutions Specialist, has agreed to lead another team of specialists here as part of our Tech Night program on October 8. This team will be demonstrating some of the latest electronics and gadgets that will be most popular under the Christmas tree, she reported. This team won't be a mirror image of the team that was here in September. They will have a few additional specialists who will review and demonstrate the products they show and demonstrate that will make terrific gifts this year.

They hope to bring the just released Kindle Fire plus other new tablets if they can get them from the distributors in time. They will present some of the latest cell phones on the market and they will bring a digital imaging specialist to review some of the cameras that will make ideal gifts this year. There will be a selection of special gadgets that are likely to be on many want lists.



Wheaton pledged to answer questions about the products they covered in September which also might be ideal gifts.

This will be an interesting program which is very timely for the upcoming gift season. Be sure to attend at 7:00 p.m. on October 8 and bring a friend. The session is open to the public.



The Best Buy team attracted a full house during the September Tech Night presentation
See story on page 16

Photo by Boone Baldwin

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President's Comments

By Brooke Thomas, CKCS President

BEST BUY AND CKCS JOIN FORCES ON TECH NIGHT

Best Buy has teamed up with CKCS to keep members on the cutting edge of new technology. Nearly seventy members came out to hear Christine Wheaton, Adam York, and three other technology experts explain Smart TVs, Roku Players, Blu-Ray Players and Apple TV. And no, the apple TV is not a TV. It is a streaming player that streams HD movies, HDTV shows, and sports; and plays content from your Mac or PC. We also learned that you can use your iPad and iPhone with it.



HOLIDAY TECH GUIDE COMING OCTOBER 8

The Best Buy Crew will be back in October to share new technology for the fast approaching gift giving season. Come to Tech Night October 8, 2012, at 7 p.m. to see what will be hot this season. If you have submitted a question from last month's presentation, they will pick the top questions to answer.

DIRECTORS' PRIZE

Each month we do a random drawing for a free extension to one's membership. The key is that the member whose name is called has to be present to win. If the name drawn isn't present, the number of free months added to a membership increases by one. This month the prize had grown to a nine month extension. At September's Tech Night Malcolm Gill's name was called and he was present and WON! So in October we are back to awarding a three month membership.

LOGO CONTEST

We are still looking for a new logo. Surely we have creative members who can come up with something to give us a bright new image. USA Today recently unveiled their new logo. I am hoping for something a bit better. Let's get working on it! If you aren't talented, but have contacts with a marketing company, ask them if they would submit something.



HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

Reserve December 10th on your calendar for our Holiday Party and “10 Years at Moore Drive Celebration”. This is a time that everyone can get together to socialize and share some good food. It's a good time to meet some other members.

CHRISTMAS TREE

We want to put up a larger Christmas tree this year. Maybe you aren't using yours this year. If you have an artificial tree about eight feet tall we would like to *borrow* it (we don't have space to store it all year). Send me an e-mail at President@ckcs.org .

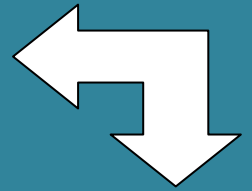
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1

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3

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TECH TALK

By Joe Isaac
Windows SIG Leader



Windows 8 Pro pricing:

- Windows 8 Pro** Download upgrade offer good until January 31, 2013:
- From Windows XP** \$40 (If you have Windows XP, you should get a new computer, I think you should not upgrade) If you upgrade, it only keeps Personal Files (.docs and .jpg). **You lose your Windows settings and your programs.**
- From Vista** \$40 Keeps Windows settings and Personal Files. You lose your programs like Microsoft Office Home and Student 2007, etc.. **You must reinstall your Programs.**
- From Windows 7** \$40 This upgrade keeps Windows Settings, Personal Files, and Programs.
- From Windows 7** Only \$15 for a Windows 7 computer you purchased between June 2012 and January 2013.
- A DVD upgrade** \$70 (not a download) to Windows 8 Pro, offer good until January 31, 2013.

All users have the option to perform a clean install.



Starting October 26, 2012, you may buy a Windows 8 desktop, or laptop computer, or the new Surface Tablet (competition for the iPad). (Surface Tablet pictured below.)

I have been using the Beta version of Windows 8 for several months. At first I hated it; I thought they were nuts. I still think they should fire the guy who got rid of the start button.

Having said that and after going through the learning curve, **I now love it.** I love the speed, the live tiles in the start menu, and the ease of using it. Windows 8 is a fun operating system.

But, if you're happy with Windows 7, just stay with it.

Best in Tech



5 New Sensors for Windows 8 Ultrabooks and Tablets:

1. a compass
2. an accelerometer
3. a gyroscope
4. a GPS sensor
5. an ambient light sensor

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Computer Mystery Workshop program for October 3 at 1:30 p.m.

A nice crowd turned out for the September Computer Mystery Workshop so we are going to do it again for October. The meeting will start at 1:30 p.m. on October 3 – **the first Wednesday of the month**. Bring your laptops if you want to follow along with the demonstrations.

The mysteries planned for this meeting are (1) Email filters and (2) Downloading videos. SIG leaders are Bob Brown and Wendell Curtis.

First, we will demo email filters. Many people do not know that their incoming email can be processed with “filters” which are little algorithms that are setup to pre-screen the messages and do something with them.

A filter can be designed so that some emails can be deleted – the recipient will never know they ever happened. This is a little extreme but some spam and hate mail deserves this treatment.

More likely, messages would be placed in folders and gathered by senders or by subjects. For example, you may collect all emails from family members in one folder so they are kept together. Likewise you may want to collect all your motorcycle club emails into a different folder. These filters will move emails out of your Inbox directly to the appropriate folder when you login to see your email.

We will review the process of creating and using email filters. Most email systems have similar filter creation rules but some small differences may occur.

Second, we will look at how videos can be downloaded from Internet websites and saved on your computer for quicker playback. Not all videos on the Internet are available for download but many of them are. However, as usual, all is not simple.

Videos come in many different formats. Your computer can playback most of them but probably not all of them. There are websites that can translate videos from one format to other formats. There are legal complications with copyrights, etc. All of this is like a swamp with no maps or trails. We will venture into this realm and come out with some solutions.

Bring friends, family, and questions for some serious technology demystifying.



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News to use

CKCS Volunteers helped fund raising for WUKY Radio

In September, six CKCS members performed volunteer phone answering for the University of Kentucky radio station, WUKY, in raising funds for the station. By helping the nonprofit station, CKCS received several mentions on the radio during the campaign.

Additionally the station has agreed to award CKCS with ten public service announcements at a time we choose. Plans are to use those announcements in January to publicize our winter classes which will begin in late January or early February. We hope this effort will recruit new students (and potential members). In addition to the two volunteers pictured, Debbie Settles, Janet Cartmell, Jenny Brown, and Bob Brown took three hour shifts on different days. Bob and Jenny Brown reported that about \$500 was raised during their shift.

Brooke Thomas, CKCS President and Jacqueline Sturdivant on the phone at WUKY Radio



Seeking Volunteers for December

WUKY has contacted us again -- they are holding a mini fund drive the second week in December and would like us to man the phones again for three shifts for which they will give us ten additional spot announcements at a time of our choosing. These shifts are three hours long and likely on three consecutive dates (just like last time).

We are seeking six more volunteers and hope several of our members will step forward to help. This lets us explore another media source to help us grow in membership and class attendance. If you might be able to help – no firm commitment yet – please contact Jan Landers-Lyman using this link: Janlanderslyman@aol.com .



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The October Genealogy SIG is about the 1940 Census

Submitted by Phyllis Vannoy Spiker, CKCS leader of the Genealogy SIG

The Genealogy Special Interest will observe **National Family History Month** at their October 16 regular meeting by mentoring beginners to help them to jump start their Internet genealogy by searching the 1940 census population schedule. A demonstration search will be shown but no questions this meeting; except as, relates to the 1940 census. **Guests are welcome**

The 1940 census is forever **free** on the Internet as required by our National Archives Records Administration (NARA). Some of us will find ourselves and most will find our parents. All of us should find our grandparents if we know their names, where they lived in the USA and of course were alive.

I suggest using <http://www.ancestry.com> or <http://www.familysearch.org>. The former out sourced their indexing. The latter was indexed by mostly American volunteers. Comparison studies have indicated the search accuracy (spelling) better at family search. Both websites <http://www.ancestry.com> and <http://www.familysearch.org> are links to the image. From the hits at <http://www.familysearch.org>, click on selected name; note a camera icon indicates there is a linked digital image. On the next screen/page will be information which was indexed; in the left column click on the [view image](#) to open the digital image from the original census. Both websites indicate all states have every name indexed. 25th of September linking to the image at <http://www.familysearch.org> was not working. If this occurs, write down the information on or print the selected hit page (full name, state, county, township, birthplace, birth year; then, go to <http://www.ancestry.com>, sign-in, select search from task bar the on right find "go to old search" select US Census then 1940; browse or start a new search.

At <http://www.familysearch.org> you will have to sign-in to use record search. If you have a familysearch.org username and password it works for everything on this website that is password protected. Register and sign-in before beginning your search. They require a long password; mine has a combination of letters, numbers and symbols totaling 11.

Don't have a \$\$ subscription to <http://www.ancestry.com>? You can create a user name & password which allows access to a few FREE databases by going to their home page at <http://www.ancestry.com> then go down on the right side to the image shown at the right. Click "Start for Free" and fill out the form. Save usernames & passwords.



If you come to the meeting with the 1940 census image or if there is time after all have success with a 1940 census image, a mentor with an ancestry.com \$\$ subscription will work with you on the 1930 census. The census was taken every 10 years. 1790 thru 1840 only head of household was listed with age groups of males, females, other free persons and a couple had slave age groupings. The name of each family member was listed for 1850 thru 1940. The original 1890 census records were, mostly, destroyed before microfilming began. Beginning in 1880 for each person in the household their relationship to the head of household is given. The 1850 and 1860 censuses have slave schedules which list owners and the age of each slave but no name for any slave.

Bring laptops. Room has WiFi but bring a cable with you. Sometimes the cable is faster than WiFi.



Bring full names you know, starting with you and your spouse, include ages, locality in which each generation lived during the census year, and all children's names you know of in each marriage – family notes will do, but a family group sheet for each marriage and an ancestry chart is best with the recommended information filled out. Your mentor won't know your family and will need to keep referring to the information while helping.

At <http://www.ancestry.com/charts/census.aspx> a blank form for a Family Group Sheet, an Ancestral Chart and Census Forms for all census years can be downloaded and printed. Increase the online image size for easier reading of the chart heading and handwriting. Keep a printed census blank form handy to refer to the headings because the headings change from census to census.

Bring a dessert to share ... an old family recipe, if possible. I'll have cider and paper products.

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Bruce Klobeke to present HDR High Dynamic Range

In photography, HDR refers to High Dynamic Range. “Dynamic Range” is the range of tones that can be captured in a photograph, from the darkest shadows to the brightest highlights.

Unlike the human eye, digital camera sensors (or film in traditional cameras) can only capture a limited dynamic range when photographing scenes with both very bright and very dark areas, such as a building interior with a large window. HDR processing creates an image which has twice as much information, and therefore many more steps between tones than an ordinary JPG. This HDR image combines three or more differently exposed photographs, showing more details in the darkest areas and in the brightest areas.



Joe Dietz
Digital Imaging
SIG Leader

At the Digital Photography SIG on Tuesday, October 23rd, Bruce Klobeke will show us how to create an HDR photograph using Corel Paint Shop Pro X4.

The photo contest for the night is “Fog and Mist”. As the weather cools down, this is a good time to get out and take some good foggy shots! Submit your photos to joedietz@aol.com no later than the evening of October 22.



Two examples of photos enhanced using HDR. Photos by Bruce Klobeke



Digital Imaging Contest Winners

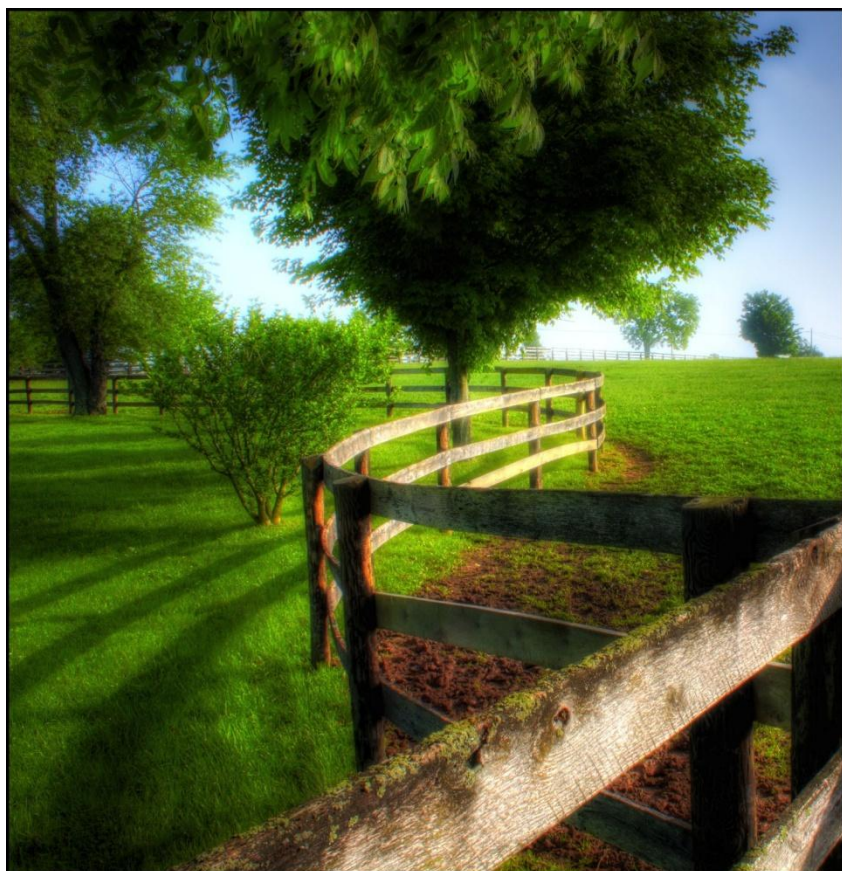
Each month the Digital Imaging SIG conducts a photo contest and we publish the winners here. In August, due to an email glitch, there was no contest, so in September, two contests were conducted. The categories were "Something Hot" and "Curves and Angles".

August Contest Winner

SOMETHING HOT

Photo by

Judith Lesnaw



September Contest Winner

CURVES AND ANGLES

Photo by

Bruce Klobeke

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Mac Platform Has Never Been More Popular *Overshadowed by Apple's Mobile Devices*



By Kurt Jefferson,
SIG Leader and Instructor for Mac & iPad topics

By last fall in the U.S., the iMac had become the #1 selling desktop computer; MacBook was the #1 selling laptop
— [ZDNet reported in October 2011](#)



Do you ever wonder if the Mac will end up becoming the Rodney Dangerfield of Apple devices? In other words, everyone is praising, writing about and discussing the iPhone and iPad, while the Mac gets no respect. I don't believe it will ever come to that, but we seem to be hearing quite a bit about Apple's mobile devices while the Mac keeps selling and selling.

In early July, Michael Harper [posted an article in a blog](#) revealing that the gap between Mac and Windows PC sales is the slimmest "since the heydays of the 1990s."

When Microsoft introduced Windows 95, it blew the Mac out of the water. "Thanks to the extreme popularity of Windows 95, this gap continued to widen as nearly 10 times more customers were choosing PCs over Macs," says Harper as he outlines research by so-called "numbers guru" Horace Dediu. Windows PCs still substantially dominate Macs, but 2004 was the turning point.

"Although PC volumes continued to grow, they did so more slowly and the Mac grew faster. What coincided with this was the emergence of portable computing. The MacBook became easily differentiable as a "better" laptop. It was not faster, did not have more storage or any key metrics being used to sell PCs. It was just better as an integrated product," writes Dediu.

Harper quotes Apple CEO Tim Cook who spoke with reporters earlier this year as Apple reported its sales figures, "The Mac is still growing, and I think it could still grow, but I strongly believe that the tablet market will surpass the unit sales of the PC market."

Harper writes, "Even as Amazon, Google, and Microsoft make pushes into the tablet market, the iPad is still the machine to beat."

He adds, "When the popularity of the iPad and iPhone are figured, this gap between Windows devices shrinks dramatically from 20-to-1 to an easily surpassable 2-to-1. So surpassable, says Dediu, that Apple could end up breaking even with Windows in just two years' time. This corresponds with previous predictions that the iPad could overtake the PC market by 2015." Harper adds that the much-talked about "[halo effect](#)" is still alive. It occurs when an individual buys, let's say, an iPhone, really likes the device, and then decides to buy a Mac or an iPad.



So a very positive experience with one device convinces an individual to buy another product from the company. Wikipedia even discusses [Edward Thorndike](#), the first researcher to investigate the halo effect.

While on a warm, sunny day in late August, I witnessed the halo effect at a local Apple Store. A potential customer was standing in front of an iMac and I overheard an Apple Store employee asking her if she had ever used a Mac before.

The customer replied, “No,” but that a relative had used Macs quite a bit and that she, herself, had reported a very satisfactory experience with her own Apple product.

I don’t know if that potential customer bought a Mac. But I would lay odds on the probability that if she didn’t, she’ll be back, and will eventually carry home a new iMac.

- Read [Macs, iPads and iPhones by the Numbers](#)

Mac Mountain Lion Users Get Dictation

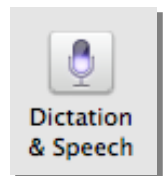
Years ago, at a CKCS SIG meeting, I demonstrated IBM’s ViaVoice for the Mac. You spoke into a microphone and your words appeared on a blank word processing document. Fast forward decades, and we have [Dragon Dictate 3 for the Mac](#). Most reviewers agree this is the Lexus of Mac speech recognition software.

But for those of us who don’t want to spend \$199 for a digital download (headset not included) or boxed version of the software, Mountain Lion offers an alternative called Dictation.

The latest version of OS X includes this built-in speech recognition software. Okay, it’s not Dragon. If you suffer carpal tunnel syndrome, or absolutely have to dictate nearly every time you want to write on your Mac, buy Dragon Dictate.

But if you would like to dictate emails, word processing documents, or other information on a regular basis (but not daily), Dictation might fill the bill. First, you need to determine if you have a microphone built into your Mac.

If you own an iMac or Mac laptop, you’re good to go. Mac mini users and those who own a Mac Pro (tower) need to buy a microphone. Amazon offers a number of USB microphones, including the [“Samson Go Mic Compact”](#) which I’ve read is a very good, inexpensive portable microphone that works with Mac minis and Mac Pros (no software installation required.)



If you have a microphone, you need to switch Dictation “on” in your System Preferences. Finally, [MacLife](#) provides a quick overview on how to use Dictation, offering a slew of “shortcut words.” (Saying “period” or “full stop” puts a period at the end of a sentence.) [Macworld](#) provides a video to show you how to get more out of Mountain Lion’s built-in Dictation software.

For more MAC article pages click link here:  [Mac Column by Kurt Jefferson CONTINUED](#)

Lots of questions answered by Best Buy team

At the September 10 TECH NIGHT an energetic audience showed up with plenty of questions for a five member team from Best Buy who came to CKCS to talk about smart television, the Apple TV, plus Roku and blue-ray players. The crew from Best Buy amazed the audience with many of the capabilities that television sets and add-on devices can now do. Access to traditional TV programs, movies, games, Internet and more are now either built-in to the sets or can be easily added.



Best Buy presenters at the September Tech Night included Christine Wheaton, Josh Fleming, Adam York, and Ben Kust at right. Wheaton and York are customer solutions managers for Best Buy. Fleming is a home theatre specialist and Kust is a Mobile specialist

A historic sized crowd for the CKCS resource center, (estimated just under 70) attended. So much was covered and many questions raised and answered that the crew ran short of time before everything they had planned, could be covered.

Those in attendance were offered a 10% discount on many accessory items at Best Buy during September.



The capabilities of a 'smart' TV were explained by Matt Newton, a Best Buy home theatre specialist.

As reported on page 1 of this issue, the Best Buy crew will be back in October to discuss smart phones and other electronic gadgets for the Christmas season. They will also be available for more questions about anything covered in either the September and of course during this month's October 8 Tech Night.

The name drawn for the Directors' Prize was Malcolm Gill and he was present at the meeting and wins a membership extension that had built up to nine months. In October the Directors' Prize value will be reset to three months.

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– Photos on this page by Joe Dietz



New members and Renewals

During the period from 8/25/2012 to 9/22/2012

We welcome the following new members

Cathy Anderson
Nancy S Goetz
John B Simpson

We thank the following members who renewed their memberships during this reporting period.

Walter S Baker
Wayne P Bell
Matilda Biesinger
Joe Buckley
Janet Cartmell
Herman A Cubbison
Malcolm Gill
Earleen S Ginter
John Greene
Flora L. Guter
Kurt Jefferson
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Information furnished by CKCS Board of Directors member Ben Rice 

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Watch For This Scam

Furnished by Larry Mitchum, Member, CKCS Board of Directors

A scam Microsoft email is making the rounds. Please read this so that you will not become a victim if this appears in your email inbox. Here is the exact text:

Dear Windows User,

It has come to our attention that your Microsoft windows Installation records are out of date. Every Windows installation has to be tied to an email account for daily update.

This requires you to verify the Email Account. Failure to verify your records will result in account suspension. Click on the Verify button below and enter your login information on the following page to confirm your records.

VERIFY.

Thank you,

Microsoft Windows Team

Once you click the verify button, you are taken to a mockup of the Windows update site that looks like this:



Don't go any further. If you input your information, you'll just be gift wrapping it for a scammer.

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THIS MONTH'S BEST VIDEOS / SHOWS

INSTRUCTIONS: The best way to view these shows: Viewers should highlight, copy and paste the links into a new tab of their Internet browser rather than clicking the links directly in the PDF newsletter. This will allow the newsletter to remain open while the link opens and plays in another tab window. When returning to the newsletter, the viewer doesn't have to wait each time until the large PDF newsletter file reloads.

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Bird lands on a guitar in the middle of a song

<http://www.dogwork.com/blugrs9>

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Beautiful photos and music

<http://player.vimeo.com/video/22132017?title=0&byline=0&portrait=0>

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Baby wakes up from a sound sleep

<http://www.coolstone.com/media/4511/Baby-Wakes/>

Furnished by Carl Peter

This dog really knows how to go

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gTH0pXZQ5I4>

Furnished by Carl Peter

How to get to Mars -- simple

<http://www.youtube.com/embed/XRCIzZHpfY?rel=0>

Furnished by Ted Mellinger

This will put a jump in your step

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/Pwe-pA6TaZk?rel=0>

Furnished by Carl Peter

An incredible instrument

<http://www.youtube.com/embed/XlyCLbt3Thk?rel=0>

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A FEW FUNNY PAGES

You need to listen carefully

So , after having a few beers last night I saw these two (shall we say large ?) women by the bar, and they both had pretty strong accents, so I asked, "Hey, are you two ladies from Ireland?"

One of them chirped, saying, "It's WALES, you freakin' idiot!"

So, I immediately said, "I'm sorry. Are you two whales from Ireland?"

That's pretty much the last thing I remember.


ARAPROSDOKIANS...

(Winston Churchill loved them) are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected; frequently humorous.

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you, but it's still on my list.
3. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
5. We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.
6. War does not determine who is right - only who is left.
7. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
8. They begin the evening news with 'Good Evening,' then proceed to tell you why it isn't.
9. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
10. Buses stop in bus stations. Trains stop in train stations. On my desk is a work station.
11. I thought I wanted a career. Turns out I just wanted paychecks.
12. In filling out an application, where it says, 'In case of emergency, notify:' I put 'DOCTOR.'
13. I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
14. Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.
15. Behind every successful man is his woman. Behind the fall of a successful man is usually another woman.
16. A clear conscience is the sign of a fuzzy memory.
17. You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
18. Money can't buy happiness, but it sure makes misery easier to live with.
19. There's a fine line between cuddling and holding someone down so they can't get away.
20. I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.
21. You're never too old to learn something stupid.
22. To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
23. Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.
24. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
25. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.

Finally:

I'm supposed to respect my elders, but its getting harder and harder for me to find one now.

Furnished by Gene Wheeler
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CKCS Special Interest Groups

Check us out!

Each month the Central Kentucky Computer Society offers 13 SIGs which may be attended by members and their guests. Below is a summary of what takes place at each SIG. Information is provided by the SIG leader. Visitors are cordially invited to become active CKCS members.

NOTE; Always check the “Monthly Schedule” and the “Newsletter” link on the CKCS home page for any schedule changes. www.ckcs.org

DATABASE SIG

Meets monthly on the fourth Monday – Leader Garland Smith

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY SIG

Meets monthly on the fourth Tuesday – Leader Joe Dietz

The Digital Photography Special Interest Group is a forum to provide and share information about digital imaging. The SIG frequently has guest speakers to cover a wide range of topics that are related to digital imaging. Some of our past topics have been on digital archiving (AKA Backup), getting the best out of your point and shoot camera, effective lighting when taking pictures, restoring old photos and many others. The goal of this SIG is to help attendees to better understand digital imaging, learning how to get the best out of their cameras and how to improve their images with digital imaging software such as Corel's Paint Shop Pro, Photoshop CS/Elements, Gimp or other program. Each meeting starts off with a photo contest with a variety of different categories.

DR. FIXIT SIG

Meets monthly on the first Saturday at 10:00 a.m. – Leaders: Bob Brown, Ben Rice and Mike Seiler.

CKCS members are eligible to bring in sick computers for evaluation. Our 'experts' will diagnose the problem and if possible make simple repairs. All you need to bring is the CPU. Our leaders will use a mouse and monitor on hand. This is a free service for members only.

GENEALOGY SIG

Meets monthly on the third Tuesday – Leader Phyllis Spiker

Attendees have an opportunity to ask questions, share new ancestors, record discoveries or websites. Programs are not a course of classes, but topics of interest, such as new online databases, interpreting evidences, genealogy softwares or getting acquainted with repositories' websites. Opportunities for onsite research may be suggested. Wanna know, “Who's your granddaddy?”; or “Where're the records?” We'll try to help you succeed. Join us 7 P.M, the 3rd Tuesday of the month, except June, July, and August.

MAC AND IPAD SIG

Meets monthly on the second Thursday – Leader Kurt Jefferson

The Mac and iPad SIG tackles issues to help make both Apple's Mac computers and its iPad tablet easier to use and more enjoyable. We deal with a variety of topics ranging from Mac OS X (pronounced "10") to iOS, the operating system running Apple's iPad. We share tips at every meeting and provide insights to empower users to get more out of their Macs and their iPads. Users are encouraged to bring their Mac laptops and iPad tablets to experience first hand the tips provided at each meeting. Whether you're a beginner to the Mac or iPad, or you've been using both devices for several years, you'll walk away with plenty of tips, tricks, and advice to make your computing experience more enjoyable.

MICROSOFT ACCESS SIG

Meets monthly on the third Thursday – Leader Stuart Zahalka



MYSTERY SIG

**Meets monthly on the first Monday
– Leaders Bob Brown and Wendell
Curtis**

Meeting topics will be about Internet web sites, operating system tips and tricks, application software, new hardware devices or any other ideas from the world of personal computers. At each meeting, two or three things are presented that you might want to do with your computer but may not know exactly how.

WINDOWS SIG

**Meets monthly on the second
Tuesday – Leader Joe Isaac**

The Windows SIG for Windows 7, 8, Vista and XP, this SIG or workshop meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m... Topics covered may be: Windows 7, Windows Live Mail, Internet Explorer, Windows Media Player, System Restore, Defrag, Desktop, Taskbar, Windows Live Photo Gallery, Windows Live Movie Maker, Basics, Files and Folders, Control Panel, YouTube, Disk Cleanup, etc.

**To see which topic will be covered
next go to:**

<http://joescomputertips.blogspot.com/>

**To see a year's worth of email Tips
and Reviews go to:**

<http://www.ckcs.org/joetips.pdf>

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PROCESSING SIG

**Meets monthly on the first Tuesday
– Leader Larry Trivette**

The Word Processing SIG starts with questions from classmates where the SIG leader and all attending help provide solutions and answers. In fact, many of the topics presented during each session come from questions received by email during the month. Topics are presented so that new as well as advanced computer users will benefit by attending. This workshop uses several Microsoft Word versions during the SIG.

UNIX / LINUX SIG

**Meets monthly on the fourth
Thursday – Leader Lewis Gardner**

The Linux SIG handles a wide range of technical topics. Linux is based on Unix which is the granddaddy of modern networking. We spend a considerable amount of time on servers, networks, routers, access points and general network configuration. These operating systems are at the heart of many devices in our increasingly connected world. Come out and we will try to get your questions answered, your problems troubleshot or devices configured

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My TV Viewing Plummeted, Replaced By Mac and iPad

In late August, I bought my first iPad. I had never owned a tablet computer before and wanted to learn all I could about the device.

What I quickly realized is how versatile the tablet could be. It could potentially replace a laptop. In fact, that appears to be happening in many households.



In addition, the tablet could nearly replace conventional TV as we know it.

I discovered streaming video on the iPad as well as the Mac. PBS.org is now one of my favorite sources of TV programming. PBS even created a free app for the iPad. On the Mac, opening Safari or another browser and visiting PBS.org is an easy way to watch your favorite public TV shows. (Can you say *Inspector Lewis*?)

I thought about it and realized that I'm using my Macs more than ever. I watched the entire British hit TV series, *Downton Abbey*, on the Mac. *Doc Martin* is a huge hit in America and elsewhere. I viewed it streaming online, thanks to [Acorn TV](#) and [Amazon Prime](#).

Fans of *Foyle's War*, *Midsomer Murders*, *Upstairs Downstairs*, and other British TV fare can watch a large variety of ITV, BBC, and other programming thanks to Acorn. Viewers can watch the first episode of any show free. For \$25 a year, viewers can watch all of the streaming video provided on Acorn TV's Web site. The programming is updated every Sunday at midnight.

I'm also using the iPad quite a bit. In fact, when I'm home, one or the other device is nearly always on and I'm busy using it to visit the Web, read books through the Kindle app (on both Mac and iPad), read email, chat using Messages, do graphics work using Acorn or Pixelmator, write using Pages (or other word processors such as Write 2, Nisus Writer Pro, Neo Office, or Word), play Bug Café with my sister (a Web-based Scrabble type game), or view the weather forecast (for Lexington and around the world.)

In May, the New York Times [reported a Nielsen study](#) that confirmed Americans are watching less TV. The report did not specifically cite iPad or computer usage.



Another story did say that [tablets were beginning](#) to replace TVs for viewing of videos and broadcast TV programs. Another New York Times story from February [cited Nielsen numbers confirming](#) that younger people are still watching, but not so much traditional TV.

A [2008 item from Gigaom](#), the tech Web site, said: “Networks continue to insist that online television viewing is addictive, but I for one think there’s no way that will last long term. And for the first time ever in May, a significant portion of the U.S.–based online viewers of prime–time episodic television shows failed to watch part of those shows on television, as well, according to Integrated Media Measurement. Fifty percent of online viewers consider watching prime–time network shows online a replacement for television viewing, the firm said.”

It added, “The migration of consumption from one platform to another is only a matter of time.”

Another story from The Los Angeles Times (and provided by The Oakland Tribune) indicates millions of Americans who’ve bought an iPad or Kindle [are trying to find the least expensive way](#) to watch movies and TV shows on those devices.

Media Daily News [reported in April](#) that “New research from Viacom says laptops and desktops are no longer the main choice after traditional TV screens.

Tablets comprised a 15% share of viewing full–length TV episodes after traditional TV, according to its survey. The research says that since tablets have gained prominence, viewing of complete TV shows has declined the most on desktops and smartphones.”

Finally, USA Today reports that Americans [might become confused](#) with all the streaming TV options. For me, the picture was crystal clear.

In 2011, I terminated my satellite TV service. Now I rarely turn on my TV which broadcasts over–the–air signals. Instead, I rely upon Amazon Prime (another source of video streaming), DVDs from the Lexington Library, and Acorn TV. These may not work for you, but they saved me plenty of money and the realization that I barely need traditional TV anymore.



Same Day Updates for OS X on Mac and iOS on Apple Mobile Devices

On September 19th, Apple released its newest Mountain Lion update for the Mac.

On that very same day, the company issued its newest iOS update that powers the iPad, iPhone and iPod touch.

The update brings the version of OS X running the Mac up to 10.8.2 and the latest iOS version up to 6.

Apple's servers must have been buzzing as owners of all kinds of Macs, iPads, iPhones and iPod touches were downloading the latest software releases.

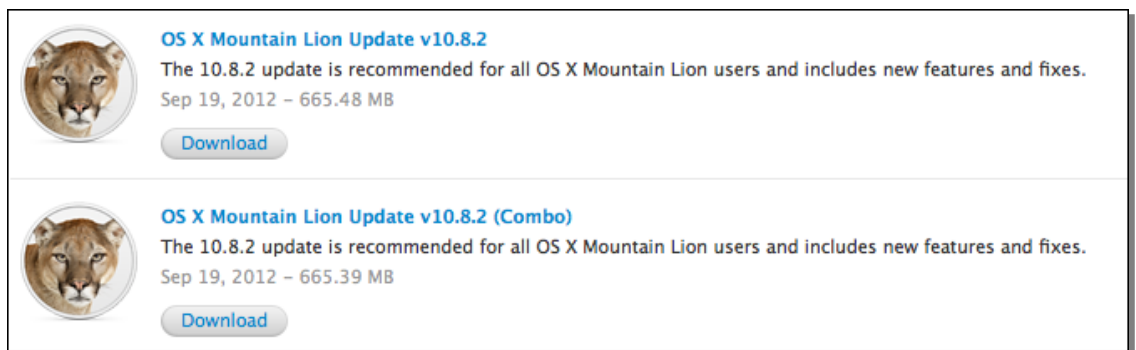
On the same day, [Apple issued updates](#) for Lion (OS X 10.7), which began selling in July 2011 and Snow Leopard (OS X 10.6), which went on sale in August 2009.

Mac users: A slew of Web sites ranging from [TUAW](#) to [Macworld](#) to [Mac News Network](#), issued timely stories about the updates.

All three Web sites noted that OS X 10.8.2 included a variety of updates, including Facebook integration, an option to discard changes in the original document when the Mac user chooses the "Save As" option, and "unsent drafts are opened automatically when launching Mail."

As Macworld wrote the "Save As" feature: "That addition restores the original Save As behavior to which Mac users were long accustomed before the feature first vanished in Lion, and reappeared with different functionality in the original Mountain Lion release.

If you're interested in learning all about the features included in the 10.8.2 update, read Apple's [Update page](#) which offers advice on updating your Mac, features a list of OS X changes, and a list of what Apple calls "general fixes" ranging from "adding an option to discard the changes in the original document when choosing Save As" to "adding a new preference to have Safari launch with previously open Web pages."

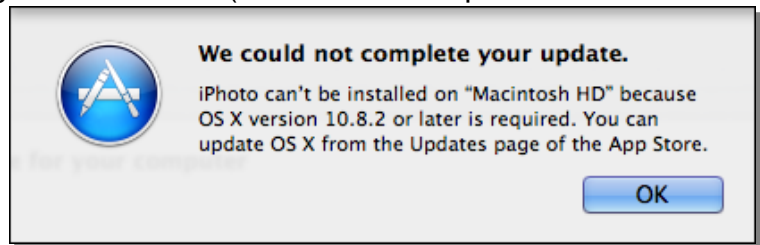


Arstechnica [described the updates](#) to OS X Lion and Mountain Lion with security and battery life fixes.

MacLife told readers “[How to Use FaceBook and the Other New Features in OS X 10.8.2.](#)”

Apple released 10.8.2 via “Software Update...” in the Mac’s apple menu, as well as through the computer maker’s [Software Updates Web site](#).

By the way, some programs require 10.8.2 to run. I tried updating iPhoto through the Mac App Store Software Update screen and got this message shown here. (Mountain Lion updates software through the Mac App Store. When a user clicks on Software Update... in the apple menu, it opens the Mac App Store and proceeds to show you which software titles have updates ready for download.)



Microsoft [issued an update](#) for its Office for Mac 2011 software, so that it now supports the 15–inch MacBook Pro’s Retina Display.

PC Mag (formerly the paper publication called PC Magazine) provided what it calls “[5 essential OS X Mountain Lion Tips and Tricks.](#)”

For those of you who like to read more than just surface stories about Mac updates, here’s a list from which to pick and choose:

- TidBits – [OS X 10.8.2 eases Notification Center, Messages Frustration](#)
- TidBits – [Use Your iPhone’s Number with Messages in OS X 10.8.2 Mountain Lion](#)
- TechCrunch – [Apple Rolls out OS X 10.8.2, Brings Facebook to Mountain Lion](#)
- Yahoo! News – [Apple Releases OS X 10.8.2 Mountain Lion Update–Here’s the full change log](#)
- MacRumors – [OS X 10.8.2 Restores Notebook Battery Life to OS X Lion Levels](#)
- Slash Gear – [OS X 10.8.2 Mountain Lion update lands alongside iOS 6](#)
- The Mac Observer – [How to install Microsoft’s Office for Mac 2011 Retina Update](#)
- C|Net – [MacBook EFI Firmware updates follow OS X 10.8.2 release](#)



iPad, iPhone & iPod touch users: TUAW published an article, [Updating to iOS 6: Using over-the-air update](#), while [Macworld walked readers](#) through the iOS 6 upgrade process, and Mac News Network released details of the upgrade in a story headlined, [Apple releases iOS 6 via iTunes, iCloud](#).

Stories noted that Apple said iOS 6 offered more than 200 new features, although a handful were major.

TUAW released a slew of short articles for iOS 6 upgraders, including:

- [Safari and iCloud Tabs](#)
- [The iPad Clock App](#)
- [Talking to Siri-Settings](#)
- [FaceTime over cellular](#)

Apple's Software Update Web site tells all about [new features in iOS 6](#).

TUAW [wrote](#), "Before you update, you may want to be sure you've performed any of your normal maintenance, backup and syncs. For most people, this won't be an issue; however, as their device syncs either automatically through iCloud or whenever you connect it to iTunes. Let your personal paranoia be your guide in this."

Apple released iOS 6 via the Settings window in the iPad, iPhone and iPod touch. To upgrade your device, go to Settings→General→Software Update.

For a good overview of which Apple mobile devices can run iOS 6, check out the About.com page: [Which Devices Are iOS 6 Compatible?](#)

For the record, iOS 6 will run on:

iPads

- Third-generation iPad
- iPad 2

iPhones

- iPhone 5
- iPhone 4S
- iPhone 4
- iPhone 3GS

iPod touch

- Fourth-generation iPod touch



The About.com article tells which features won't work on older Apple devices (e.g. while iPad 2 will run iOS 6, it cannot run Siri, FaceTime on a 3G network or hearing aid support.)

MacLife issued an article titled, "[50 Tips and Tricks for iOS 6.](#)"

Macworld's sister publication, PC World, published, "[Three surprising ways iOS 6 can boost your productivity.](#)"

Meantime, Macworld's Dan Moren, was taken back by the "[stunning maps overhaul](#)" in iOS 6.

As I mentioned in an earlier newsletter, you don't have to use the iOS default Web browser (Safari) if you don't like. For me, it's a perfectly fine browser. But there are some out there who want more (or something different). PC Mag looks at what it calls the "[Best Safari Alternatives for iPad.](#)"

For those of you who like to dig deep into your software upgrades and read all you can about them (you know who you are), here are some more links that might make it worth your while.

- Macworld – [How to Install iOS 6](#)
- Arstechnica – [Review: iOS 6 gets the spit and polish treatment](#)
- PC Mag – [Before and After iOS 6: What's Different?](#)
- PC Mag – [Apple Rolls Out iOS 6 to iPhone, iPad, iPod touch](#)
- Computerworld – [Google debuts its own iOS YouTube app](#)
- Fortune's Philip Elmer-Dewitt – [Apple iOS 6: The Reviews](#)
- eWeek – [iOS 6 Upgrade Is Relatively Painless and Potentially Rewarding](#)
- Macworld – Hands on with iOS 6: [Settings](#)
- Macworld – Hands on with iOS 6: [Maps](#)
- Macworld – Hands on with iOS 6: [Siri](#)
- Macworld – Hands on with iOS 6: [Mail](#)
- Macworld – Hands on with iOS 6: [Safari](#)
- Macworld – Hands on with iOS 6: [Music](#)
- Macworld – Hands on with iOS 6: [Social & Sharing](#)
- Macworld – Hands on with [updated Find My Friends and Find My iPhone](#)



Revisiting the iPad; All About Apple's Extremely Popular Tablet

I'm teaching an Intermediate iPad class at CKCS and the students are great. What I've discovered is that they're sharper than a tack, even though they won't admit it.

Now that Apple has just issued iOS 6, and its third-generation iPad has been out for awhile, here are some articles iPad users might want to revisit. Those students have a jump on the rest of you readers because some of these items appeared in a weekly handout in class.

Check out these links and discover if there's something new you might have missed about Apple's tablet computer:



- Pew Research Poll Published last October: [The Tablet Revolution and What It Means For the Future of News](#)

This poll was an eye-opener when it revealed last fall that “the vast majority of tablet owners –fully 77%– use their tablet every day. They spend an average of about 90 minutes on them.” Another surprise was that most tablet users read well beyond the headlines, “People...are highly likely to read long articles on their tablets, not just get headlines.”

- If you click on the Safari bookmarks icon and look down at the very last bookmark in the list, you'll spot an iPad User Guide link. Click on it and you'll see plenty of tips on how to get more out of your iPad.
- The tech Web site, [Gigaom](#), tells how the latest version of iOS will impact iPad users in its article. It's a good read for anyone who has upgraded or is thinking about it. If you haven't yet upgraded, you can do so through Settings--> General-->Software Update
- Apple's word processor on the iPad is very powerful–yet different from what you might be used to on desktops or laptops. Read what others are saying about Pages on the iPad:
 - [PC World](#)–iWork Pages for iPad–A Primer for Word Users
 - [C|Net](#)–Using Pages on your iPad (YouTube Video)
 - [Word Processing iPad](#)–(The Full Review of Pages)
 - [TechRadar](#)–Ten Top Pages tips and tricks
 - [copyblogger](#)–Eight iPad Apps for Brilliant Writing
 - Sound off to Apple [here](#) about Pages for iOS

But wait, there's more about the iPad:

- [Technologizer](#)–How the iPad 2 Became My Favorite Computer
- [ZDNet](#)–iPad 2 As A Serious Writing Machine (how-to)
- [IB](#)–The iPad for Writers: How It Feels, Why I Recommend It and the Applications I Use
- [terribleminds](#)–The iPad For Writers
- [Live to Write–Write to Live](#): The Writer and the iPad
- [PC World](#)–New iPad Reviews: Critics Are Raving
- [Engadget](#)–iPad review (2012)





iOS 6 Removed My Copy of Google's YouTube App

When iPad users upgrade to iOS 6, they quickly discover that [Google's YouTube app has disappeared](#). This can be traced to Apple's decision to drop both YouTube and the Google Maps app from iOS 6. Apple's licensing agreement with Google expired.

[C|Net](#), [9to5Phone](#), [NewTube](#), and others provided alternative options to Google's YouTube App designed for the iPad. [USA Today](#) reported that Google recently issued a new version of the YouTube app for the iPhone. An iPad version is expected several months from now.

Apple iPhone 5 Introduction Triggers Avalanche of Coverage

While Apple was busy releasing a new operating system for its iOS devices, and a major update for its Mac computers, it was also introducing a new iPhone that caused a storm of news coverage.

Here are a few quotes from news stories about Apple's latest smart phone:



- “When it was introduced this month, some techies were disappointed that it was evolutionary, rather than revolutionary. But if you're hesitant about buying one because of what appears to be tepid specifications and a lack of in-your-face innovation, I can tell you, after playing with it for most of a day, that you shouldn't be. With a few exceptions, Apple has refined the iPhone 5 to the point that it's nearly the iPhone you'd always hoped it would be.” – [Dwight Silverman, tech correspondent for the Houston Chronicle](#)
- “The iPhone 5 is a winner that should keep Apple at the front of the smartphone pack. But choosing iPhone 5 vs. a top-of-the line Android alternative isn't a cut-and-dried decision, especially if you're partial to a jumbo display, such as the one on the big, bold and beautiful Samsung Galaxy S III, an Android rival for which I've had high praise.” – [Edward Baig, tech writer for USA TODAY](#)
- “The iPhone 5 is FAST! It is also a gorgeous work of art and if you have an iPhone 4 or earlier model with eligibility to upgrade then it really is a no brainer to upgrade to the iPhone 5. It's a bit tougher decision if you have to pay full price and my main focus over the next week will be to see if I can live with a much smaller display than what I have been using on the Samsung Galaxy S III. iOS apps are the best of all platforms and I understand there are a lot of developers working to enhance apps to support the longer display with many apps already submitted and waiting in the approval queue.” – [Matthew Miller, ZDNet](#)
- “Don't get me wrong. Apple's iPhone 5 is an improvement over its predecessor. It's thinner, taller, and lighter (all the things I want to be); it has a bigger screen, a faster processor and it can use the cellular carriers' faster LTE networks. But, at the end of the day, it's just a phone and mostly an incremental improvement over the iPhone 4s.” – [Larry Magid, Technology analyst for CBS News](#)



- “As it turns out, the iPhone 5 is a wonderful piece of machinery by any standard. Compared to the 4S, it’s tall, thin, and light, yet it’s also significantly faster. I downloaded, opened, and started using the Twitter app on the iPhone 5 using AT&T’s 4G LTE network in the time it took to download it on the 4S. Yes, there are Android phones on the market that equal or surpass the iPhone 5 on paper. Many have larger screens. Some have better battery life and comparable features. But the iPhone 5 wins on fit and finish, and on details that you can’t intuit from a spec sheet. Its interface is sharp, fluid, and responsive, and it somehow feels both sturdy and nearly weightless in your hand. And with the possible exception of its new maps app, which suffers from accuracy problems, it’s free of the bizarre and boneheaded design flaws that mar many of its competitors. There are no buttons out of place, and no important feature is hard to find.” – [Will Oremus, Slate.com](#)

But wait, there’s more:

More iPhone 5 Articles:

- Macworld – [Hands on with the iPhone 5](#)
- Macworld – [iPhone 5 goes on sale around the world](#)
- TidBits – [iPhone 5 Reviews Appear](#)
- Macworld – [Review: iPhone Takes Next Step in Smartphone Evolution](#)
- USA Today – [Review: iPhone 5 in front of the smartphone pack](#)
- Electronista – [Review: iPhone 5](#)
- MacLife – [Five Million iPhone 5 Units Sold In Just Three Days](#)
- Pew Internet – [Two-thirds of young adults and those with higher income are smartphone owners](#)

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New releases in technology this month:

Furnished by Larry Mitchum, Member, CKCS Board of Directors

Linksys Smart Wi-Fi Router AC 1750
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Next Generation Wi-Fi for the fastest video and media streaming.

Ideal for:

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PHOTO EDITING

High Dynamic Range (HDR) tools - create intense visual contrast and stunning Black & White photos



Instant Effects palette - choose from a variety of preset effects and styles or create and save your own



Single RAW Photo - split a RAW photo into three exposures and selectively recombine them for stunning results



Graduate Filter effect - apply semi-transparent color gradients to your photos to simulate different camera lens filters



Retro Lab - add old-school color and contrast to achieve a distinctive look



GRAPHIC DESIGN

Paint Brush - choose from a variety of built-in brushes or import Adobe® Photoshop® brushes



Layer Styles - achieve added precision and control with an enhanced layer functionality



Text tool - intuitive text selection and editing




Art Media tools - create incredible artistic effects that go beyond photo editing





Run Multiple Scripts dialog box - automate tasks to streamline your workflow, achieve consistent results and experiment with new tools



LEARNING & HELP

Corel Guide - access instructional videos, print tutorials and FREE downloadable content directly from the interface 

Learning Center - integrated reference guide that offers step-by-step instructions and quick access to the right tools 

Getting Started screens - quick and easy advice on the basics and new and existing features 

SOCIAL MEDIA





Find People - use face recognition technology to identify and tag individuals for easier photo management 

Photo Mapping - map your photos to real-world locations and share them online 

Share My Trip - create an online slideshow that links your photos directly to an interactive map 

Social Media integration - easily share your photos and designs to your Facebook®, Flickr® and Google+™ accounts 

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