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TECH NIGHT – Television and Your Computer

Monday March 8th at 7PM.

Television and computers are moving into each other's territory. **Paul Stackhouse** will discuss this convergence of the audio-visual world of television and the digital world of computers. More than ever techno-savvy individuals are gaining access to the media through the internet on consumer devices.

He will demonstrate viewing television programs and movies on a computer screen and feeding video files from a computer to a TV set. Feeds can be from direct cable connection or via a wired or wireless network.



Paul Stackhouse

Currently and for the last 21 years, Paul has served as the Director of Web Multimedia Services for the Kentucky Educational Television. He is currently on the CKCS Board of Directors.

This will be a very interesting presentation.

Bring your friends and your questions on Monday March 8 at 7:00 PM for a very informative Tech Night at the CKCS Resource Center. ■

How does CKCS compare to other similar organizations?

By Jerry Hubble

Editors Note: Jerry Hubble has been a CKCS member since 1999. He lives in Somerset, KY and commutes to Lexington to attend several CKCS SIGs each month. During the winter months, he travels to warmer climates – usually spending most of his time in Arizona. Since he has had membership two Arizona computer clubs, who better could we ask to provide a comparison? Here are his comments.

During the past decade I have had the opportunity to be a member of three computer societies. In addition to CKCS, two are located in the Southwest. Although the two in the Southwest are in the same geographical area, they are drastically different.

The major difference is the size of membership. The one with the large membership, perhaps 500 to 700 members is in Green Valley, Arizona and is part of a Retirement Community. It is called a computer club rather than society. The computer club is only one of the many clubs and activities offered by the community. All community

residents are accessed a 'recreation' fees which gives the residence access to the recreation center and eligibility for membership in the clubs (computer, woodworking, pottery, camera, etc.) An additional fee is usually charged for membership in specific clubs.

The one with the smaller membership (a little over 200) is in a city about twice the size of Lexington and like Lexington is called a computer society.

All three organizations have many similarities. It goes without saying; a large membership generates more revenue and in return can offer more services and programs. Just the same, however, CKCS compares best with the larger club.

Like CKCS, both Arizona clubs maintain an office/lab staffed by volunteers, classes & meetings are offered, a Newsletter is published to keep members informed, there are special interest groups (SIG) and at most meetings there is an opportunity to ask questions and seek help on individual problems. However, a while back, the smaller club, being financially pressed, had to give up a permanent location and now 'borrows' conference room space at the local library, university medical center, a local restaurant or county medical society buildings.

When comparing my early days of attending CKCS to my first impressions at the other two organizations, the atmosphere of feeling welcome was most apparent. At CKCS, there was a standing invitation to become a member but never any pressure to do so. At the others (the club and the society), this was not the case. The larger one required members to slip their membership card through a scanner at the door – non members were excluded. The smaller club began each meeting by asking any non-member present to fill out a guest form and they would be expected to pay their membership dues in order to attend future meetings. I thought this was sort of a turn-off for new members. It was almost like they were afraid they might be giving something away. I can't help but wonder if this might be one reason for the smaller society declining membership and its weekly calendar showing "no meeting" for so many SIG's. In fact, for some months now, only a couple of SIGs might meet in addition to a general meeting.

CKCS's arrangement with Kroger and Amazon to generate revenue for the society is a creative venture. I am not aware of the others having such arrangements. Receiving discounts from selected local businesses is also a nice benefit of CKCS membership. An additional benefit for me is the opportunity to meet and make new friends with whom I share a common interest. Currently, I am only taking an active interest in Word Processing, Digital Photography, and Windows. As with the other SIG's these represent the best in leadership and offer creative programs.

A unique feature of CKCS is the monthly availability of "Dr. Fixit." Other clubs would be well served to offer this outstanding service if they could find a leader as knowledgeable and capable as our "Dr. Fixit."

Members help pay CKCS bills

By Jenny Brown, CKCS Office Manager

Last month, Jerry Heaton wrote an article for the newsletter about using the Kroger Gift Cards which are distributed by CKCS to members. We have been promoting the use of these cards because, as a charitable non-profit society, Kroger provides CKCS 4% on every dollar our members spend at the store – for groceries or gasoline.

In his article, Jerry said that last year the Kroger check funded about one month's rent for our resource center. It actually almost did that. In 2009 we received \$1482.53 as our rebate from Kroger. We have about 100 cards issued but only about half of them are used regularly. So, 50 regular shoppers have really helped us. It would be wonderful if we had another 50 or 100 members who would obtain and use the cards we have in the office.

The most significant thing – it doesn't cost our members a single penny to for CKCS to obtain this rebate. Members buy the card for \$5 at the office and it has \$5 in credit on the card. As they spend that for groceries or gas and add more money to the card (using their check or credit card or cash), again we get \$4 for every \$100 added to the card. Money is loaded on the card before you start checking out, or at the service desk before you begin shopping. Some members have been adding several hundred dollars to the card at a time. We don't know who they are, the report just gives us the numbers.

If you are willing to use a Kroger Gift card for us, just ask any officer manager on duty to help you. At most SIGs, an office manager will likely be in attendance and will help you then. Just ask.

We are most grateful to our dedicated members for maintaining their membership, for using the



Kroger card, for going to the CKCS web site to get to AMAZON.COM when they shop there. Yes we get a small commission on everything you buy at Amazon providing you go to the icon on our web site to get there.

DONATIONS

Another thing we must not forget is those who donated money to CKCS. Last year, I deposited

\$1618 in donations. Since CKCS is a IRS 502(c)3 organization, all donations are tax deductable (as long as you don't exceed the limits IRS allowed for donations during a given year). Thank you to everyone who donated.

Welcome New Members

The Central Kentucky Computer Society welcomes the following new member who joined in February 2010

CINDEE C CORNETTE RUSSELL GABBARD LEN HARPER MARY LOUIS PHELPS

A special thank you to the following members who renewed their membership in February 2010

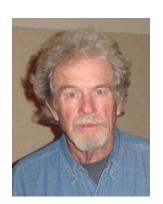
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--Information provided Feb 21st by CKCS Secretary Ben Rice ■

MEMBERSHIP CORNER **By David Highet**

inter 2010 seems to be rather a problem. The cold and snow are taking their toll on attendance at our meetings and classes. The Saturday Mac class with which I assist, had to delay its start by one week, and when we did meet for the first time the weather kept some of the students away. In the end, we will survive the weather problems and the



business of the Central Kentucky Computer Society will flourish!

One thing we cannot do is to let the weather get in the way of our membership activity. Each of us as members must continue to seek out potential members and bring them along to the meetings and classes we attend. The best way to add new members is to have them experience first hand the professionalism displayed by the presenters and instructors at CKCS.

We are truly blessed to have such individuals as fellow members. Let us all do our friends and neighbors a big favor and share these professionals with them.

HELP YOUR FRIEND, RELATIVE, OR NEIGHBOR TO SIGN UP FOR MEMBERSHIP IN CKCS.

Take them to https://www.iglou.com/ckcsweb/other/onlineap.htm the online 'Join CKCS' link on the home page.



JOE ANSWERS QUESTIONS

Furnished by Joe Isaac, Windows SIG Leader. joeisaac@insighttbb.com

Editor note: Each month, Joe Isaac receives numerous questions from members and typically, he does his best to provide a complete answer. Joe urges anyone submitting a question to also include information about what windows program they are using (98, ME, XP Vista, Win7) and if it involves another program, the version of that program. With this knowledge he tries to provide the best answer for the programs being used.

The following are some of the questions he fielded since the first of the year.

Q. I am unable to make a print copy of a email and something from Microsoft Word. The computer says: 'Windows cannot print due to a problem with the current printer setup. Check the printer by printing a test page from Windows. Make sure the printer is on and on line. Reinstall the printer driver.'

A: Go to Start, Control Panel, Printers and other Hardware, Printers and Faxes and see if your printer is listed and is the default.

Q. Why are processor speeds getting lower?

A. It does seem so, but the fact is the new Intel Core 2 DUO processors are 40% faster, and 40% more energy efficient.

Q. If I were to buy a new basic Computer what brand would you recommend. I know about the new Windows 7 and that is what I want. Anything else I need to know about them these days. Thanks for your help.

A. For a good Windows 7 Premium Computer you will have to pay \$600 to \$800.

- 1. 4 GB Ram or more.
- 2. 260 GB or more of Hard drive.
- 3. 20 " flat panel Display
- 4. Windows 7 Home Premium.
- 5. Plays and Creates CDs and DVDs
- 6. Intel Duo-Core2 processor. 2.0 GHz or more.
- 7. 128 or 256 MB Graphics card.
- 8. Card Reader (For your digital camera.)

The new Windows 7 Premium operating system if fantastic.



- Q. How do I fix fonts for my emails.
- A. For Outlook Express or Windows Live Mail: Open your email program, click on Create Mail, left click in the body of the email and, now go to the top of the page and click on Format, then Font, now select a Font, Size, Style, Color, and click on OK. I have mine set on Arial, Bold, 12, Black.
- Q. How do I get to Device Manager to see if my hardware is operating properly? (Disk drives, Sound, USB ports, monitor, Mouse, Keyboard, etc.)
- A. In XP, Start, Control Panel (classic view), System, Hardware, Device Manager.
- In Windows 7 & Vista: just type Device Manager in the Start Search blank.
- Q. How does a person use the Print Screen keyboard button? Using XP? (It is the same for Windows 7 & Vista, but they have the Snipping Tool which is so much better. I use it all the time.)
- A. Say you have a web site up and click on Prt Scr (Print Screen) it will record everything you see on your monitor to the clipboard. If you click on Alt Prt Scr it will record only the live window. Once you do this, open a document, click on an insertion point and do Control V and it will paste it in the document.
- Q. Should I unsubscribe to spam email?
- A. I always do. Some comply, some don't. The ones that don't I add them to my Junk E-mail list. There is an old wives tale that when you respond they know it is a legitimate email address. They know that when your email doesn't bounce back at them.
- Q. If you receive e-mail with the type too small to be comfortably read, how do you enlarge it? I've tried what should have been the obvious but isn't.
- A. Open Outlook Express or Windows Mail, click on the email with the small type, then at the top, click on View, then Text Size, and select one.
- Another way is to click on Forward, highlight the small type, then increase the Font Size for say 10 to 12 or 14.
- Response: The second suggestion worked. Many thanks.
- Q. Hi, I'm in the Philippines and have my web camera and Skype hooked up. When I call my son in KY and turn on the cameras we see ourselves. I didn't see any instructions. We ended up on windows and I have a feeling we will have to pay for that. Does this make sense? A. It is Free. I use Skype to talk to my son in Oregon and granddaughter in LA. Click on the Tab, TOOLS, then click on options for instructions.
- Q. I'm finally ready to start hitching up my new computer. But it has been so long that I installed a new computer that I have forgotten what all I need to do and how to do it. I seem to recall that you have written tips on everything from what to copy and save (My Documents, of course), to how to get on line with the new computer and will such programs as McAfee automatically come on board the new computer. Thanks,
- A. Go to http://www.ckcs.org/joetips.pdf
- 1. Buying a New Computer.
- 2. The Very Basics.

Q. I have my new computer installed. Should I put AVG antivirus on my computer? if so how do I find it? Do I go into search and look for it?

A. The free AVG antivirus is a 51 MB download and it is also on the TIPS CD I give out.

http://free.grisoft.com/doc/5390/us/frt/0?prd=aff

Or you can use:

Microsoft Security Essentials: Never Pay For Anti-Virus Again

Thank you Microsoft for getting it right. For small businesses, individual and home users, Microsoft Security Essentials is plenty.

http://www.microsoft.com/security_essentials/

Q. So sorry to have missed this SIG, but snow in the country was not nice.

I have successfully made a movie/slide show and I got it burned to a DVD-RW. My question is, once it on the DVD can the timing of the slide show be slowed down or do I have to redo it on the computer and then re-burn it?

A. Congratulations on doing the Movie Maker. Any changes must be done on the computer. You will have to redo and reburn.

Q. Is there a way to lock desktop icons into the positions you want them?

A. RIGHT CLICK on your Desktop,

- 1. In XP click on Arrange Icons By,
- 2. In Vista click on View.

In both, click on Auto Arrange. This puts them in alphabetical order and locks them in. The option Align To Grid is used when your icons are close to where they should be, and this sets them in perfect alignment and keeps them in the position you want them.

Q. Subject: digitizing slides

Fellow members,

I have lectures for which I am trying to learn and create a Power Point presentation, or at least be able to project slides from the computer. I have some .jpg's from other lecturers, but not all the ones I need.

I need to digitize 35 mm slides. Do you all know any person or business in Lexington who does this? I was told FedEx/Kinko's did, but they do not. Neither do Staples or Office Depot. I've tried 2 of 3 phone numbers for Lynn, but they have been disconnected. I tried the Lynn Imaging number and at least got an automated answerer, so will try tomorrow.

A. You can buy an Epson Scanner that will scan photos, negatives and slides at Office Depot. You can also scan a document and save it in word and even edit it. Now this is a scanner only and not a printer. They are around \$200. I bought one over 10 years ago, still have it and still use it. I scanned negatives and slides and over 10,000 photos.

Q. I have tried to use the calendar but can't figure out how you got it to put it on weekly or yearly. I've tried all the tricks I know. Maybe it is the toolbar or something. Can you help me.

A. When you Right Click on the date on the Calendar, the New Event dialog window shows up. Now look on the right side and click on No recurrence for the weekly and yearly options.

Q. I have Office 2007, I email documents and the recipients can't open them, why?

A. Because most people do not have Office 2007, there is an option in the program that lets you save the documents in Word 97- 2003 and you can make it your default.

Q. In the new Windows Mail Contacts is there a way to sort the Columns?

A. (These answers also apply to Outlook Express.) Open the program, at the top of each column is a name like, Name, email address, etc. If you click on that name it will put it in Ascending order, click again and it will be in the descending order.

Q. When I put a bunch of names in a group the program puts the group in line with the rest of the names, so it is hard to find.

A. The trick I use to get my group names to the top of the list, I either put a number in front of the group name, like 1 (then the name) or put # (then the name) and the group names will always be at the top of the list.

Q. When I boot up I get an unusual DLL 32 pop up on my screen, how do I get rid of it.

A. This is only a general answer but when your computer does not act normal, do a restart and see if that will correct it.

If not do a System Restore.

System Restore only affects programs and system files, such as those ending in .exe and .dll. Files you have created like .jpeg .doc, .xls and .ppt. are not changed. Any Documents, photos, email etc. are ignored.

When your computer starts screwing up do this immediately, go back a few days when your computer was working OK and restore to that date.

Go to Start, Programs, Accessories, System Tools, System Restore and pick a Bold date when your computer was working OK.

Click on Restore my computer to an earlier time, click on Next and the Restore Points will appear on the calendar in BOLD numbers. Click one of the BOLD dates and click on Next.

You could also Google the problem, you would be surprised how many times they might have a solution.

Q. What is a good Genealogy program?

A. Type in Family History in Google and you'll get a load of sites.

I found that Ancestry.com was a great place to look, but you have to pay for it. If you go to the Lexington Libraries and get on their computers you may use it free.

Search 4 billion names, census images and immigration records.

http://www.ancestry.com/

Search for family ancestors. Billions of free family tree, family

history, ancestry, genealogy and census records.

http://www.familysearch.org/

Birth Certificates and Death Certificates were a great source of

information. \$10 for Birth Certificate, \$6 for Death, Marriage, and

Divorce Certificates, be careful some commercial sites cost \$35.50

for the Birth Certificate. Be sure you contact:

Office of Vital Statistics

275 East Main Street 1E-A Frankfort, KY 40621 (502)

564-4212 Fax: (502) 227-0032 Frankfort, Ky.

http://www.vitalrec.com/ky.html#State



There is also an Ellis Island web site.

http://www.ellisisland.org/

Other Genealogy Programs:

http://www.consumersearch.com/genealogy-software

RootsMagic 3 \$30.00

Legacy Family Tree 7.0 Deluxe \$35.00

Personal Ancestral File 5.2 Free Download then ???

Family Tree Maker 2009 \$30.00

The Master Genealogist v7 Gold \$60.00

Q. I want to keep a couple of my own pictures in the Desktop list but they keep disappearing.

A. In Windows 7,

- 1. Right click on a empty space on the desktop and click on Personalize.
- 2. Click on the Desktop Background link at the bottom of the window.
- 3. Click on the drop down arrow menu to select from the list of available picture folder locations, or click on the Browse button to navigate to the picture folder location and click on it. (The only way I could deal with a single photo, was to put the photo in a Folder.)

This takes a little time and you must be patient.

http://www.sevenforums.com/tutorials/281-desktop-background-change.html

A. From Barry Breeze:

In Windows XP all you need to do is locate the folder that holds the images in the list that comes up when you select properties for the desktop... then place the desired jpg image in that folder.

- Q. I have a 3+year old Dell with XP. My main concern is that occasionally it makes a whining noise. I've always heard when your unit starts whining, you're about to be in big trouble.
- A. Usually when your computer starts making noise, the fans, or the hard drive may be going bad. If it is the fans, have them replaced, but if it is the Hard Drive, please do not spend any money on a computer this old. Please back up all important data in case it does go bad.
- Q. Where to get rid of old computers. I have an old computer (still works), two monitors, two printers and a scanner all in working order. Is there a recycling place or what? Thanks
- A. The city has a facility on Versailles Road that accepts old computers, monitors, etc.
- Q. Do you have any recommendations for any books explaining Word 2007? (Books are good, but CD Tutorials are better.)

A. Teach Yourself VISUALLY Microsoft Office 2007 http://www.amazon.com/Teach-Yourself-VISUALLY-Microsoft-Office/dp/0470045906 \$29.99 reduced to \$18.89

Q. Is there any way to send an entire contacts list to someone in a email or as an attachment?

A. If you both are using Windows Mail. Open Windows Mail, File, Export, Windows Contacts, select CSV (Comma separated Value), Export, Browse, name file, select options. Name, email address, City, State, etc. When finished go to your documents and find the file, RIGHT CLICK on it, Send To, Mail Recipient.

Q. Subject: Paretologic DriverCure

Joe, Folders for this and shortcuts were downloaded involuntarily on

my computer early this a.m. I clicked the shortcut and when my computer asked if I wanted to allow the download, I clicked cancel. I have a Compag computer with Vista and Windows .. Do I want it? If not, can I just safely right click and delete them? And then empty the trash bin?

A. I don't think you want it. Remember: First you want to uninstall any programs you no longer want, then delete any files (documents, photos, emails, etc.) you no longer want.

In XP go to: Start, Control Panel (classic view) click on Add or Remove Programs.

In Windows 7 and Vista: Start, Control Panel (classic view) click Programs and Features.

Response: It was in XP. I uninstalled... it left nothing to delete. The icon was still on the desktop, but not connected so I couldn't even trash bin it. Just slid it off the page. Without you what would all we amateur computer drivers do? THANKS.

Q. I had a long email ready to send, but first I highlighted all the text and did Control C to copy it so I could paste it into a document, but I only did the C and the email text disappeared. Help. A. When anything like this happens, stop right there. Told him to do Control Z, he did and it all reappeared. Control Z works in lots of applications, it is great.

> The Windows XP / Vista / 7 SIG meets on the second Tuesday of each month. Check the "MEETING SCHEDULE" on the CKCS home page for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Genealogy SIG will not be held in March and April due to travel plans

Phyllis Spiker, Genealogy SIG leader

Discounts available to CKCS members

The COMPUTER PLUS

store, located at 135 Moore Drive iust ½ block from CKCS, offered a series of discounts to members who show their membership cards. Most of the discounts involve repair services, but they also listed some discounts on some computer purchases.

An example of some of the discounts offered are reproduced below

Repair Discounts (Corporate Discounts for Employees)	
Get outstanding discounts on computer repair services. Whether your computer needs a basic tune-up or an overhaul CP-can help. You can enjoy great savings on all in-store and on-site services.	
Check out these corporate discounted prices that you are eligable for.	
Diagnostics Bench Fee (Standard in-store diagnostics bench fee)	\$49" \$35
Component Installation (Install & configure provided peripheril)	\$29 \$26
OS Installation (Installation of OS & drivers only)	\$129\$108
Software Installation (Installation of 1 software title per package)	\$19 \$16
In-Store Hourly Rate (Billed on 1/2 hour increments)	\$69 \$58
In-Store Network Configuration (Router and 2 Devices. +\$25 for each additional device)	\$79 \$35
On-Site Hourly Rate (On-site hourly rate, 1 Hour minimum)	\$89 \$78
Free Services	
Virus & Malware Scan (Scan computer for viruses and malware infections)	\$69 FREE
System Maintenance (Keep your computer running at 100%)	\$29 FREE
Recycle Desktop/Laptop (Mac or PC computer recycle. \$15 per printer/CRT mo	\$35 FREE

The KENTUCKY TRADE

company at 373 Virginia Avenue has long been a partner with CKCS, and has offered discounts to members who show their membership card.

Freddy Peralta, confirmed, this month that his store offers members

5% discount on parts 5% on computers 10% on service



The PC HOUSE CALL is

operated by CKCS member Norm Funk. He offers special prices for CKCS members to repair computer at your home or at a home/office.

Home Office\$35 hour Phone 859,489,4837 pc.housecall@yahoo.com

We've come a long way, Baby!

By Jerry Heaton, Word processing SIG leader

I read an article recently talking about the progression of computers from when they entered the home market to now. They talked about how far computers have progressed from then to the current generation of computers. It brought to mind of my very early days working with a computer that had no hard drive – everything was on floppy discs. Computers and their programs were not really user friendly back in the late 70's or early 80's. DOS commands were prominent along with 8 letter file names and all that added to the confusion for beginning computer user.

Yes, computers and their programs have come a long way, but so have the computer users. There are still plenty of us that are still in the processing of learning the basics, but, of course, there also are a good many who are advanced users. But computer technology and programs don't stand still and they are changing so rapidly. There is always something new to learn.

It is pleasing to me that a good cross section of computer users attend my word processing special interest group sessions. There is so much to learn. I feel confident that at each monthly session, I impart something new, even to the advance user, but at the same time, every month, I learn something new from one or more students. I joke that once you learn something new you can take the rest of the day off. Using that thought, I usually am able to tell my classmates I am ready to go home during the first half hour of our (typically) two hour sessions.

I strive to make each WORD SIG session beneficial to every word processing user, regardless of the level of their WP knowledge. For this reason, I hope that those who use WP extensively and even those who are occasional users will feel comfortable in joining your classmates at a future session. Together, we attempt to make our SIGs a fun and enjoyable learning experience. Check us out this month.

> The Word Processing SIG meets twice on the first Tuesday of each month. Click here for more information. http://www.ckcs.org/sigs/msword/

Ethics in Photography



Joe Dietz
Digital Imaging
SIG Leader

By Joe Dietz joedietz@aol.com

Who owns the picture you took? Is it copyrighted? How do you copyright a picture? Why should you copyright a picture? These questions and more will be answered! Bring your questions about photography – what can you do – and what can't you do and what you should do!

For this March 23rd evening SIG, we will have a quest speaker who freelances with the Lexington Herald. Her photographs have been published worldwide.

Angela Baldridge will present basic information about copyrights. Through an interactive discussion, we will examine ways artists can protect their own images and ways to avoid infringing on the copyrights of others. We will examine recent cases in copyright law, and how developing technology continues to affect issues surrounding image ownership.

Angela Baldridge is a freelance photographer who was born in Covington, KY and currently lives and works in Lexington, KY. She received a BA from Transylvania University, and completed coursework for a Master's in Visual Communications at Syracuse University at the NY and London campuses. Her work has taken her to California, New York, Mexico, Germany, Hungary, England, and all over Kentucky where she has been inspired by people's shared and individual stories. Her photos have appeared in numerous publications locally and internationally, and in several gallery exhibitions, including MYKY at Morlan Gallery in 2010.



Angela Baldridge

Photo Contest – This month's contest will be "Winter in the Blue Grass". This is a topic that we have all been experiencing way too much in the past couple of months. However, that should mean lots of good pictures. Submit your photo to joedietz@aol.com no later than March 22. Try to resize them to 1000 pixels on the largest size. ■

The Digital Imaging SIG meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Check the "MEETING SCHEDULE" on the CKCS home page for more information.

VIDEO'S / SHOWS TO WATCH

To watch some of shows, you must have a PowerPoint program on your computer. If you don't have that, you may download a free PowerPoint viewer from this Microsoft link:

http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyID=048DC840-14E1-467D-8DCA-19D2A8FD7485&displaylang=en

Battle inside your computer Animator vs. Animation

http://fc01.deviantart.com/fs13/f/2007/077/2/e/Animator_vs__Animation_by_alanbecker.swf You may have to click on internet explorer to get to this site. Then click PLAY

More Animation

http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=jEjUAnPc2VA

360 Degree Photography

http://www.utah3d.net/

Pole Dancers

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UWxcVyBRecE

Furnished by CKCS Member Carl Peter

World War II Carrier Operations

http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=9dR3h2HdnBQ

Furnished by former CKCS Member Harvey Shackelford

Peal a potato a surprising simple cooking tip

http://www.voutube.com/watch?v=z4W0qIPJmoo

Which is faster, Morse Code or text messaging (Jay Leno show)

http://www.kkn.net/~n6tv/Text vs Morse Leno 2005 05 13.wmv

Furnished by CKCS Member Mal Gill

See where you grew up. Type in address

http://www.vpike.com

Furnished by CKCS Member Gene Wheeler



How to clean the inside of your computer screen

http://www.raincitystory.com/flash/screenclean.swf (It is safe to open this file)

Furnished by CKCS Member Lilly Crawley

Tennessee Ernie Ford Show from the 1956 to 1961 watch the boy

http://carolynspreciousmemories.com/Videos/childrengo-tennernieford.html

Furnished by CKCS Member Jerry Markussen

Apple Store Coming?

It would appear that Kentucky's second largest city will land an Apple Store by summer.

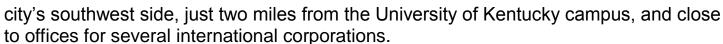
That's the word from a Web site called ifoAppleStore <www.ifoapplestore.com>.

Here's what ifoAppleStore says on its Web site:

Second Kentucky Store Identified

December 29th, 2009 Apple is racing down the stretch to complete its second retail store in Kentucky, with a summer grand opening in the Fayette Mall in Lexington, considered the "Horse Capital of the World."





The developer recently completed a 140,000 square-foot expansion, although the exact location of the future store isn't known.

The closest other Apple store is 78 miles away in Louisville (Ken.).



Here's the ad that Apple apparently posted on Monster.com:

http://tinyurl.com/yg5ckam

Here's some of what you'll find in that ad:

Apple Retail - New Store Opening - Lexington, KY

Changing the world is all in a day's work at Apple. If you love innovation, here's your chance to make a career of it. You'll work hard.

But the job comes with more than a few perks. If fulfillment, inspiration, adventure and advancement are your kind of perks, we'd love to hear from you.



Like to be around people who love technology? Like to be around technology that loves people? Apple offers a work environment unike any other. Apple Inc.

Full Time, Part Time, Employee

Lexington, KY Sales/Retail/Business Development



ifoAppleStore's Web site continually updates a Google map predicting the location of future Apple Stores.

If you check out the map <www.ifoapplestore.com/stores/store map future.html>, you'll find a blue push pin on Lexington's location.

I suspect Apple tracks customers' zip codes at its various stores.

My hunch is that many, many folks who buy Macs, iPhones, iPods, software, printers and other items, as well as the Genius Bar, at Apple Stores in Louisville and Cincinnati come from Favette County and surrounding counties in the Kentucky Bluegrass.

That, in addition to Lexington being home to the University of Kentucky, probably prompted Apple to open a store here.

Here's what you'll read on ifoAppleStore's Web site which it says confirms the store opening in Lexington possibly sometime this summer:

Favette Mall -

Fayette/Lexington (Ken.) – In late Dec. 2009 a job listing appeared for this 1.2 million square foot "super regional" mall with 150 shops southwest of this dual city with a trade population of 758,000.

The area benefits from its



horse racing industry ("Horse Capital of the World"), Univ. of Kentucky (2 miles north), and large corporate offices and factories.

The mall just completed a 140,000 expansion, but the exact location of the Apple store within the single-level mall is unknown. The store could open in July 2010.

The area benefits from its horse racing industry ("Horse Capital of the World"), Univ. of Kentucky (2 miles north), and large corporate offices and factories.

Computers Plus Opens

Another computer store that specializes in Macs and Apple products came to Lexington in late 2009. Computers Plus opened just off Nicholasville Road, down the block and across the street from the CKCS offices.

Computers Plus opened in Evansville, Ind. in 1998. Since then, it's grown into a multistate, multi-store operation with outlets in:

Kentucky

Lexington, Louisville, Bowling Green and Owensboro.

Indiana

Evansville, Clarksville, Terre Haute.

Tennessee

Chattanooga, Murfreesboro, Nashville, Cool Springs.

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How do you back-up?

I always tell students that a hard drive death is a matter of time if they keep their Mac long enough. The hard drive will eventually die and all the data on it will disappear. Sure, you could pay a huge bill to a company which specializes in salvaging your data from a hard drive that died. But there's no guarantee they could save your files.

That's why it's up to you to back-up.

The Mac makes it easy with an automatic back-up program called Time Machine. You need an external hard drive formatted in "Mac OS Extended (Journaled)."

Other possibilities include backing up your data "on the cloud." This means using an online back up system to safeguard your most valuable data by storing them on computers that could be thousands of miles from your home.

Many different options are available including:

iBackup

http://www.grapefruit.ch/iBackup/

iDrive for Mac

http://www.idrive.com/idrive-for-mac.htm

Mozy for Mac

http://mozy.com/home

Crashplan Central

http://b7.crashplan.com/landing/index.html

Jungle Disk

http://www.jungledisk.com/

Carbonite

http://www.carbonite.com/

Backblaze

http://www.backblaze.com/

SpiderOak

https://spideroak.com/

Read Macworld's review of online backup services from Sept. 2009 here: http://www.macworld.com/article/142606/2009/09/online backup.html

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Tips for Every Day Mac Users

Here are some tips to jog your memory, help you remember steps you can take to get everything working as you like it, and to improve your overall Mac experience:

Remember "Do." I use that abbreviation to remember "Dock Once." In other words. whenever I click on an icon located on my Mac's dock, I only need to click once. To open a file or folder located elsewhere on the machine, I need to click twice. But remember the simple word, "Do." That's your cue to only click an icon on the dock once.

You've tossed away a file and yet the Trash won't delete it. Try this. After throwing away a file, try closing the program you were using to view it. For example, if I trash a TextEdit file but my I keep getting a message telling me that the file is in use, I simply quit TextEdit and I should be able to empty the Trash. Once in a blue moon you may have to restart your machine if the technique mentioned above fails to work.

There are multiple ways to quit a program. You can hold down the Command button and then type a "q." You can click on the program's name up on the left-hand side of the menu bar. In the drop-down menu, click on Quit (name of program). You can hold your left mouse button down on an icon on the dock and in the small menu, click Quit.

Say you've got a JPEG or GIF (photo or graphic) that you want to save as an Adobe Acrobat Reader file (with the suffix .pdf). Open the JPEG or GIF in the program, Preview, located in your Applications folder. Then click on File--> Save As. Look down below in the box that opens and you'll be able to change the JPEG or GIF to a .pdf file or a number of other file types.

Do I need to buy Microsoft Office 2008 for Mac? I get asked that guestion a lot. Most people can get by using Neo Office (free), Open Office (free), IBM Lotus Symphony (free), or Pages (\$79 from Apple's online store, but less expensive if purchased from Amazon.com or other sources. Pages is the word processor that's part of Apple's iWork suite. All of these programs allow you to save (sometimes called "Export") word processing documents as Word files. Now there are exceptions. If you do extremely elaborate Word documents with multiple tables and templates, you probably should use Microsoft Word. If you need Excel or PowerPoint, all of the programs mentioned provide comparable applications.

My Web pages load slowly. How can I speed them up? One of the easiest ways to speed up Web pages is to use OpenDNS or the new Google DNS announced in December 2009. OpenDNS is found here: www.opendns.com. Google Public DNS is found here: http://code.google.com/speed/public-dns/.

DNS stands for domain name server. Every time you visit a Web site, your computer browser looks up the site's DNS (sort of like the Internet's phone book). Your Internet Service Provider (the company that provides your Internet service) may not offer the fastest DNS capability.

So switching to OpenDNS or Google's DNS might speed things up. Instructions for configuring your Mac to work with OpenDNS are here: https://store.opendns.com/setup/device/apple-osx-leopard/ (Instructions for Mac OS X Leopard can be used to configure Snow Leopard).

Instructions for configuring your Mac to work with Google's DNS are here: http://code.google.com/speed/public-dns/docs/using.html

If you've got a wireless router, it might make sense to set up the router so it uses OpenDNS or GoogleDSN. That way, any time your Mac connects to the Internet using a wireless signal, it will use one of those two services to load Web pages.

If you use an Apple Airport, here's the OpenDNS page with details on how to set it up so you connect to OpenDNS rather than your ISP when viewing the Web: https://store.opendns.com/setup/device/apple-airport

Bigger than Microsoft?

Finally, a writer at Low End Mac predicts Apple will become bigger than Microsoft later this year. http://tinyurl.com/ycvjcac

Tim Nash cites a number of factors in his prediction and says "the writing is on the wall." All I know is that Apple is selling a plenty of Macs, iPods, iPhones, software, and other goodies. Nash says in 19 of the past 20 quarters, Mac sales outgrew PC sales. He says increases are also seen in sales of iPod Touches, iPhones, and the iTunes Store.



This picture was taken in Ponte Vedra from the top of the I-210 bridge crossing the inter-coastal looking south towards St, Augustine and Cape Canaveral.

The photographer got up very early and took this picture of the last nighttime space shuttle launch and was kind enough to share with his co-workers and whoever else would appreciate the beauty of the space launch.

The picture was taken on Monday, February 8, 2010 at 4:14 AM, 115 miles from the launch. It was taken using a tripod and the elapsed time for the picture was several minutes in order to get the full fire-trail (this is why the stars are little lines instead of dots.

Thanks to CKCS Member Mal Gill for forwarding this remarkable photograph.