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Field Trip to the Lexington Traffic Control Center set for April Tech Night

This month's Tech Night will be a visit to the city Traffic Control Center with a special presentation by David Filiatreau, traffic engineer and Chris Quan, traffic information technician.

Tech night will be on Monday, April 11, starting promptly at 7 p.m. at the Phoenix Building at 101 West Vine Street in downtown Lexington (see map). Different than our typical tech night, you must have a photo ID to enter the building. You will need to arrive at least 10 minutes early to clear security.

They have a truly educational evening planned for us. They will



David Filiatreau and Chris Quan

give us an in-depth view of how traffic is managed in Fayette County. We will get to see it in action. They will explain how the computerized signal/mapping system works, as well as how the Lexington Traffic Information Systems coordinates with the police and fire departments, scanners, surveillance cameras, the traffic hotline and internet traffic sites (to name a few). They will give us a heads up of what is in the works for Lexington.

We visited the center two years ago and those attending thought it was one of our best tech nights in a long time. Then we learned about adaptive signal timing, plans for more double diamonds, blue tooth technology and smart traffic signals. You surely won't want to miss this session. Those of us who went last



time (in 2014) will certainly want to be there for this update!

Parking is convenient and free. For security reasons we will have to be admitted at the front desk and will have to show a photo ID. To speed up the sign-in process, we will provide them a list of our members who plan to attend. This way they can just check off our names. To get your name on this list, call CKCS office (859) 373-1000 week days between 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please sign-up by noon, Monday, April 11. If you don't sign up, you can still show up with your ID and you will be able to attend. It just may take

longer going through security. Please try to arrive 10 minutes early.

Important Information

- ✓ Parking is convenient and free in the parking lot adjacent to the building.
- ✓ Enter through the door located on the corner of Vine Street and Limestone.
- ✓ Remember to bring your picture ID.

If you didn't sign-up at the March Tech Night, call CKCS to sign-up now. (859) 373-1000.



Last month's seminar Learning to See Creatively

During March, CKCS conducted eleven workshops/seminars, one of which was a photo seminar, "LEARNING TO SEE CREATIVELY." Five photographers who are also CKCS members, conducted the 3-hour workshop on how they "see creatively". They shared their own photographs and showed how they make an ordinary photo pop. They talked about what inspires them and how following some classic rules and sometimes breaking the rules make for more interesting photographs. Betty Hall's daughter composed a poem that captured the essence of the workshop.

Learning to See Creatively

Slow down and take your time

See things from a new perspective

Get down low and get up high

Be open to the unexpected

Know the beauty is often in the details

Look with your head and your heart

Keep your sense of wonder

Janet Hall



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President's Comments

By Brooke Thomas
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iHelp

A new benefit exclusively for CKCS Members



Have you ever needed some one to talk to about your iPhone, iPad or Mac? Then we have just the place for you.

Starting this month, CKCS members will be offering *one-on-one* assistance to other CKCS members with their Apple products. It will be held the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon. This coincides with the Dr. Fix-it SIG which also meets at the same time. However, this group will meet in the classroom.

Joe Dietz, Jeannine Essig, Lilly Crawley, Kurt Jefferson, Janet Cartmell, Nancy Bowling, Joe Settles and Brooke Thomas have volunteered to help in this effort. Some of them will be available for each session.

How many does it take to turn on an iPad?



Volunteers offering iHelp

From left: Jeannine Essig, Lilly Crawley, Janet Cartmell, Brooke Thomas, Joe Dietz, and Kurt Jefferson.

Photo by Jan Landers-Lyman

It was during our Beginning iPhone and iPad classes that we realized there were a lot of individual questions that members had which we were not able to be addressed in a class setting. This SIG will give members an opportunity to get their individual questions and issues answered.

Members will walk in and be helped on a first-come first-serve basis. No reservations needed. If we have several waiting we may need to limit the time spent with each member. This process will be decided as the situation arises.

Just like Dr. Fix-it, this is a membership benefit and another good reason to join CKCS!

Please join us on April 2 for the kick off session of iHelp.



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In March 2016, CKCS held an unusual large number of Seminars.

To do this we had 14 instructors to volunteer their services. Some are instructors who regularly teach quarterly classes, but there were others who stepped in to teach special educational sessions. We appreciate all their hard work to make this a great March Seminar Month.



Left to right starting with the top row: Kevin MacNaughton, Betty Hall, Becky Brothers, Mike Seiler, Joe Dietz, Janet Cartmell, Kurt Jefferson, Charlie Zehnder, Boone Baldwin, Myra Engle, Bob Brown, Freddy Peralta, Joe Isaac and Bob Johnson. Composite photos by Brooke Thomas

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Central Kentucky Computer Society
Digital Photography Special Interest Group
April 26, 2016



Joe Dietz
Digital Photography
SIG Leader

Charlie Zehnder does Lightroom

Your photos don't always match the scene the way you remember it. But with **Lightroom**, you have all the tools you need to bring out the best in your photography.

Punch up colors, make dull-looking shots vibrant, remove distracting objects and straighten skewed shots. Plus, the latest release includes powerful new ways to adjust atmospheric haze, create incredible HDR images and panoramas and so much more.

Charlie Zehnder, one of our long time members, recently held a more in-depth seminar for CKCS on Lightroom. In this session, Charlie will give an overview of some of Lightroom's best features.

APRIL PHOTO CONTEST

This month's photo contest will be on "Roads and Trails."

Check out your photos for a good picture or get out on some new "roads and trails" to capture some new exquisite photos. Send your photo to joedietz@aol.com no later than April 25.



March Photo Contest Winners

Category: Ruins

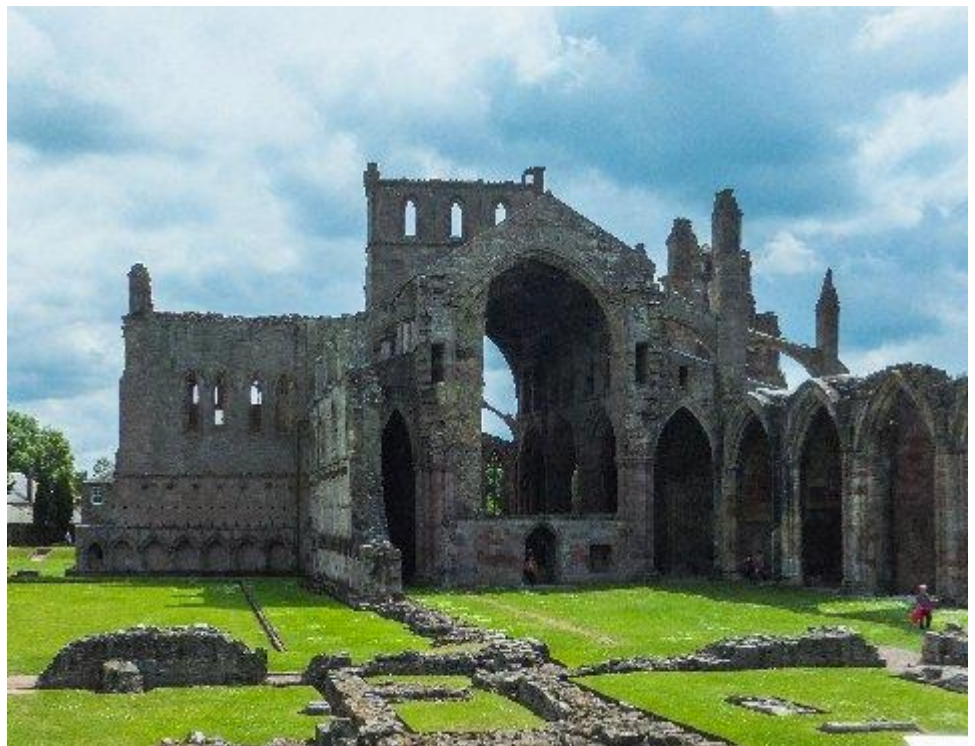


First Place

Penny Redmond

Second Place

Sean Fan



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CKCS 2016 Spring Class Schedule

Word Processing

Monday Morning (10 a.m. to noon)
April 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23

Windows 10

Class meeting times and dates will be announced by the instructor.

Adventures in Photography*

Monday Afternoon (1 p.m. to 3 p.m.)
April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23

PaintShop Pro Beginning Digital Imaging

Tuesday Morning (10 a.m. to noon)
April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24

PaintShop Pro Advanced Digital Imaging/ Independent Work (Two classes)

Tuesday afternoon (1 p.m. to 3 p.m.)
April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24

&

Wednesday morning (10 a.m. to noon)
April 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25

Beginning iPhone*

Tuesday afternoon (1 p.m. to 3 p.m.)
April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24

Computer Basics

Thursday morning (10 a.m. to noon)
April 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26, June 2

2016 Spring Workshop & Seminar Schedule

Last month we announced eleven workshops and seminars as part of the spring schedule. Only one scheduled seminar on that list remains as it was not scheduled to start until April 14. For members and guests interested in this seminar, now is the time to enroll.

The remaining Seminar

How to Search for Information on the Internet*

Thursday, April 14, 2016
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.



Course Descriptions

Word Processing... Learn the basics of Microsoft's Word with hands-on, step by step, exercises. Topics include: ribbon toolbars; page setup; selecting, editing & moving within a document; office clipboard; cut, copy & paste; spelling & grammar checking; character & paragraph formatting; tab stops & tables; manual page breaks, page numbers; numbered & bulleted lists; multiple columns; headers & footers; insert, resize & move pictures; find & replace; printing.

Windows 10... Learn how to navigate in Microsoft's new operating system, add new apps as well as use them. Anyone taking this class should have a prior working knowledge of a Windows operating system. If you want in this class call the office and have them put your name on the waiting list.

Adventures in Photography*... This class will alternate between presenting photographic techniques in a classroom setting, then practicing the discussed techniques in the field. During field practice, the instructors will be working with every student to implement the techniques covered in the classroom.

PaintShop Pro Beginning Digital Imaging ... Students learn how to fix up their pictures using Corel's Paint Shop Pro. You will learn the tools used to crop, lighten/darken a picture, fix red eye, clone part of a picture out, add text and tips on how to scan old pictures and slides and lots more.

PaintShop Pro Advanced Digital Imaging ... Students will build on tools they learned in the beginning class. They will also learn how to use layers, create collages, restore old photos, straighten images, perspective correction and lots more.

PaintShop Pro Digital Imaging Independent Work... Students bring projects that they want to work on with guidance and assistance from the instructors. Students may be working on their pictures, restoring old photographs, working with templates, making brochures and business cards or other projects.

PaintShop Pro Advanced Digital Imaging and the **Independent Work** classes will be combined as space permits.

Beginning iPhone*... Learn how to use the Apple iPhone. Beginning with basic features: receiving and making calls, adding entries to your contacts list, receiving and sending text messages, reading your email, taking photos, and more. Then, learn how to use the preinstalled applications that come with your phone.

Computer Basics... Learn the fundamentals of using a Windows 10 computer. Learn to use various aspects of the Microsoft Word Processing program, including manipulating text and inserting graphics into a document. Basic filing, basic file management, and how to use a thumb drive are introduced. The final class of this course deals with the basics of email and use of the Internet.



One Seminar Description

How to Search for Information on the Internet*... The Internet is a vast reservoir of information – much of it is correct and reliable. Just as you learned how to use libraries and reference books, you can learn to use search engines and data resources to find almost anything you can think of. This seminar will give you many tips and tricks to find information and put it to work for you.

* These classes meet in the main room and their class size is determined by the instructor. All other classes meet in the computer classroom and are limited to eight students.

Students may use their own portable computers if they have the appropriate software installed (This is at the discretion of the instructor.). CKCS cannot provide copies of the proprietary software.

COSTS: All classes have a fee payable to CKCS of \$60 unless stated otherwise (see above).

CKCS members get a 20 percent discount on all class, seminar, and workshop fees.

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TECH TALK

By Joe Isaac

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Reminiscing at age 90

I reached 90 recently and the kind folks at CKCS even had a birthday cake for me on the Tuesday night of my SIG meeting. It caused me to think about my time at CKCS and how the organization has changed over the years.

According to the membership records, I joined CKCS on April 14, 1990, 26 years ago this month. It was at the Continental Inn, where CKCS held its first of eight annual COMPULEX shows. CompuLex grew to have nearly 30 vendors and nearly 2,000 in attendance. It has been a hell of a ride! I volunteered to start teaching in 1995 when Windows 95 was introduced. It was such an advanced operating system our members and guests desperately needed to learn the features of the new operating system. Here is our newsletter that announced that meeting and some pictures taken that night..

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JOE DOES WINDOWS AT SEPTEMBER MEETING

**JOE ISAAC PRESENTS
WINDOWS 98 AND ME ON
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

FREE "TIPS" DISK TO THE FIRST 75



The first 75 people to arrive at our September general meeting will receive a free floppy disk with Joe Isaac's latest collection of TOP FIFTY tips, tricks,

and techniques on Windows 98 and Me.

"This disk represents my life's work," Joe jokes. "It's a compilation of the tips I send out by e-mail." He has spent the last year editing these TOP FIFTY TIPS and it has been a job updating and indexing the tips for ease of use.

The disk contains basic things you need to know to make your computer faster and more fun. This is a must-have, written in easy-to-understand language. You'll love how the tips will help you enjoy your computer more.

During the meeting, Joe will demonstrate how to use the disk to find the things you need to know.

Please come early and bring a friend for a fun and informative evening.

CKCS General Meetings are free and open to the public. Arrive before 7 to qualify for door prizes.

HOW TO GET TO CLUCK EQUINE CENTER

Heading south (outbound) on Nicholasville Rd., after you pass the light at Waller Ave./Cooper Drive, turn left at the next street, Farm Road.

Do not park in the Faculty parking lot

to your right. Continue about a block and a half, and turn right (and then right again) into the Gluck Research Center parking lot directly behind the building.

To reach the second floor, use the exterior stairs near the parking lot, or come indoors and use the elevator on the west side of the building.

Be sure to stop at the sign-in table for door-prize tickets before you take your seat. Your proof of CKCS membership earns you two door-prize tickets.

WINDOWS SIG

The Gen place of o Windows Tuesday SIG in October.

To receive Jo & Jokes j.isaa



Bob Brown and Larry Mitchum (standing in front) provided opening remarks.



SOME MONTHLY MEETINGS were held at UK's Gluck Equine Center, like this one on September 10, 2001, when Microsoft introduced Windows XP to CKCS members. XP went on sale October 1 and four months later, MS reported that it had sold over 400 million copies. Joe Isaac took the above photos, which are three photos pieced together.

In 1995 I started teaching Windows 95. Since then it has been Windows 98, Windows Millennium, Windows XP, Windows Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8 and 8.1, and now Windows 10. The latter is the best operating system of all. It is a free download until July 29 this year. After that it will cost \$120.

First Windows 10 class August 11, 2015



Our classmates are some of the smartest people in Kentucky. They are very intelligent, quick learners and are computer savvy.

Over the years I have had a tremendous amount of help from my classmates and the other CKCS instructors, for which I am very grateful!

I gotta say this; I have never been in an organization where so many people work so hard (all volunteers – no pay) and I have never been associated with finer people. What a great bunch at CKCS. I really appreciate the kindness and consideration that has been shown to me.

There are two Windows web sites I encourage you to check:

(1) **Joe's Tips** – 239 pages of information information <http://www.ckcs.org/joetips.pdf>
and (2) **A sample of "Joe's monthly blogs"**: <http://joescomputertips.blogspot.com/>

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Online Tax Software: The Best Choice for You?

Several standouts shine among a variety of tax preparation choices



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



“TaxAct has long been popular with budget-minded taxpayers, but it’s not as cheap as it used to be...that’s still a good deal compared with the cost of filing a state and federal return with some of its competitors.”

— Sandra Block in her kiplinger.com article, Which Tax Software is Best for You?

“Exceptional user experience. Clearly written, context-sensitive help. Consistent user interface and navigation throughout. Actively probes taxpayer’s financial situation. Excellent mobile versions.”

— Kathy Yakal’s review of Intuit’s TurboTax, appearing on PCMag.com.

“H&R Block, offers an interface that I think is the best of the three. . .”

— Jeffery Battersby writes in his macworld.com article, Online tax software roundup: H&R Block, TaxAct, and TurboTax compared

“It’s not always the cheapest for trickier returns, but TurboTax is the closest you can get to an interview with an expert. Then again, it can be the cheapest (and sometimes entirely free) for relatively simple and straightforward returns.” — Kevin Purdy in The wirecutter.com, The Best Tax Software

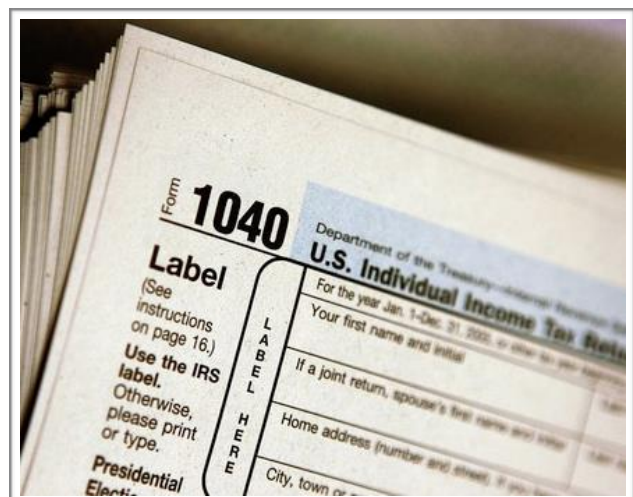
“Here we go again. The glorious comeback of the tax return...” Jeffery Battersby writes in his Macworld article reminding readers that April 15th will be here sooner than you think.

As the deadline for filing your personal income taxes looms, it makes sense to consider all your options before filing.

If you’re one of the millions of Americans who wait until the last minute to file, note that you have plenty of company.

As a country overall, we procrastinate on plenty of chores: cleaning the house, changing the car oil, signing our kid up for summer camp, and filing our taxes.

That’s why it makes sense to choose the right software to do the heavy lifting before the tax deadline arrives.



Battersby reviewed TaxAct, TurboTax from Intuit (known for Quicken financial software before the company sold it to H.I.G. Capital, a private equity investment firm that has managed more than 200 companies since 1993) and H&R Block.

The winner? Battersby especially liked one software title: “All of these tax tools work really well. They make gathering and entering information easy, and, if you have all your paperwork ducks in one place, will help you knock out fairly complex tax filings in 90 minutes or less. These apps are clear about why you are or aren’t getting a refund, and they all make the filing process simple. Let’s cut to the chase: TaxAct pretty well bowled me over with its simplicity, but even more with the breadth of its online offerings; from the most basic to corporate tax filings, Tax Act offers it all, leaving H&R Block and TurboTax in the dust.”

Noting that “TaxAct doesn’t provide as much hand-holding as some other programs,” Sandra Block says H&R Block might make more sense than TurboTax, which has a history of being one of the highest-rated tax software packages. “H&R Block’s Deluxe version, which costs \$34.99 for a federal tax return (\$36.99 for a state return), allows you to report investment income, making it a better deal than TurboTax Deluxe. In the unlikely event that you’re audited, Block will provide an enrolled agent, at no cost, to help you “manage the entire audit experience.”

Kevin Purdy writes for one of my favorite web sites, The WireCutter.

He spent hours putting several tax preparation packages to the test (TurboTax, FreeTaxUSA, H&R Block, TaxAct, and Liberty Tax.)

His decision? “TurboTax asks all the right questions and discards the unnecessary ones—the easiest and most painless way to file your taxes online. It’s the best for newbies or those uninterested in digging deep into tax details; for the right kind of user, it’s even free.”

The screenshot shows a webpage from The WireCutter. At the top, the logo "THE WIRECUTTER" is visible. Below it, there's a navigation bar with "Jump to a category..." and a search box. The main content area features a large image of the TurboTax Deluxe software box. To the right of the image is a "Hello" message and a section titled "The BEST DEALS" with images of various products. Below the image is the article title "The Best Tax Software" and a sub-header "LAST UPDATED: MARCH 8, 2016" and "KEVIN PURDY". The article text begins with "After spending more than 30 hours over two years filing taxes for four fictitious people with the help of an experienced tax professional, we found that the least painful way to file is with TurboTax. TurboTax makes entering your financial data simpler and more comfortable than anything else we tested." There are social media sharing icons for Twitter, Facebook, and Email. At the bottom of the article, it says "Last Updated: March 8, 2016". On the right side, there's a "MOST POPULAR" section with a ribbon graphic and the text "TurboTax Best Tax Software".

Purdy digs deep and goes beyond average reviewers. His Wirecutter overview says, “After spending more than 30 hours over two years filing taxes for four fictitious people with the help of an experienced tax professional, we found that the least painful way to file is with TurboTax.”

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News to use

Birthday cake for Windows guru Joe Isaac

CKCS's board of directors chose to recognize Joe Isaac when he reached age 90. Joe has been teaching various versions of Windows at CKCS since 1995. The cake was an unusual one in that it was a group of cupcakes – enough for all those in attendance at Joe's popular SIG (special interest group)



Our corporate sponsor, KyTrade, was recognized in the *Herald-Leader*

The *Lexington Herald-Leader* on Monday, March 21, did a feature on “**Immigrants find success as Lexington business owners.**” Among those featured is CKCS's longtime friend and corporate sponsor, one of the businesses featured. A copy of the article follows:

DOMINICAN STARTS SOFTWARE, COMPUTER BUSINESS



Freddy Peralta came to the United States from the Dominican Republic to study in 1986 with his wife, Maria, eventually ending up at the University of Kentucky. Photo by HL photographer Pablo Alcala.

“I came to America to study first and foremost. I was good at speaking English, but not great,” Peralta said. “Me and my wife Maria, we are improving our English every day.”

Peralta was studying agricultural economics at UK when he decided to start KyTrade inside a garage in 1990. The information technology customer service company builds computer systems and provides service maintenance, repairs and upgrades, and networking services, according to KyTrade.com.

Asked why he left his home country to come to America, Peralta replied, “It’s the land of opportunity. I have many Dominican relatives and friends that are also in the area so the decision wasn’t a difficult one.”

After Peralta graduated, he worked at UK’s Agriculture Department writing software for farm production.

“This put us in the path of new things,” he said. “It really made us understand how software works and what we needed to do to get where we are today.”

Peralta didn’t start his business alone. His wife, Maria, was influential.

“Without her, our company wouldn’t be what it is today. She has been a great partner, and KyTrade’s success also is attributed to her hard work and dedication.”

KyTrade moved out of the garage a while back and is now at 373 Virginia Avenue near the UK campus.

“We have a wide range of customers,” Peralta said. “They range from students to just your average citizens.

“We want to take care of people, solve their issues and understand what the customers really want,” he said. “Our employees are not just here to sell, but they also have good knowledge of the technology industry and are updated with it.”

Peralta is proud of how his company has thrived despite tough competition.

“We have had 25 years of business,” he said. “We, KyTrade, are the most complete computer store in the city of Lexington.”

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Make your newsletter better – be a contributor

Did you learn something new today? Maybe some trick on the computer? Write it up because I’ll bet it will help someone else. We will give you credit for the tip. All contributions are welcome. Send it to newsletter@ckcs.org.

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Technology in new cars demonstrated

By Brooke Thomas

Cari Sutcliffe and Kenneth Tubaugh from the **Lexus Store of Lexington** car dealership, brought a Lexus RX 350 and an ES to the CKCS Tech Night on March 14. We lucked out with the weather and were able to have a demonstration of the various aspects of new car technology before the rain came. Both Cari and Kenneth, experts in their field, were able to explain the new technologies found on the new cars offered today. Having a designated staff to explaining this technology to customers is of great importance to new buyers and Cari and Kenneth did it extremely well!



Kenneth Tubaugh and Cari Sutcliffe work for Lexus of Lexington.

Some of the new technology that they covered included:

- the **Blind Spot Monitoring** which is designed to detect and warn you of vehicles approaching in the adjacent lanes,
- the **Rear Cross Traffic Alert** that helps when backing out of a parking space by notifying you of approaching vehicles,
- the **Pre-Collision System** that detects frontal collision and begins to brake two second before impact,
- the **Dynamic Radar Cruise Control** that uses radar technology to sense the speed of the vehicle in front of you and helps you maintain a preset following distance, and
- the **Lane Departure Alert** that uses a camera to monitor visible lane markings and warn you if you are drifting.



The Director's Prize of a six-month extension to one's membership went unclaimed as the name drawn, Chris Hillenmeyer, was not present at Tech Night. There will be another chance at this prize next month when we meet at the Lexington Traffic Management Center at 101 E. Vine Street.

These features are extras on various models, but as we know, many become standard safety equipment in time. Soon after this demonstration the local headlines were "US Automakers Agree to Adopt Crash Avoidance Breaking by 2022". This technology has the potential of reducing the likelihood of rear end collisions by up to 40 percent.



Unfortunately, the two Lexus cars were not door prizes, but members got bottles of water with Lexus koozies. **CKCS.**

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New Members and Renewals

During the period from 2/24/2016 to 3/23/2016

We welcome the following new members who joined CKCS during this reporting period:

**Barbara Hinkle
Peggy Hunt
Pam Scott**

We thank and welcome back the following members who renewed their memberships during this reporting period:

**Nancy & Bill Alverson
Tee Bergman
Joanne C. Blanck
Charles E. Clayton
Tom Dillion
Jamie A. Donaldson
Maudine Frisby
James Fritz
Steven A. Gall
Robert & Betty Haynes
Ray & Leslie Hughes
Sylvia K. Jackson
Keith H. & B'Ann M. Johnson
Sue Lauter
Jerry M. Monahan
Marion Rasmussen
Mike Seiler
Norman Severin
Louis Shaim
Gerald Smith
Tim Tassie
Bob Wilson**

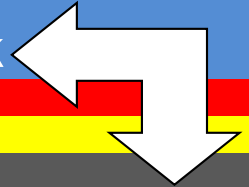
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**Not a member ?
We invite you to join CKCS**

Here is how: It is simple and quick



Call (859) 373-1000 and a friendly office supervisor will be glad to help you.

or

Stop by the CKCS Resource Center at 160 Moore Drive, Lexington 40503.

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**We need you and will welcome you as a full-fledged member.
Members are eligible to attend all Special Interest Group sessions.**

Members receive a discount on all classes, workshops and seminars

**Did you see a great picture worth including in
the next issue of our newsletter?**

If you have a picture that is worth sharing send it to newsletter@ckcs.org Just copy and send it, We will give you credit for what you furnish.

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April 2016 CKCS SIG Schedule

Larry Trivette prepared the SIG calendar for this newsletter
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7:00 PM Database FoxPro GARLAND SMITH			9:00 AM Photo Coffee		10:00 AM - NOON Dr Fixit Bring in your problem PC and we'll try to help iHelp Get user tips with iPhone,iPad,and Mac
04 Apr	05 Apr	06 Apr	07 Apr	08 Apr	09 Apr
	1:30 PM Word Processing LARRY TRIVETTE		9:00 AM Photo Coffee 1:30 PM Tech Chat & Problem Solving BOB BROWN 7:00 PM Board of Directors		
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Polar bear purrs when cuddling with human dad

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<http://www.slideshare.net/godskid/introducing-the-new-world-trade-center>

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Mount Rushmore – up close

<http://www.lovethepics.com/2013/02/carved-by-dynamite-massive-founding-fathers-at-mt-rushmore-34-pics/#more-9278>

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Holland's got talent

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A Few Funny Pages / Useful Information

Two versions of one question

A child asked his father, "How were people born?" So his father said, "Adam and Eve made babies, then their babies became adults and made babies, and so on." The child then went to his mother, asked her the same question and she told him, "We were monkeys then we evolved to become like we are now." The child ran back to his father and said, "You lied to me!" His father replied, "No, your mom was talking about her side of the family."

Strange Facts

1	Look at your zipper See the initials if you see YKK? It stands for Yoshida Kogyo Kabushibisha, the world's largest zipper manufacturer.
2	40 percent of McDonald's profits come from the sales of Happy Meals.
3	315 entries in Webster's 1996 Dictionary were misspelled.
4	On the average, 12 newborns will be given to the wrong parents daily.
5	Chocolate kills dogs! True, chocolate affects a dog's heart and nervous system. A few ounces is enough to kill a small sized dog.
6	Ketchup was sold in the 1830's as a medicine.
7	Leonardo DA Vinci could write with one hand and draw with the other at the same time.
8	Because metal was scarce, the Oscars given out during World War II were made of wood.
9	There are no clocks in Las Vegas gambling casinos.
10	Leonardo DA Vinci invented scissors. Also, it took him 10 years to paint Mona Lisa's lips.
11	Bruce Lee was so fast that they actually had to slow a film down so you could see his moves. That's the opposite of the norm.
12	The original name for the butterfly was "flutterby"!
13	By raising your legs slowly and lying on your back, you can't sink in quicksand.
14	Mosquito repellents don't repel... They hide you. The spray blocks the mosquito's sensors so they don't know you're there.
15	Dentists recommend that a toothbrush be kept at least six feet away from a toilet to avoid airborne particles resulting from the flush.
16	The first product to have a bar code was Wrigley's gum.
17	Michael Jordan makes more money from Nike annually than the entire Nike factory workers in Malaysia combined.
18	Marilyn Monroe had six toes on one foot.
19	Adolf Hitler's mother seriously considered having an abortion but was talked out of it by her doctor.

20	The three most valuable brand names on earth: Marlboro, Coca-Cola, and Budweiser, in that order.
21	To escape the grip of a crocodile's jaws, prick your fingers into its eyeballs . It will let you go instantly.
22	The average person falls asleep in seven minutes.
23	The "pound" (#) key on your keyboard is called an octothorp.
24	The only domestic animal not mentioned in the Bible is the cat.
25	Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.
26	The average person's left hand does 56% of the typing.
27	Dreamt" is the only word in the English language that ends in "MT".
28	It's impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.
29	In Chinese, the KFC slogan "finger lickin' good" comes out as "eat your fingers off".
30	A cockroach can live for 10 days without a head..
31	We shed 40 pounds of skin a lifetime.
32	Yo-Yos were once used as weapons in the Philippines
33	Mexico City sinks about 10 inches a year.
34	Brains are more active sleeping than watching TV.
35	Blue is the favorite color of 80 percent of Americans.
36	When a person shakes their head from side to side, he is saying "yes" in Sri Lanka
37	There are more chickens than people in the world.
38	The thumbnail grows the slowest, and the middle nail grows the fastest.
39	There are more telephones than people in Washington , D.C. .
40	The average four year-old child asks over four hundred questions a day.
41	The average person presses the snooze button on their alarm clock three times each morning.
42	The three wealthiest families in the world have more assets than the combined wealth of the forty-eight poorest nations.
43	The first owner of the Marlboro cigarette company died of lung cancer.
44	Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.
45	The world's youngest parents were 8 and 9 and lived in China in 1910.
46	Our eyes remain the same size from birth onward, but our noses and ears never stop growing.
47	You burn more calories sleeping than you do watching TV.
48	A person will die from total lack of sleep sooner than from starvation. Death will occur about 10 days without sleep, while starvation takes a few weeks.
49	Chewing gum while peeling onions will keep you from crying.
50	The Mona Lisa has no eyebrows.

51	When the moon is directly overhead, you weigh slightly less.
52	Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone, never telephoned his wife or mother because they were both deaf.
53	A psychology student in New York rented out her spare room to a carpenter in order to nag him constantly and study his reactions. After weeks of needling, he snapped and beat her repeatedly with an axe leaving her mentally retarded
54	"I am." is the shortest complete sentence in the English language
55	Colgate faced a big obstacle marketing toothpaste in Spanish speaking countries because Colgate translates into the command "go hang yourself."
56	Like fingerprints, everyone's tongue print is different.
57	"Bookkeeper" is the only word in English language with three consecutive double letters.
58	Right handed people live, on average, nine years longer than left handed people do.
59	The sentence "the quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" uses every letter in the English language.
60	If the population of China walked past you in single line, the line would never end because of the rate of reproduction
61	China has more English speakers than the United States
62	Every human spent about half an hour as a single cell.
63	Each square inch of human skin consists of twenty feet of blood vessels.
64	An average person uses the bathroom 6 times per day.
65	Babies are born with 300 bones, but by adulthood we have only 206 in our bodies.
66	Beards are the fastest growing hairs on the human body. If the average man never trimmed his beard, it would grow to nearly 30 feet long in his lifetime.
67	According to Genesis 1:20-22, the chicken came before the egg.
68	The longest place name still in use is: Taumatawhakatangihangaoauauotameteaturi-Pukakpikimaungahoronukupokaiwhenuakitanatahu - a New Zealand hill.
69	If you leave Tokyo by plane at 7:00am, you will arrive in Honolulu at approximately 4:30pm the previous day.
70	Scientists in Australia's Parkes Observatory thought they had positive proof of alien life, when they began picking up radio-waves from space. However, after investigation, the radio emissions were traced to a microwave in the building.
71	Wearing headphones for an hour increases the bacteria in your ear 700 times.
72	More than 40,000 parasites and 250 types of bacteria are exchanged during a French kiss.
73	Men can read smaller print than women, but women can hear better.
74	Coca-Cola was originally green.
75	The most common name in the world is Mohammed.
76	The name of all the continents ends with the same letter that they start with.
77	There are two credit cards for every person in the United States



78	TYPEWRITER is the longest word that can be made using the letters only on one row of the keyboard.
79	Women blink nearly twice as much as men!!
80	You can't kill yourself by holding your breath.
81	It is impossible to lick your elbow.
82	People say "Bless you" when you sneeze because when you sneeze, your heart stops for a millisecond. Also, it was believed in olden times that the sneeze expelled an evil spirit.

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First names are not used in the military

The crusty Navy Master Chief noticed a new seaman and barked at him, "Get over here! What's your name sailor?"

"John," the new seaman replied.

"Look, I don't know what kind of bleeding-heart pansy crap they're teaching sailors in boot camp these days, but I don't call anyone by his first name," the chief scowled.

"It breeds familiarity, and that leads to a breakdown in authority. I refer to my sailors by their last names only; Smith, Jones, Baker, whatever.

And you are to refer to me as 'Chief.' Do I make myself clear?"

"Aye, Aye, Chief!"

"Now that we've got that straight, what's your last name?"

The seaman sighed. "Darling, My name is John Darling, Chief."

"Okay, John, here's what I want you to do"

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Money Bags

Glass takes one million years to decompose, which means it never wears out and can be recycled an infinite amount of times.

Gold is the only metal that doesn't rust, even if it's buried in the ground for thousands of years.

Your tongue is the only muscle in your body that is attached at only one end.

If you stop getting thirsty, you need to drink more water. When a human body is dehydrated, its thirst mechanism shuts off.



Zero is the only number that cannot be represented by Roman numerals.

Kits were used in the American Civil War to deliver letters and newspapers.

The song, Auld Lang Syne is sung at the stroke of midnight in almost every English-speaking country in the world to bring in the new year.

Drinking water after eating reduces the acid in your mouth by 61 percent.

Peanut oil is used for cooking in submarines because it doesn't smoke unless it's heated above 450F.

The roar that we hear when we place a seashell next to our ear is not the ocean, but rather the sound of blood surging through the veins in the ear.

Nine out of every 10 living things live in the ocean.

The banana cannot reproduce itself. It can be propagated only by the hand of man.

Airports at higher altitudes-require a longer airstrip due to lower air density.

The University of Alaska spans four time zones.

The tooth is the only part of the human body that cannot heal itself.

In ancient Greece tossing an apple to a girl was a traditional proposal of marriage. Catching it meant she accepted.

Warner Communications paid 28 million for the copyright to the song Happy Birthday.

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.

A comet's tail always points away from the sun.

The Swine Flu vaccine in 1976 caused more death and illness than the disease it was intended to prevent.

Caffeine increases the power of aspirin and other painkillers, that is why it is found in some medicines.

The military salute is a motion that evolved from medieval times, when knights in armor raised their visors to reveal their identity.

If you get into the bottom of a well or a tall chimney and look up, you can see stars, even in the middle of the day.

When a person dies, hearing is the last sense to go. The first sense lost is sight.



In ancient times strangers shook hands to show that they were unarmed.

Strawberries are the only fruits whose seeds grow on the outside.

Avocados have the highest calories of any fruit at 167 calories per hundred grams.

The moon-moves about two inches away from the Earth each year.

The Earth gets 100 tons heavier every day due to falling space dust.

Due to earth's gravity it is impossible for mountains to be higher than 15,000 meters.

Mickey Mouse is known as "Topolino" in Italy.

Soldiers do not march in step when going across bridges because they could set up a vibration which could be sufficient to knock the bridge down.

Everything weighs one percent less at the equator.

For every extra kilogram carried on a space flight, 530 kg of excess fuel are needed at lift-off.

The letter J does not appear anywhere on the periodic table of the elements.

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CKCS List of Special Interest Groups

Each month the Central Kentucky Computer Society offers nine Special Interest Groups (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. Starting times of SIGs are as indicated in the listing.

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

DATABASE SIG

Meets monthly on the fourth Monday at 7 p.m. –
Leader Garland Smith

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY SIG

Meets monthly on the fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. –
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 with a photo contest with a variety of different categories.

DR. FIXIT SIG & iHELP SIG

Meets monthly on the first Saturday at 10 a.m. –
Leaders: Bob Brown, Ben Rice, Harry Ellison, James Osborne, 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. One may join in membership to avail themselves of this special service.

MAC AND iPad SIG

Meets monthly on the second Thursday at 7 p.m. –
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, of 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 at 7 p.m. –
Leader Stuart Zahalka

TECH TALK

Meets monthly on the first Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

Keeping up with personal and home technology is getting harder. New products and new Internet services are coming rapid fire. The purpose of the Tech Chat Group is to talk about technology as it happens. We are trying to stay aware of new ideas and understand what impact they will have on us.

WINDOWS SIG

Meets monthly on the second Tuesday at 7 p.m. –
Leader Joe Isaac

The Windows SIG or Workshop for Windows 7, 8.1, and 10 meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.. Topics covered may be: Windows, Internet Explorer, Google Chrome, Windows Live Mail, Windows Live Photo Gallery, Control Panel, System Restore, Defrag, Desktop, Taskbar, 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>

WORD PROCESSING SIG

Meets monthly on the first Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.
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 at 7 p.m. –
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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He notes on February 6, “TurboTax temporarily halted filing state tax returns while it investigated reports of fraudulent filings. Later that day, the firm reopened online filing, citing a need for stronger security from the states. We are watching for further developments. In the meantime, those who encounter fraudulent returns with TurboTax should report them by calling 1-800-944-8596.”

Pamela Stevens, writing for Top TenReviews, picked TurboTax as the best tax package with a 9.78 out of 10 rating. “TurboTax pulled it off again this year. It proved to be the easiest online tax software, and it produced the most predictable, accurate results. It even offers free state filing options this year for those filing 1040EZ/A returns. If you are anxious about preparing your own return, do not fear, TurboTax can easily guide you through the process.”

While the “big three” tax preparation software packages might sell better than lesser-known titles such as Jackson Hewitt, TaxSlayer, and Liberty Tax, it might pay for you to investigate one of those products.

Giant List of Mac Personal Finance Apps — TidBits Readers Speak Out

The long-time Apple-oriented web site and newsletter, TidBits, recently asked its readers to speak out about their favorite – and not so favorite – financial apps for the Mac.

Many of you keep track of your finances using one or more apps designed to reconcile your checkbook, keep an eye on your investments, and provide a snapshot in time of your financial shape.

TidBits heard from nearly 700 of its readers who cited 34 apps – and voted for their favorites.

Four separate versions of Quicken made it into the top-ten, Quicken Essentials, Quicken for Windows (some folks run Windows on their Macs so they can use the Windows version of Quicken), Quicken 2015/2016, and Quicken 2007. It should be noted that Intuit, long-time Quicken software developer, has sold it to H.I.G. Capital, a private equity investment company that manages more than 200 companies worldwide since 1993.

Here are the top six vote-getters with a short summary provided by TidBits:

- **Quicken 2007** – “...Topped the Intuit list, and many commenters pointed to the comfort they felt in continuing to use a now-discontinued app first released over eight years ago.” Reader



Doug Hogg told TidBits, “It’s like an old shoe – I know how to work it, so I am not changing until I have a very good reason.”

- **Quicken 2015/2016** – “Supposed to assume the Quicken mantle, but many point to the lack of Quicken 2007 features – from basic to advanced – missing from the new version.” Reader Michael Schmitt said that Quicken 2007 was “the gold standard on OS X for tracking and reporting lot-based investments. If you do not track investments, Quicken 2015/2016 may be perfectly adequate for you. But if you do need to track investments, Quicken 2015/2016 still can’t do it.”
- **Banktivity (formerly iBank)** – “After going by the name “iBank” for 13 years, our survey’s top vote-getter and third-highest rated app recently underwent a name change to Banktivity...” Reader Eckart Goette cited the tracking of international investments as a plus, “The multi currency feature is very helpful. I don’t miss Quicken and applaud Banktivity for their innovative features.”
- **Moneydance** – “Receiving the highest rating of all the apps, Moneydance from The Infinite Kind has been an appreciated Quicken alternative for over a decade,” writes TidBits. One reader wrote, “It does what I need, upgrades have either been free or reasonably priced, and support (rarely needed) has been very good.”
- **SEE Finance** – “...scored the second-best rating of the bunch and it garnered accolades from commenters for its depth,” says the TidBits article. “...While there is really nothing in my digital world that falls into the ‘can’t live without it’ category, SEE Finance continues to be a perfect fit for my needs, just as it has since day one,” writes Mac Bakewell who says he uses the software to manage 20 separate checking, savings, investment and credit card accounts in two currencies (U.S. dollars and Thai baht.)
- **MoneyWell** – “...The sixth-best rating, with most of its votes giving it a vote of confidence as a solid performer. In addition to the standard ledger system found in other finance apps, MoneyWell uses an envelope-style budgeting system where you’ll assign balances in your accounts to certain buckets. Your expenses will drain those budgetary buckets, and they’ll get refilled each time you add a paycheck or other income.” One user said he loves the fact that MoneyWell uses the envelope system. “That is why I bought it in the first place. I don’t just want to track where I spend money. I want to discipline it.” TidBits notes that MoneyWell’s development stalled in 2014 after Apple hired away the original developer. Kevin LaCoste has since taken over the ownership and in the last year, updates have appeared more frequently according to TidBits.

Here are the rest of the financial apps cited by TidBit’s readers in order of the number of votes they collected:

- **GnuCash**
- **Money**
- **Moneywiz**
- **iFinance**
- **CheckBook/CheckBook Pro**



- **PocketMoney**
- **ICompta**
- **AceMoney**
- **Budget**
- **iCash**
- **SplashMoney**
- **Gnash**
- **Liquid Ledger**
- **Buddi**
- **moneyGuru**
- **My Checkbook**
- **General Ledger**
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- **My Money**
- **SimpliBudget**
- **Squirrel**
- **Growly Checkbook**
- **Home Accountz**
- **Money spire**
- **Savings**

TidBit's article is a must read for anyone wanting to keep track of their finances electronically, or looking to switch to a different software package.

Apple shrinks its smartphone and delivers the new iPhone SE

The BGR web site sports this headline: "iPhone SE poised to be Apple's sleeper hit of the season."



9to5Mac's Ben Lovejoy writes, "Apple deserves a great deal of credit for the iPhone SE. I outlined yesterday why I believe the product makes long-term strategic sense, and the vast majority of you agree. But Apple has also managed to tempt not just one, but two 9to5Mac writers into doing something almost unthinkable for tech junkies: downgrade our iPhones! Like Zac, I too am seriously considering selling my iPhone 6s and replacing it with the SE."



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The most powerful
4-inch phone ever.

Apple's web site announcing
the new iPhone SE model.

Edward Baig, who writes about tech news for USA Today, adds: "The SE will appeal to people who don't like the phablet size."

Time will tell whether or not Apple's newly introduced iPhone SE will be the "sleeper hit" as predicted, but it appears there is plenty of demand for a smaller phone. The \$399 or \$499 SE model has a 4-inch display similar to the iPhone 5s, and the design is similar.

BGR says even though the iPhone 6 and 6s models set sales records over the past two years, they left "many iPhone users out in the cold. The reality is that many iPhone users find Apple's 4.7 and 5.5-inch iPhone models too clunky and unwieldy to use. As a result, there exists a surprisingly large pool of iPhone 5 and iPhone 5s users who opted to stick with their current device and not upgrade to Apple's bigger iPhone models."

The same article notes that research by a company called Mixpanel reveals that 38 percent of all iPhone users were still using models released before the iPhone 6. It adds that earlier this year, Apple CEO Tim Cook noted that 60 percent of iPhone owners who had their phone before the release of iPhone 6 still had not upgraded to either the iPhone 6 or iPhone 6s.

BGR says even though the iPhone SE is smaller than its counterparts, Apple used big-time features in the device: "...the iPhone SE is jam-packed with Apple's most advanced technologies. From its A9 processor and advanced camera to faster Wi-Fi and LTE components, the iPhone SE is finally a device content iPhone 5 and 5s users can get excited about. Clearly, Apple learned a thing or two from its missteps with the iPhone 5c."

Macworld offers an [iPhone Buying Guide](#) if you're unsure whether to buy the iPhone SE, a 6s Plus, or a yet to be announced model of Apple's top-selling product.



Apple's announces new iPad Pro with a smaller screen

First came the 12.9-inch iPad Pro last fall.

In March, Apple announced a new iPad Pro with a smaller, 9.7-inch screen.



Macworld reports that “The heart of the 9.7-inch iPad Pro is essentially the same as the 12.9-inch iPad Pro.” Both iPads sport a 64-bit A9X processor with four stereo speakers and an M9 motion coprocessor.

Many of you who are considering buying a new iPad might compare the smaller iPad Pro to the iPad Air 2. Macworld says the new iPad Pro’s screen is 40 percent less reflective than Air 2. In addition, the new iPad Pro has a screen feature called True Tone. “True Tone measures the light of the room you are in and then tweaks the display to make sure colors are consistent. True Tone isn’t found on the 12.9-inch iPad Pro.”

The new iPad Pro also supports the Apple Pencil and has a Smart connector (which allows you to connect a new Smart Keyboard to the new iPad Pro.)

The new iPad Pro also has a better camera – a 12-megapixel that can capture 4K video – versus an 8-megapixel on the larger iPad Pro.

Improve your sleeping habits with Apple’s new Night Shift Feature

You’ve probably read [studies about the negative impact](#) devices such as Apple’s iPad, iPhone, iPod touch, Amazon’s Kindle Paperwhite and others have on your sleep if you use them too soon to turning in at night. (If you sleep during the day, the same holds true – for example,



reading a book on your iPad right before you take an afternoon nap also negatively impacts your sleep.)

It turns out that these devices emit blue light which delays sleep and reduces rapid eye movement while sleeping so you dream less.

The latest version of Apple's operating system for its mobile devices (iOS 9.3) provides a feature known as "Night Shift" to automatically shift the colors in your display to the warmer end of the spectrum.

This effectively blocks the blue light so that it doesn't mess with your body's circadian rhythm.

The U.K. version of Macworld [explains how to set up Night Shift and make it work for you](#).

9to5Mac also [provides a video](#) on setting up Night Shift.

You can even use Siri to activate it.

In a nutshell, click on Settings in your Apple device. Then, tap on "Display & Brightness > Night Shift. Set up Night Shift on your own iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch and you might just sleep more soundly.

Mac Users Sleep Habits May Benefit from Free App Called f.lux

While there's no Night Shift available for the Mac, [a free app called f.lux](#) provides the same benefits. After installing f.lux, wait a few seconds and confirm a map showing your location.

Night Shift automatically shifts the colors of your display to the warmer end of the color spectrum after dark. This may help you get a better night's sleep.

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Apple's new Night Shift allows you to customize an "on and off" schedule.

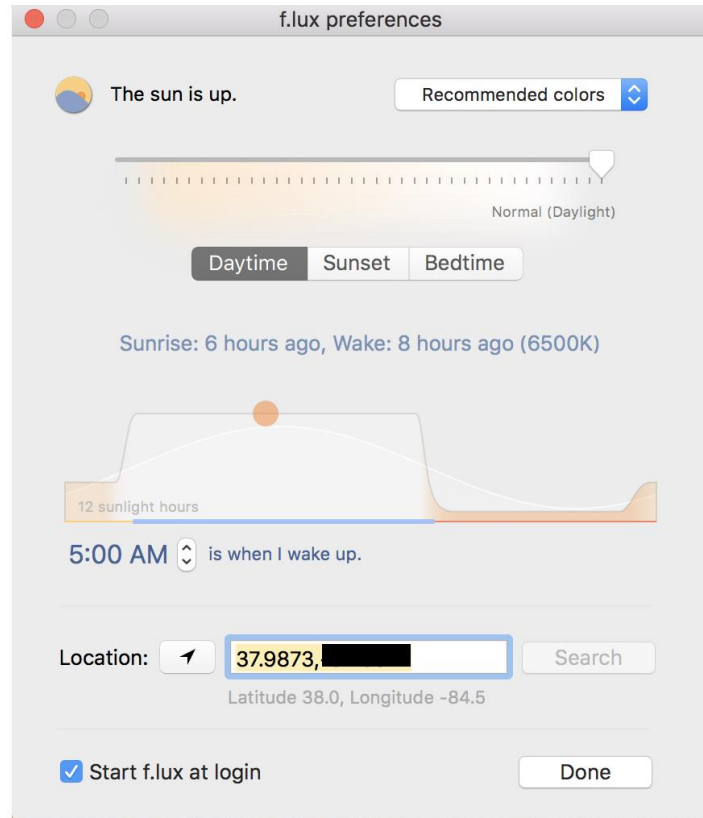


Then f.lux will automatically reduce the blue light coming out of your Mac's display.

Note: If you're using f.lux on a Mac running El Capitan, visit System Preferences —> Display and click on the small box next to "Automatically adjust brightness" so that the checkmark disappears. This action allows f.lux to do its thing.

By the way, I noticed this box doesn't appear on my Mac mini since I'm using a non-Apple computer monitor. That box will appear on iMacs running El Capitan and probably appears on Mac laptops.

"It makes the color of your computer's display adapt to the time of day, warm at night and like sunlight during the day. It's even possible that you're staying up too late because of your computer.



The f.lux preferences panel on my Mac mini.

You could use f.lux because it makes you sleep better, or you could just use it just because it makes your computer look better," reads the f.lux web site.



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