



## Central Kentucky Computer Society

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# Windows Movie Maker to be demonstrated on Tech Night

At the next session of **Tech Night** there will be a presentation on using Windows Movie Maker and Windows DVD Maker. These two software products are provided by Microsoft for Windows 7 or Vista. Fred Kendig and Brooke Thomas will demonstrate some of the software features and how they work.

You will leave the demonstration with the basic knowledge of how to make a DVD with **your** pictures, and watch it on television. The session starts at 7:00 PM on April 12<sup>th</sup> at the CKCS Resource Center, 160 Moore Drive, in Lexington.

Microsoft DVD Maker is included free in Vista and Windows 7. We will use DVD Maker to move pictures from a digital camera to your television. This will be a **step by step** process that you can do at home.

To see a sample of what you can do with a few snap shots and a little music, just click on this link....

<http://www.ckcs.org/dvdmovie.wmv> go ahead, do it now.

Students from our January class will be showing their work during Tech Night, come join the fun !

The next Movie Maker class is scheduled to start April 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM and runs through June 4<sup>th</sup>. CKCS classes cost \$60 but members receive a \$12 discount. This class is popular and fills up early, so you may wish to enroll well in advance. Both Kendig and Thomas are the primary instructors for this class. The spring class schedule is posted elsewhere in this newsletter. ■

# CKCS Plans to Send Emails to Members

By Bob Brown, President of CKCS    *crb7@yahoo.com*

The officers and directors of CKCS, in response to popular requests, are planning to generate more emails to members. We currently use the email service called LISTSERV for sending a weekly notice of upcoming events. But we have plans to expand our use of email notices.



## First, why are we going to do it?

The cost of printing and postage caused us to abandon our mailed newsletter many months ago. But we have recreated it as a part of the [www.CKCS.org](http://www.CKCS.org) website. It is available to the public worldwide.

Most members have commented that they think we have a better newsletter than before. It is true that we are no longer constrained by space limits and photo reproducing difficulties. Since it is PDF format we can have color photos on every page if we wish. The number of pages is much increased and is variable from month to month. And you can print all of it (or some of it) on your own printer, if you wish.

We have also received many requests for more notices of meetings and events. Many members tell us they missed a certain meeting because they forgot about it or did not know the planned topic. Most of our SIGs and Seminars suffer because good, widespread publicity is so difficult to achieve.

## Second, how are we going to do it?

Any voluntary organization has a problem getting work done. We do not have employees that we can assign to do the job. So we are searching for volunteers to help with the project. If you are willing to help, send an email to [ckcsq@yahoo.com](mailto:ckcsq@yahoo.com) with the word HELP in the subject line.

Part of the job is to figure out how to do the job. We are in that stage now. We have collected email addresses for about half of our members – so we need to get the other half. The brute force method of telephoning and asking everyone seems to be the best way to do it.

While we are collecting email addresses we will need to setup a policy and procedure of allowing members to choose whether or not they want to receive our emailing. In the past, we have always held to the rule that we would not send unsolicited emails nor would we allow anyone else to have our members' email addresses. The CKCS Board of Directors has changed that policy.

While we will still try to protect everyone's email address, since we are now involving a third party company, that increases the risk of trouble. We need to notify all members of the policy change and manage the process carefully to allow them to decide whether to opt in or opt out. We have not yet figured out the best way to do this.

We have selected an online mail service that will allow us to send mass emails at no cost provided

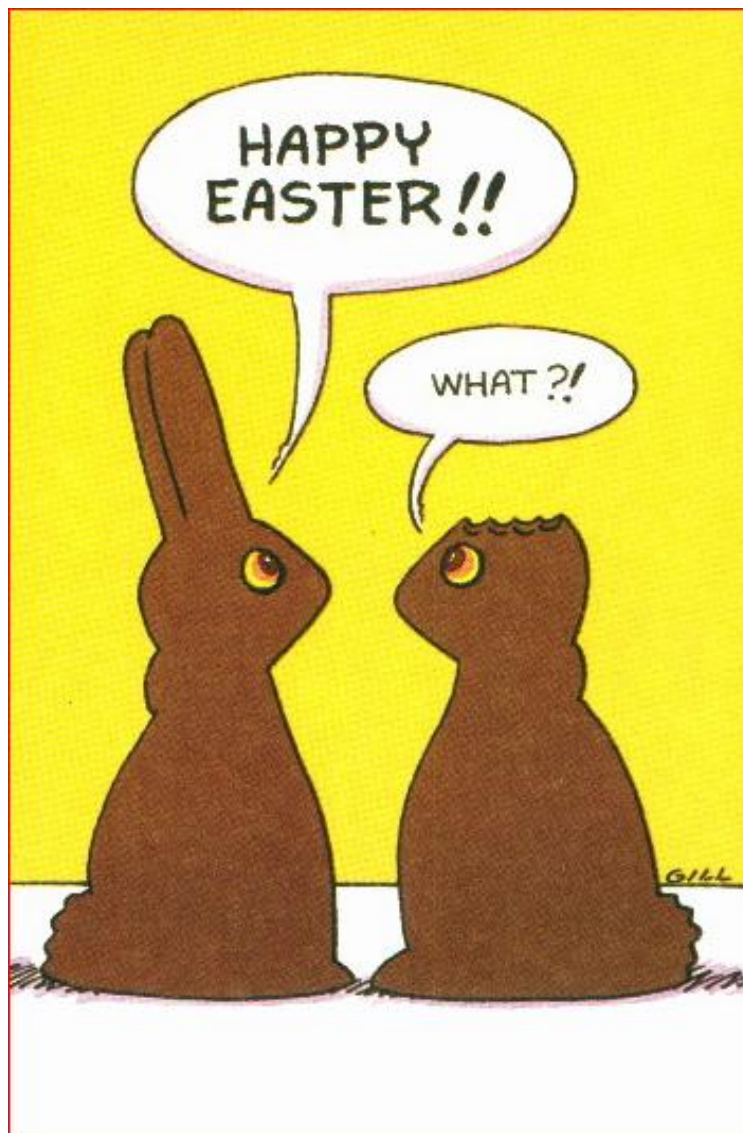


we stay below a reasonable limit. For our initial setup the limit seems acceptable. Later on, if we need to exceed the limit a small fee is required. So we need to prepare our members email addresses and upload that to the service.

After that we need to send some practice emails to verify all procedures are working correctly. Many of the officers and directors have volunteered to be “guinea pigs” so that we can debug any mistakes on them.

When the system is perfected, we will then need some help to keep it working. Everything from adding new members, updating email address changes, correcting mistakes, to choosing what emails to send will be ongoing work to be done.

Please consider helping with this project. The work will not be difficult or dangerous. And, when completed, we should have a much better method of notifying everyone about what is going on at CKCS. ■



# HELP US UPDATE OUR MEMBERSHIP EMAIL LIST

**Are you on this list?.** Either we failed to get an Email address from you earlier, or the one we had is no longer valid. Some have been members forever but have not updated their Email address upon renewal.

To help us update our membership list, please send your current Email address to our Secretary Ben Rice using [ben.rice@ckcs.org](mailto:ben.rice@ckcs.org)

ROBERT C AGEE  
JOHN M ALCORN  
EMILY & MERL BAKER  
LAURIE BARNETT  
RUTH C BEEMAN  
DAN BEGLEY  
BOB BOULDEN  
JOE BUCKLEY  
KATHLEEN M CAUDILL  
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DON CLOYD  
YVONNE COLE  
BILL CONGLETON  
LISA COMBS  
CARRIE P COX  
EDITH H CONYERS  
MARTHA E CROCKETT  
HUGH CURRAN  
NANCY DAWSON  
MARSHALL DE SHIELDS JR  
JOYCE AND BARRY  
DICKINSON  
LARRY & JOCELYN  
DICKSON  
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KEVIN GUNTER  
NORMA ANN HAMPTON  
FRANKIE HARVENER  
KENNETH J HENRY  
CHRIS HILLENMEYER  
JOHN D HINKLE  
JAY HOPKINS  
WILLIAM V HUBBARD  
COLEMAN HUFF  
MARY M ISAACS  
SARAH KANATZAR  
MARSHALL E KAYS  
B L KINCHELOE  
F D KINDRED  
BRUCE KLOBEKE  
JULIANNA LA FLECHE  
THOMAS M LAMM  
LOUISE LEDBETTER  
MAXINE LITTRELL  
HOPE ANN LOWE  
CAROL & PAUL  
MANDELSTAM  
ROBERT MCCARTY  
BOB MCCOOK  
CHARLES MCCORMICK  
MARCIA S MILLER  
SUE E MOORES

MOHAMED H NASSER  
LARRY NEUZEL  
BILLY NIKITOVITCH-WINER  
BEVERLY NORRIS  
JAMES T OSBORNE  
GLENN E PADGETT  
LARRY PARKER  
MARY LOUIS PHELPS  
EVELYN E PULITO  
KAREN RAULSTON  
RUSS REYNOLDS  
MATTIE S ROBINSON  
E C SEELEY  
MARIAN SELKE  
NORMAN SEVERIN  
W N SHELTON  
PAT SLEET  
GARLAND SMITH  
SALLY STACY  
E H STRAUS  
RUTH & ROBERT STRAUS  
PHYLLIS TACKETT  
SALLY K TERANGO  
DOTTIE VAN WINKLE  
ROBERT WAYMAN  
IVAN R WEIR  
DENISE WRIGHT  
JERRY WURMSER  
STUART ZAHALKA

# June is CKCS Election month

This is your chance to become more involved in the activities and direction of CKCS. At the annual picnic in June, nominees for the four officer positions; the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer will be elected for a one year tenure. Additionally, five director positions will be elected for a two year term.



At the March board meeting, the President appointed CKCS board member Larry Trivette to be the chairman of the Nominations committee this year. Also on that committee, he named Jim Geeding, John Newsom, Julie Steanson, and Larry Mitchum.

Any current member may be nominated, or may place their name in nomination, for any office or position. Larry Trivette may be reached by email using [lktrivette@yahoo.com](mailto:lktrivette@yahoo.com). The board would like to have one or more nominees for each office ready for the June Newsletter on June 1.

Here is your chance to become more involved with CKCS. Those with thoughts about how to grow our membership and make membership more beneficial to all members, are encouraged to volunteer.

As is normal, nominations will be accepted from the floor just prior to the election. ■

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### OFFICERS

*Tenure end June 30, 2010*

President: Bob Brown  
Vice-President: Mike Seiler  
Treasurer: Jim McCormick  
Secretary: Ben Rice

### DIRECTORS

*Tenure end June 30, 2010*

Wendell Curtis  
David Hight  
Matt Snoddy  
Paul Stackhouse  
Joe Dietz

*Tenure end June 30, 2011*

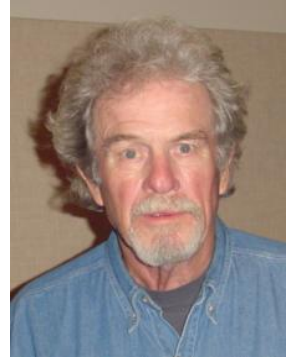
Jim Geeding  
John Newsom  
Julia Steanson  
Larry Trivette  
Larry Mitchum

Webmaster	John Newsom
Office coordinator	Jenny Brown
Newsletter	Jerry Heaton

## MEMBERSHIP CORNER

By David Highet

**M**embership at CKCS seems to be on the upswing. That is good; our challenge now is to keep it that way. This month the Spring Classes will begin, hopefully bringing new students and new members into the Central Kentucky Computer Society. Attendance at our meetings and SIGs should also rise due to better weather conditions.



A new and welcome sight is the appearance of a new pink tri-folded brochure on the front desk at CKCS. This is the new brochure prepared by our president Bob Brown to introduce and explain our fine computer group to any and all prospective new members.

This brochure explains each of the fine offerings we have to offer prospective new members. It outlines the various Special Interest Groups and classes we have to offer. It also contains a membership application, which explains our membership offerings. The brochure is designed as a mailer so that it can be mailed out to any person expressing an interest in our organization.

This excellent brochure will soon be available in quantity so that it can be placed in local libraries and other places where computer users may be found. It is also the vehicle to be used by you and me to give to all of our friends and neighbors who may be potential CKCS members. Remember – the best person to build up the membership of CKCS is you. ■

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# TO JOIN CKCS, Here is the way.

1. Click on this link <https://www.iglou.com/ckcsweb/other/onlineap.htm> and fill out the form. ( if that doesn't work, go to [www.ckcs.org](http://www.ckcs.org) and click on JOIN NOW )
2. or call (859) 373-1000 and a friendly office supervisor will be glad to help you.
3. Stop by the CKCS Resource Center at 160 Moore Drive, Lexington, 40503  
Office hours Monday through Friday 10 AM to 4PM

## 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>

### *Take a 360 view of the Sistine Chapel*

[http://www.vatican.va/various/cappelle/sistina\\_vr/index.html](http://www.vatican.va/various/cappelle/sistina_vr/index.html) (Takes time to download – worth the wait)

*Furnished by former CKCS member Harvey Shackelford*

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### *Actual film of the surrender ceremony of the Japanese to McArthur*

<http://enka2.netorage.com:9711/harddisk/user/lyk36/mumess/376-macarthurjap.htm>

*Furnished by CKCS member Joe Isaac*

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### *World air traffic over 24 hours. Aircraft are yellow in this view.*

<http://gizmodo.com/5055160/24-hour-air-traffic-around-the-world-blows-minds-eyeballs>

*Furnished by ckcs member Carl Peter*

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### *Map of the US puzzle. Can you get 100%*

<http://jimspages.com:80/States.htm>

*Furnished by CKCS member Gene Wheeler*

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### *Smart Little Bird*

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MVWoTAg9vso>

*Furnished by former CKCS member John Heaton*

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# Spring Class Schedule set for the Resource Center

Now is a great time to brush up on your computer knowledge by taking one of the dozen great classes offered by the Central Kentucky Computer Society. Best yet, by attending a Spring class, you won't be struggling with weather problems in getting to class sessions.

Scheduled classes start on the date and time indicated and are two hours in length. The sessions are once a week for 6 consecutive weeks. Classes are only \$60 but those with a current CKCS membership receive a 20% discount -- a savings of \$12. It makes an annual CKCS membership even more valuable.

Class sizes are small -- the limit is 8 students per class and each student is assigned a computer. Usually there are two or more instructors. It is easy to sign up -- just call the CKCS office (859) 373-1000 and a friendly office supervisor will help you enroll. Don't wait too long for some classes fill up early. You may reserve a class space using cash, checks, Visa or MasterCard.

All classes are held at the CKCS Resource Center, 160 Moore Drive Suite 107. ■

CLASS SCHEDULE						
Spring 2010						
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>Dig. Imaging:</b>			
<b>MORN</b>	<b>Computer Basics</b>	<b>Adv. Digital Imaging</b>	<b>Independent Work</b>		<b>DVD Movie Maker</b>	
<b>10 - 12</b>	<i>Apr 26 – Jun 7</i>	<i>Apr 27 – Jun 1</i>	<i>Apr 28 – Jun 2</i>		<i>Apr 30 – Jun 4</i>	
	Wendell Curtis	Joe Dietz	Joe Dietz		Brooke Thomas	
	Nancy Alverson	Larry Cox	Larry Cox		Darlene Mosley	
<b>AFT</b>	<b>Beyond Basics</b>	<b>Creative Graphics</b>	<b>Beg. Digital Imaging</b>	<b>Computer Basics</b>	<b>Mac OS X Basics</b>	
<b>1 - 3</b>	<i>Apr 26 – Jun 7</i>	<i>Apr 20-May 25</i>	<i>Apr 28 – Jun 2</i>	<i>Apr 29 – Jun 3</i>	<i>Apr 30 – Jun 4</i>	
	Mike Seiler	Marci Miller	B. W. Blanton	Myra Engle	Frankie Harvener	
	Larry Trivette	Lilly Crawley		Nancy Dawson	Debbie Settles	
<b>AFT</b>						
<b>4:00– 6:00</b>						
<b>4:30-6:30</b>	<b>Excel</b>			<b>Beyond Mac Basics</b>		
	<i>Apr 26 – Jun 7</i>		<i>Apr 29 – Jun 3</i>	<i>Apr 29 – Jun 3</i>		
	Larry Parker			Joe Settles		
	Larry Trivette			David Highet		
				Debbie Settles		
				Frankie Harvener		
<b>EVENING</b>						
<b>7:00-9:00</b>						

**ATTEND A CKCS CLASS  
FOR A GREAT LEARNING EXPERIENCE  
Call (859) 373-1000 for more information**



# Mac maintenance tips offered

By **Kurt Jefferson** Macintosh SIG Leader *lextown2@gmail.com*



**Kurt Jefferson**

I recently wrapped up teaching two separate Beyond Mac Basics classes at C.K.C.S.

Since you're a smart cookie and you're reading this newsletter, I decided to share some of the class handouts with you.

I'm asked a lot about Mac maintenance, especially from folks who are familiar with Windows and want to learn about Mac OS X (the "X" is pronounced "ten" like the number, not "x" like the letter).

## Mac Maintenance

Just as you need to maintain your car, you also need to keep your Mac in good working order by maintaining it.

How do you do this?

- Weekly back up your data

Notice I said weekly rather than weakly.

If you've spent hard earned money on music, you want to keep it.

If your Mac's hard drive dies, your music will disappear. Zip.

It's gone.

The same holds true for all of the other files, folders, pictures, and other "stuff" on your hard drive.

To prevent the loss of all of your "stuff," back up.

Options include Time Machine from Apple, manually copying data to CD-ROMs or DVDs and burning those discs, manually copying files to flash drives (sometimes called Travel Drives or other names).

These are small, portable hard drives that normally plug into a USB port on your Mac.

You need to store these in a safe place.

Other options include manually copying files to online backup services such as iDrive for Mac, Mozy Home or CrashPlan Central.



Macworld rates online backup services here:  
<http://tinyurl.com/nn5kwx>

Another option is Apple's iDisk service as part of its MobileMe subscription plan which includes e-mail services.

Other possibilities include excellent software such as SuperDuper! and Carbon Copy Cloner.

You can use either of these programs to copy your hard drive's "stuff" to an external hard drive.

When your hard drive dies, you'll have a copy of all the data on your external hard drive.

The companies that make these two products say they don't replace Time Machine, they just compliment it.

SuperDuper!  
<http://tinyurl.com/6krpz>

Carbon Copy Cloner  
<http://www.bombich.com>



Time Machine.app

Regardless of what method you use, the experts say everyone needs a backup and recovery plan for when that day arrives and your hard drive stops working.

Time Machine, of course, is Apple's built-in backup software available on all Macs running Leopard (10.5) or Snow Leopard (10.6).

- *Run UNIX maintenance scripts*

What in the world are we talking about here?

Maybe we should issue a geek alert.

Actually, the description is easy to understand.

Mac OS X uses the UNIX computer operating system, developed in 1969 by a group of AT&T workers at Bell Labs.

UNIX systems run scheduled maintenance routines called maintenance scripts.

These scripts clean up a variety of System logs and temporary files.

These scripts are executed every day between 3:15 and 5:30 a.m. local time, depending on the script.

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# Joe Isaac spends some time reminiscing

How young we were! Recently, Joe offered some images from a session eight years ago. A clipping from a 2002 Computer file tells the story. Are you in one of these pictures ?

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CKCS Computer File

## Joe Does Windows at July General Meeting

Find out "What's Hot and What's Not" at the next CKCS General Meeting on Monday, July 8 at 7 pm when Joe Isaac presents a crash course in Windows 98, Me, and XP.

This special meeting will take the place of the regular Windows SIG scheduled for July 9, which has been cancelled.

In case good information isn't enough to bring you to Gluck Center that evening, the first 50 arrivals will get a homemade brownie.

The first 75 will get a CD of Revised Top 50 Tips • Jokes • Tips & Reviews • Free programs such as PrintScreen • Fun videos, games, photos and other good stuff!

Two prompt and lucky attendees will each win a homemade pecan pie as a door prize. You must arrive before 7 pm to get your door prize tickets. Present proof of CKCS membership and collect two door prize tickets.

At the meeting Joe will

cover: E-mail dangers • Are Cookies dangerous? • Clean up your desktop and your taskbar tray • Viruses – Meaner than a junk yard dog • How to make your computer boot faster, run faster, and shut down faster • Virus or Hoax? How to tell the difference • Folder options (make your computer do what you want) • Your own newspaper with weather, stock, headlines and sports • Do you need a firewall? Safe or Sorry • Kill pop-up ads • Upgrade to XP or not? • Why ScanDisk and Defrag? • Screen Saver / Power Options – Which is best? • What are Hot Sheet and Google? The coolest • What you need in a new computer • Plus more, more, more!





Are you in one of these pictures?



# Welcome New Members

The Central Kentucky Computer Society welcomes the following new members whose applications were processed from Feb 21st to March 27th 2010.

BOONE BALDWIN  
KATHLEEN M CAUDILL  
PATSY A CORNS  
JOYCE AND BARRY DICKINSON  
RUSSELL GABBARD  
JOHN AND JOYCE HAHN  
MARY L. JENNINGS  
SHIRLEY E O'CANNA  
THOMAS P REFBORD  
DON C SULLIVAN

A special thank you to the following members who renewed their membership during this reporting period.

DELORES CAVINS  
MEL COBB  
EDITH H. CONYERS  
LILLY H. CRAWLEY  
DAVID R CLARK  
BILL COLLINS  
LISA COMBS  
RICHARD N DAWSON  
WILLIAM DICKENS  
E J EISENBRAUN  
CHRIS EKRISS  
JEANNINE ESSIG  
MAUDINE FRISBY  
JIM GEEDING  
ROBERT & BETTY HAYNES  
SARAH T HENRY  
DAVID J HIGHET  
CAROLYN L HOLMES  
COLEMAN HUFF  
JAMES HUGHES  
BARBARA JAEGER  
BETTY LAMPKIN  
NANCY N LAWRENCE  
MAXINE LITTRELL

ROGER D MARION  
CHESTER J MYERS  
LEONARD MORRIS  
DARLENE MOSELY  
JANET E POWELL  
BEN F RICE  
FRANCES SAINDON  
MIKE SEILER  
NORMAN SEVERIN  
WILLIAM O SLONE  
DAVID L STATEN  
TIM TASSIE  
BROOKS T THOMAS  
LARRY K TRIVETTE  
HAROLD WASHBURN  
NORMA WHITAKER  
MARLA G YOUNG, CRNA

Information provided by CKCS Secretary Ben Rice ■

## Open Discussion

# Tools in your Digital Imaging Program

By Joe Dietz [joedietz@aol.com](mailto:joedietz@aol.com)



**Joe Dietz**  
Digital Imaging  
SIG Leader

At 7:00 PM on April 27<sup>th</sup> at the Digital Imaging Special Interest Group, we are going to talk about some of the different tools that we use in our digital imaging programs with some emphasis on text. Putting a few words on your picture can help explain a lot – what is happening, why it is happening or just a reference to whom the person might be or where the scene might be.

Text can be very simple or dressed up. You can fill your text with gradients or with other images. You can add drop shadows. In about the same way you change the font, the size or the color in your word processing program, you can change them in your digital imaging program. You can create text on a curve. Change the spacing between the letters or the lines. It goes on and on.

Here are a few examples.

Filled

Text on a Curve

Drop Shadows

Buttonize

Gradient

Then we will discuss whatever anyone wants to talk about in digital imaging.

**The topic for the photography contest** this month is shadows or reflections. Some examples appear on the following page:

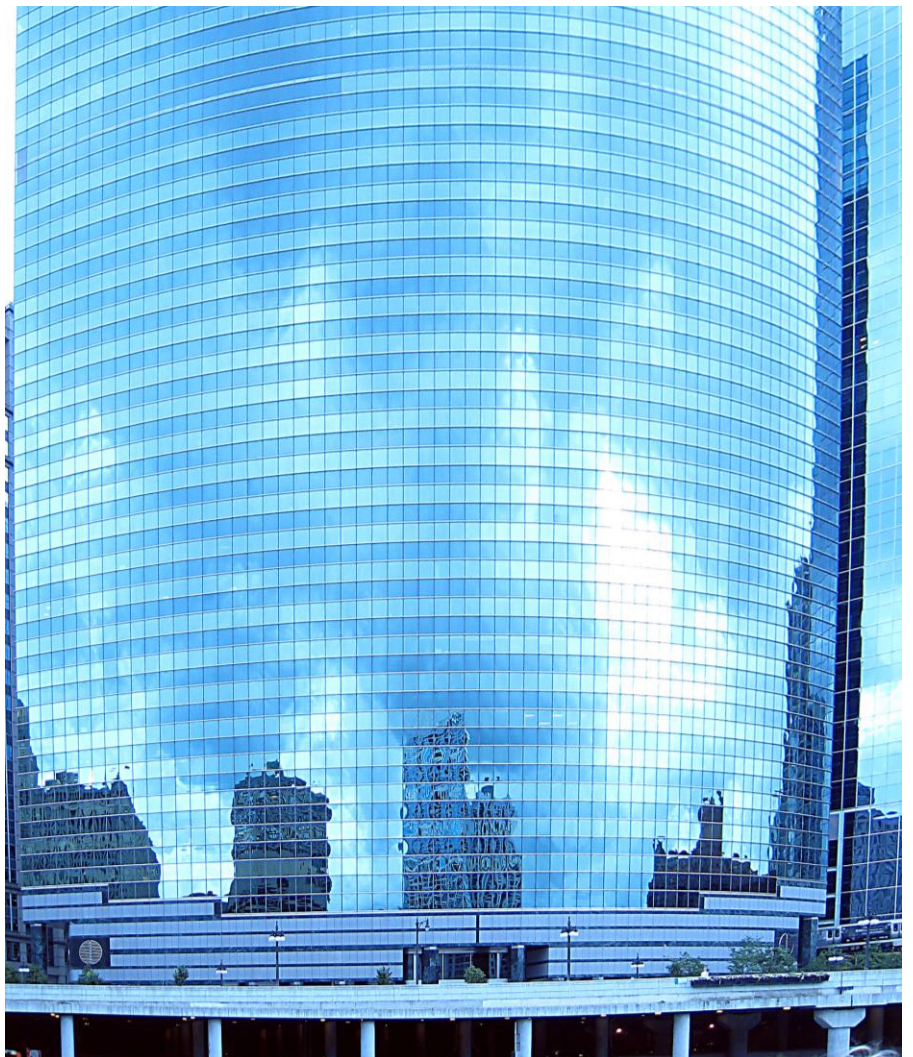




## EXAMPLES OF REFLECTIONS . . .

Or whatever else your creative minds think that reflections might be!

See ya on the 27<sup>th</sup>. ■



# *Imagic* for digital imaging released

This item appeared in the Association of Personal Computer User Group release.  
Furnished by CKCS board member Larry Mitchum

**STOIK** Imaging announced the release of the Premium edition of **Imagic**, a video and image processing solution with enriched functionality. The standard edition is distributed free of charge and provides the advanced features of the Premium edition for 30 days. Features include creation of stereo images, panoramas, slideshows and collages, sophisticated photo editing tools and more. Both editions support direct uploading of photos to Google Picasa and Flickr. A combination of various functions allows working with one versatile solution instead of purchasing and installing several programs.

The built-in photo editor features a Retouch Brush, Skin Makeup, Lens Correction, Color Variations, and many automatic correction functions. It is easy to align and crop photos as well as apply various artistic effects, frames, and clipart images. Besides photo processing, the photo editor also features creation of different kinds of puzzles.

In addition to support for .MPO files (available in the previous edition), Imagic Premium now features creation of stereo images (anaglyphs, .JPS and .PNS files); extending a photographers' opportunities. Another useful feature is Dark Room editor for processing of .RAW and flat photos. The original image remains unchanged, as all adjustments are saved as a set of parameters. The .RAW files can be converted to a variety of formats, while .JPEG files can be optimized in quality and reduced in size. The convenient browsers of Imagic Premium allow the user to find any file quickly and easily due to fast indexing algorithm scans and their ability to search by EXIF attributes. There are three browser types; a common Folder Browser, a Calendar Browser for organizing files chronologically and the Tags

Browser for organizing by categories. However, the browsers are not intended just for organizing photos and video files, but they can automatically detect all matching photos and seamlessly create panoramas in a single click. Other sophisticated browser features are Batch processing, Geotagging, Slideshow creation and more.

The built-in video editor offers other features; frames can be cut, trimmed and rotated, adjust brightness and contrast, apply effects and transitions, use various titles and captions, and add audio files or record narration. The results can be exported to a variety of popular formats. The program supports multiple ways of sharing images; e-mailing, creating slideshows, uploading images to Google Picasa, Flickr and other web photo albums, as well as direct printing with advanced options.

STOIK Imagic Premium is compatible with Windows XP/ Vista/ 7 and costs \$49.00 USD for a singleuser license. User group members get a 25% discount on all STOIK products by using the coupon code "DEALSGUY" in the appropriate space when ordering; good through May 2010. Direct download link: <<http://store.eSellerate.net/sti/dg>> (Check the calculated closely when ordering)  
Company website: <http://www.stoik.com/> ■



# WD-40

A product on the market, WD-40 has been around for years. Its label says it stops squeaks, loosens rusted parts, and frees sticky mechanisms. Leave it to housewives, and maintenance types to find dozens of other uses. Today most households have a spray can of this product on hand.

CKCS member Gene Wheeler furnished the following item that has been circulating the internet for several years which lists dozens of other uses for this product.



What is the main ingredient of WD-40 ? Before you read to the end, does anybody know what the main ingredient of WD-40 is? Don't lie and don't cheat. The answer appears at the end.

WD-40. Who knew; I had a neighbor who bought a new pickup. I got up very early one Sunday morning and saw that someone had spray painted red all around the sides of this beige truck (for some unknown reason). I went over, woke him up, and told him the bad news. He was very upset and was trying to figure out what to do.... probably nothing until Monday morning, since nothing was open.

Another neighbor came out and told him to get his WD-40 and clean it off. It removed the unwanted paint beautifully and did not harm his paint job that was on the truck. I'm impressed! WD-40 who knew? 'Water Displacement #40'. The product began from a search for a rust preventative solvent and degreaser to protect missile parts. WD-40 was created in 1953 by three technicians at the San Diego Rocket Chemical Company. Its name comes from the project that was to find a 'water displacement' compound.. They were successful with the fortieth formulation, thus WD-40. The Convair Company bought it in bulk to protect their atlas missile parts. Ken East (one of the original founders) says there is nothing in WD-40 that would hurt you...

When you read the 'shower door' part, try it. It's the first thing that has ever cleaned that spotty shower door. If yours is plastic, it works just as well as glass. It's a miracle! Then try it on your stove top ... Viola! It's now shinier than it's ever been. You'll be amazed.

## WD-40 uses:

1. Protects silver from tarnishing.
2. Removes road tar and grime from cars.
3. Cleans and lubricates guitar strings.
4. Gives floors that 'just-waxed' sheen without making them slippery.
- 5.. Keeps flies off cows.
6. Restores and cleans chalkboards.
7. Removes lipstick stains.
8. Loosens stubborn zippers.
9. Untangles jewelry chains.
10. Removes stains from stainless steel sinks.
11. Removes dirt and grime from the barbecue grill.
12. Keeps ceramic/terracotta garden pots from oxidizing.
13. Removes tomato stains from clothing.
14. Keeps glass shower doors free of water spots.

15. Camouflages scratches in ceramic and marble floors.
16. Keeps scissors working smoothly.
17. Lubricates noisy door hinges on vehicles and doors in homes.
18. It removes black scuff marks from the kitchen floor! Use WD-40 for those nasty tar and scuff marks on flooring. It doesn't seem to harm the finish and you won't have to scrub nearly as hard to get them off. Just remember to open some windows if you have a lot of marks.
19. Bug guts will eat away the finish on your car if not removed quickly! Use WD-40!
20. Gives a children's playground gym slide a shine for a super fast slide.
21. Lubricates gear shift and mower deck lever for ease of handling on riding mowers...
22. Rids kids rocking chairs and swings of squeaky noises..
23. Lubricates tracks in sticking home windows and makes them easier to open..
24. Spraying an umbrella stem makes it easier to open and close.
25. Restores and cleans padded leather dashboards in vehicles, as well as vinyl bumpers.
26. Restores and cleans roof racks on vehicles.
27. Lubricates and stops squeaks in electric fans
28. Lubricates wheel sprockets on tricycles, wagons, and bicycles for easy handling.
29. Lubricates fan belts on washers and dryers and keeps them running smoothly.
30. Keeps rust from forming on saws and saw blades, and other tools.
31. Removes splattered grease on stove.
32. Keeps bathroom mirror from fogging.
33. Lubricates prosthetic limbs.
34. Keeps pigeons off the balcony (they hate the smell).
35. Removes all traces of duct tape.
36. Folks even spray it on their arms, hands, and knees to relieve arthritis pain.
37. Florida's favorite use is: 'cleans and removes love bugs from grills and bumpers.'
38. The favorite use in the state of New York , WD-40 protects the Statue of Liberty from the elements.
39. WD-40 attracts fish. Spray a little on live bait or lures and you will be catching the big one in no time. Also, it's a lot cheaper than the chemical attractants that are made for just that purpose. Keep in mind though, using some chemical laced baits or lures for fishing are not allowed in some states.
40. Use it for fire ant bites. It takes the sting away immediately and stops the itch.
41. WD-40 is great for removing crayon from walls. Spray on the mark and wipe with a clean rag.
42. Also, if you've discovered that your teenage daughter has washed and dried a tube of lipstick with a load of laundry, saturate the lipstick spots with WD-40 and rewash. Presto! The lipstick is gone!
43. If you sprayed WD-40 on the distributor cap, it would displace the moisture and allow the car to start.

P.S. The basic ingredient is FISH OIL ■

# Mac maintenance tips offered

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If your Mac is shut down or in sleep mode during this time, the maintenance scripts won't run.

That means log files grow larger and larger over time (ever read *War and Peace*), taking up ever more hard drive space.

You can run the maintenance scripts manually or you can use a software program to do it for you.

Read "The X Lab" Web site about manually running your maintenance scripts.

<http://tinyurl.com/y95j8rw>

Personally, I choose not to manually run maintenance scripts.

Instead, I let a small program do it for me.

There are a number of programs you can run including OnyX, Main Menu, Cocktail, Yasu, Mac Pilot, and Macaroni.

I choose the \$10 program Macaroni.

<http://www.atomicbird.com/macaroni>

Truth squad alert: I also use OnyX and MainMenu, but I use them for other chores.

Read an excellent 2008 article on running scripts by Canadian Charles Moore on the Low End Mac Web site.

<http://tinyurl.com/69xctm>

The article is called *Does Running OS X System Maintenance Routines Really Do Any Good?*

Don't let the long title turn you away. Moore talks about Leopard (10.5) since Snow Leopard hadn't been developed yet but what he writes also applies to Mac OS X 10.6.

Now back to our movie.

Once I install Macaroni, it automatically runs daily, weekly, and monthly maintenance scripts.

As Macaroni's Web site says, "All this work happens in the background, automatically. It's like a Roomba for your Mac."

(A Roomba is a robot).

- *Clean your caches*

Caches are storage places on your Mac's hard drive. These can become filled with all kinds of files.



Here's how Mac360 explains it:

Unbeknownst to most Mac users, our Macs collect and store information for us; sometimes useful, often not, but collected nonetheless.

For example, your Mac remembers your most recent applications, documents, folders, servers, and URLs.

There's font caches, temporary files, the trash, user cache files, the clipboard, and more.

Some applications, such as Camino, Firefox, Safari and others collect cookies, download information, page history information, site icons, even passwords, and data field information.

If you use different chat utilities, they leave little trails of icons, conversation history, contact details, and more in various and sundry caches scattered on your Mac.

What happens to all that information? Most of it just sits there, growing, taking up space, though some files can impede your Mac's performance over time.

Mac360's article is here:

<http://tinyurl.com/6fg7yx>

Mac360 prefers a \$20 program called MacCleanse.

Other similar programs include:

- Snow Leopard Cache Cleaner (\$10)
- AppleJack (free)
- Main Menu (\$20)
- Macaroni (\$10)
- Ice Clean (\$1 donation)
- Maintenance (free)
- OnyX (free)
- Yasu (\$3.50)
- Cocktail (\$15)

### **Notable Articles**

Essential Mac Maintenance "Get Set Up" article from Macworld:

<http://tinyurl.com/4f7y27>

Essential Mac Maintenance "Rev up your routines"

<http://tinyurl.com/4kybam>



Prevent Mac Disasters “Eight Simple Steps You Can Take Now To Keep Your Mac From Falling Apart” article from Macworld:  
<http://tinyurl.com/bmw6te>

- *Check your preferences*

When you use Apple Mail, Safari, or any other application, you customize it to your own liking.

Say you set Pages (the Apple word processor) so every time a blank word processor page opens, the Georgia font is displayed when you begin typing.

You’ve customized your word processor. And you’ve changed the preferences so it suits your own preference.

Well, preferences can get corrupt. And a free program called Preferential Treatment will check your preferences and fix them if they’ve gone bad.

Preferential Treatment can be downloaded here:  
<http://tinyurl.com/ysw7bd>

If you’re the type of person who’s comfortable with typing commands on the keyboard rather than using Preferential Treatment, feel free to use Apple’s utility called Terminal.

You can check for bad preferences files using Terminal. Read all about in this *Macworld* article:  
<http://tinyurl.com/bmw6te>

- *Repair your permissions*

Macworld puts it this way. If you’ve ever gotten a message that your word processor can’t save a document you’ve been working on for an hour, your Mac’s permissions might have gone bad.

Another possibility is that Apple Mail won’t allow you to change its preferences (say you want to change the font size in your mail messages).

Or it’s possible you can’t open a program.

All of these are possible symptoms of broken permissions.

The solution? To repair broken permissions, go to your Utilities folder and launch Disk Utility.

Click on your startup disk (this is the hard drive that starts up your machine. You’ll see it listed on the left).

Finally, click on the Repair Disk Permissions button down below.



It can take as long as 15 minutes for your machine to fix its permissions and stop the Mac's strange behavior.

If you download a lot of software you might want to repair your permissions once a week.

# Installing Software on your Mac

Here is the box that greets you on your Mac's screen when you begin downloading software.

Downloading software means you are electronically moving a copy from another computer to your own machine.

Notice the box to the left shows the name of the software, the total download size—160 MB (megabytes), how much of the software has been downloaded to your machine—21.6 MB, download speed, and an estimate of how long it will take for the software to be completely downloaded to your Mac.

After the download is completed, you'll see this box appearing on your Mac's screen.

I always click on the "Clear" button at the bottom of the window to clear my downloads list. I see no reason to keep a list of all the software that I've downloaded onto my Mac.

This is simply a list of downloaded software and nothing more. When you clear the list, you're not deleting software from your Applications folder.

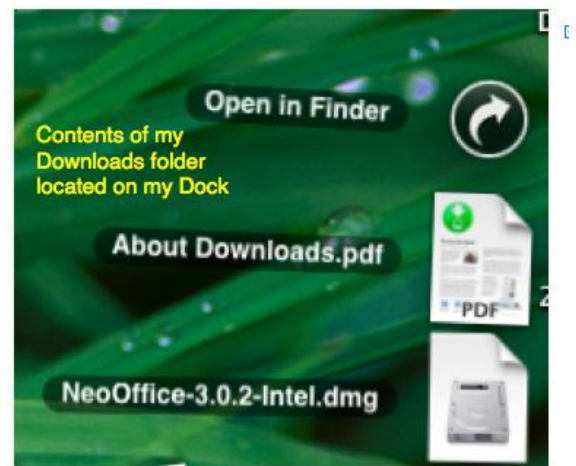
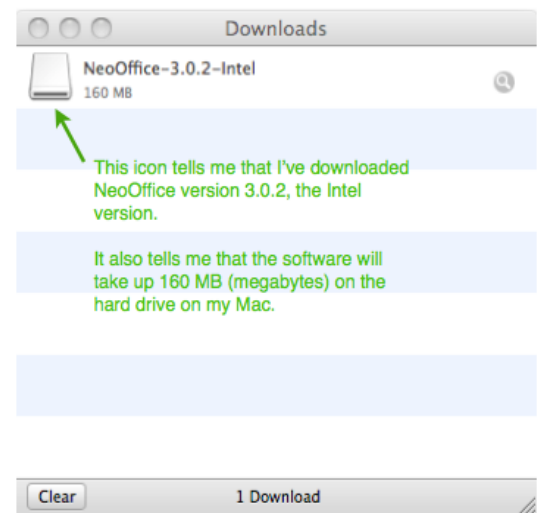
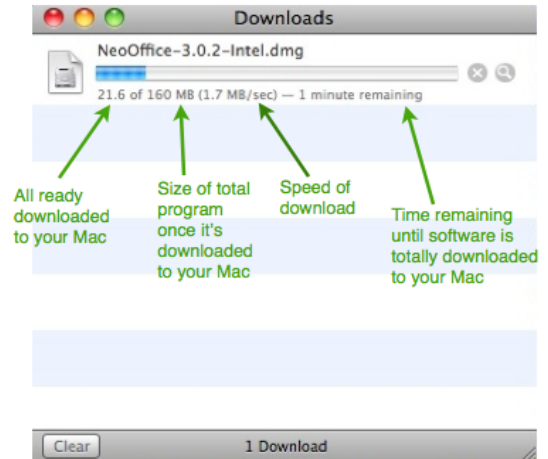
The installer is probably in your Downloads folder on your Dock.

Note: If the Downloads folder is not located on your Dock (to the left of the Trash) it's in your Home folder.

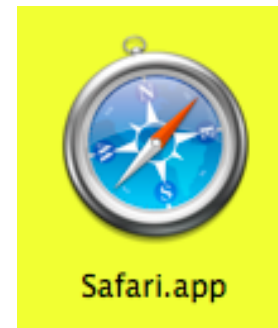
The installer has the suffix .dmg. To delete the installer after you install the program, drag the installer from your Downloads folder to the Desktop, drag the installer to the Trash and empty your Trash to delete it.

There's no reason to keep installers in your Downloads folder.

I copy the installers for software I download to an external hard drive so I'll have them in case I need to reinstall the software.



Note: If you primarily use Apple's Safari browser when you download software, the installer will most likely go to your Downloads folder. In some cases, the installer may end up on your Desktop, or you may be asked where you want to put it. No matter, delete installers after you install the software in your Applications folder. There's simply no good reason to keep old installers in your Mac's hard drive.



Another option is to burn the installers to a CD or DVD.

This white icon contains the installer for NeoOffice which I just downloaded. If you double-click the icon, you'll spot the installer for software you downloaded. There is no reason to keep this white icon containing the software installer. Trash it.



Note: If you trash the white icon but you get a message that you're unable to empty your Trash, make sure you've completed installing the program. In many cases, you'll be prompted to restart your Mac after installing new software.

Try to empty your Trash after restarting your machine.

If you still have trouble emptying your Trash, check out this page from Indiana University:  
<http://kb.iu.edu/data/abmi.html>

This customized icon for the e-mail program, Thunderbird, is similar to the icon shown above for NeoOffice. It contains the installer for Thunderbird.



There is no reason to keep this white icon containing the software installer. Trash it.

This customized icon for the Web browser Firefox is similar to the icon shown above for Thunderbird and for the white NeoOffice installer shown above it. The colorful icon contains the installer for the Firefox browser.

There is no reason to keep this icon containing the software installer. Trash it so it doesn't take room in your hard drive.

You may be greeted with this screen after you



download software. Notice the icon on the right resembles your Applications folder.

In fact, it's an alias of just that. If you look closely, you'll see an arrow on the lower left-hand side of the Applications folder spotted here. That tells you the folder is an alias.

The picture is telling you to drag the Thunderbird icon into your Applications folder.

A variation on the screen above shows how to install the utility OnyX.

You're told to drag the icon to either your Applications or Utilities folder.

In most cases, you'll want to drag an icon for an application into your Applications folder (rather than your Utilities folder).

OnyX is a free tool that offers valuable features for Mac users.



Here's another installation screen. This time it's for the popular Mac weather software, Seasonality.

Notice on any of these software installation screens, you can simply drag an icon into your Applications folder. Usually an Applications folder alias is shown directly on the screen as shown.

If no Applications folder is shown but you have a colorful icon (with an .app suffix, which stands for application), simply drag it into your Applications folder.

You can do this in two ways:

Open your hard drive and drag the application software icon (the colorful icon) into your Applications folder.

Click on the white lozenge-shaped icon in the installation





window. This will open what's called the sidebar.

Drag the application software icon into your Applications folder shown on the sidebar. As you drag the software icon into your sidebar's Applications folder, the Applications folder shown in the sidebar will have a circle around it. That's a visual cue that you're dragging the software into the correct sidebar item.

**No, No, No.** You cannot install Windows programs on a Mac unless you run a program such as:

Boot Camp [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boot\\_Camp\\_\(software\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boot_Camp_(software))

Parallels Desktop for Mac [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parallels\\_Desktop\\_for\\_Mac](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parallels_Desktop_for_Mac)

VMware Fusion [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/VM\\_fusion](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/VM_fusion)

To use one of the above programs on your Mac, you must have a separate copy of the Windows operating system. Read more here about installing Boot Camp from Apple: <http://tinyurl.com/ycoqx3y>

An exception is:

CrossOver Mac by CodeWeavers

<http://www.codeweavers.com/products/cxmac/>

CrossOver Mac is a unique program in that it allows you to run some Windows programs on your Mac without installing Windows.

Note: If you choose to run Windows on your Mac using Boot Camp, Parallels Desktop for Mac or VMware Fusion, remember you need to install anti-virus, anti-spyware, and anti-malware software on the Windows portion of the hard drive and update it often.

The Windows section is prone to viruses, worms, spyware, pop-up ads, root kits (tries to track your keyboard usage to collect credit card numbers), and all the other bad stuff that attacks Windows PCs.

If you aren't interested in running Windows, but just want to download Mac software, make sure the suffix on the software you're trying to install is not .exe (stands for Windows executable, or put another way, a Windows software program).

Without special software (such as Boot Camp, Parallels Desktop for Mac, and VMware Fusion), Macs won't run software with an .exe suffix. When downloading software, just make sure it's the Mac version and not a Windows version. ■

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