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The Drones are coming for a Tech Night visit



Jaime Simpson


Jaime Simpson, in photo at left, owner of the Compu Tech Solutions, will present a program involving a latest addition to the tech and photography world – the flying drone with camera. The highlight of the evening will be a flight demonstration of the drones he sells (weather permitting). All this will occur at CKCS on Monday, July 13, at 7 p.m.

This is the second time Jaime has visited CKCS. The last time was in May for a presentation to the Digital Photography SIG. Unfortunately, the forecast for dangerous storms that night might have discouraged a good number of our members from attending. His return in July is by popular request.

Jaime specializes in aerial video photography. He has agreed to give us an overview of the type of drones that are available, their capabilities and the

safety concerns which have been addressed by the FAA. Anyone who purchases a drone from his company receives detailed personalized training on its operation and how to fly it.

The unit contains a camera and a GPS which works in tandem and all this will be demonstrated in our parking lot at the conclusion of his presentation.

Be sure to mark it on your calendar to be sure you don't miss this presentation. As always, bring a guest and acquaint them about the benefits of being a CKCS member. 



Photos by Boone Baldwin

See what is in your newsletter this month

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President's Comments

By Brooke Thomas
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New Board...New Year...Same Challenges


During June's Annual Meeting and Picnic, elections were held and the new Board of Directors starts this month. During the past three years we have worked on three main areas; increasing membership, developing new classes and workshops, and keeping CKCS in the black. Project Face Lift and the Good Giving Guide Challenge has helped with our financial health. We developed some new workshops and the classes are holding their own. That's not to say that we don't need to put some effort in this area to keep it fresh. Developing relevant and interesting classes and workshops will help us attract new members, which is our main challenge this year.

Since we do not have a publicity budget we must rely on word of mouth and other free and creative outlets. This is where you come in. Pick up some brochures when you are in the office. Pass them around to neighbors, family and your organizations. Also, consider getting involved with the Publicity/Membership Committee. We had our first meeting under the leadership of Debby Gianinni on June 29. Future events and efforts will be outlined in next month's newsletter. If you have ideas you would like to share, please feel free to send those to me at President@ckcs.org.

Everyone Pitches In

Our presenters and instructors are going to be particularly appreciative of Jerry Heaton's latest handiwork. He has repaired the unsightly hole in the SIG room front wall and moved the speakers and subwoofer so we won't be knocking them off the wall all the time. It takes everyone pitching in to keep CKCS the best it can be. Thank you, Jerry!

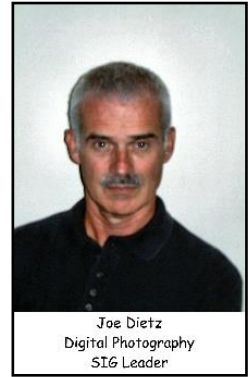
Take Five

The Thursday morning Photo Coffee has started a new activity each Thursday morning at 9:30. They are taking five minutes to watch a slide show of a members' photos. Nancy Bonhaus and Carolyn Nichols presented in June. Nancy Bowling and Kathy Davis are on the schedule for July. It's been fun seeing each other's photos and getting new ideas and tips to make our photos better. "Take Five" this Thursday and join the fun! 

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Central Kentucky Computer Society Digital Photography Special Interest Group 2015 “Hall of Fame” Photo Contest

July 28, 2015



This year we have a great list of topics for our annual photo contest. Based on your recommendations, the three categories for this year are:

Black and White Images
Emotions/Expressions
Urban Angles/Architecture.

The contest will be at the July 28, 2015 SIG meeting at CKCS. Let your imagination be your guide.

This year we are again asking members to leave their pictures with us! We will display the three winners in the main room and use several others to decorate the main room and the front window.

In order to submit images:

- You must be a member of CKCS.
- No photos that have been submitted in previous contests at CKCS can be used.
- Each member can submit a maximum of three pictures. They can all be in one category or spread among the three categories.
- Picture and matte or digital frame (if used) can be no larger than 8 ½ by 11 inches.
- No Foam Board (they are hard to hang).
- No hard frames – digital frames are ok.
- With each picture be sure to include either on the back of the picture or on a sheet of paper, your name, your email address, the name of the picture and the



category in which you want the picture to be. If no category is listed, I get to pick which category. (I know someone will submit a black and white image of a smiling kid sitting in a triangular window downtown ... and what category will that be? Better you choose than me!)

- Pictures must be placed in my CKCS mailbox no later than **noon** on Monday, July 27.

Each attendee will be able to vote for **Best-of-Show** and on the top three pictures of each category. Awards will be given for “**Best of Show**” and first, second and third place for each category.

Thanks for all your support! See you there!

June winners of Digital Photography contest

Category: **Stained Glass/Leaded Glass**



1st Place

Jan Landers-Lyman

2nd Place

Ray Hughes



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TECH TALK

By Joe Isaac
joeisaac@twc.com

Windows 10 to be ready by the end of this month

Windows 10 will be out on July 29. You can reserve your copy now by clicking on the Windows Icon on the RIGHT side of your Taskbar. Classmates with Windows 7 or 8.1 should do free upgrade to Windows 10 at the end of July. Remember it is

FREE

To reserve your copy, a 'windows symbol' should show on the right side of your task bar – in the illustration, the arrow is pointing to the symbol. Just click on it and follow with a couple of clicks and your free copy of Windows 10 will be reserved for you. Microsoft will automatically download the program to your computer at their convenience and send you a message to alert you it is ready and okay to install. They have made this reservation and installation process very simple.



Please remember there is no CKCS Windows meeting in July

**At our August 11 meeting will be a full
Windows 10 demonstration**



Windows 10 is our future



For the latest information click on:

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

Then click on:

Windows 10 TIPS and TRICKS*

[http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/windows-10-faq?ocid=Reserve r Confirmation mod2 faq](http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/windows-10-faq?ocid=Reserve_r_Confirmation_mod2_faq)

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News to use

Word SIG change for July and August

Word SIG regular instructor Larry Trivette is taking a vacation from leading the Word SIG during July and August so he may work on one of his favorite hobbies, genealogy. Invited to take his place during this period is Jerry Heaton who returns to lead the SIG for those two months on the first Tuesday of each month. Those dates are July 7 and August 4.



Jerry Heaton

The SIG will meet twice on July 7 – the first at 1:30 p.m. and a repeat session will be at 7 p.m. that same day. Depending upon the interest shown on the two sessions in July will determine if there will be two sessions or only one session in August.

This month, Jerry plans a ‘free-wheeling’ set of topics, most on MS Word use, but some will touch on email, Windows, and other general topics as well. The session will begin with questions and answers and who knows where that will take the discussion. We will talk about how tables of contents work, creating calling cards, looking at newspapers, the latest version of Word and Office programs, how and when to do windows updates, using systems restore, a program called Overdrive and much more.

You are invited – Tuesday, July 7, at 1:30 and/or 7 p.m. It ought to be a fun session.

Dr. Fixit at Kentucky Trade

On June 13, the Dr. Fixit SIG visited our corporate sponsor, KyTrade on Virginia Avenue and our own skilled members joined the entire KyTrade staff of technicians to diagnose and fix sick computers – for free (if no parts were used). Freddy Peralta, the KyTrade owner, has been a long time supporter of CKCS, for which we are most grateful. For several years, they even have had a sign on their wall promoting our society – see picture. CKCS members receive a five percent discount when making purchases at KyTrade by showing a current membership card.




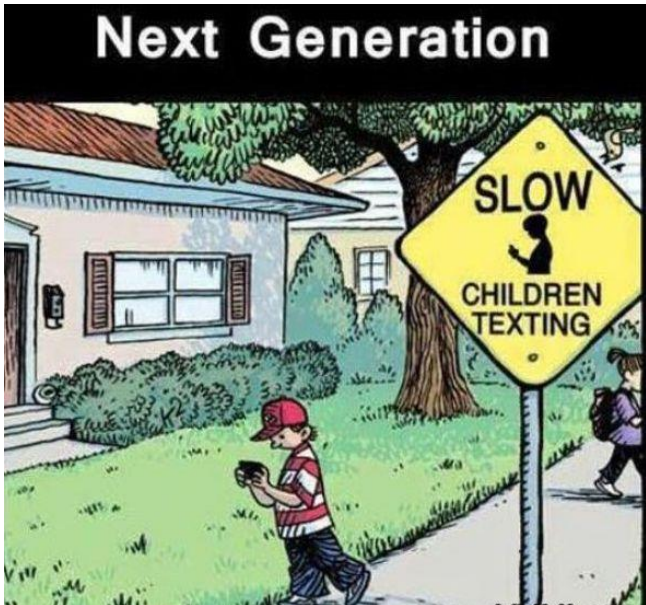
Some SIGs take a holiday in July

- Bob Brown announced that the Mystery SIG will not meet in July.
- Kurt Jefferson is teaching Kentucky youth at the Aviation Museum; therefore, he will not be conducting his normal Mac and iPad SIG this month. He returns in August.
- Dr. Fixit SIG has no meeting this month due to the special meeting last month at KyTrade plus the first Saturday is the Independence Day holiday.
- Joe Isaac is taking the month of July off – getting ready for the roll-out of Windows 10.



Have you lost a jacket, sweater or umbrella?

Over the past year or so, we have accumulated several jackets, a sweater and recently an umbrella at the CKCS Resource Center. If you are missing one of these, you need to check our coat rack on the back of the bookcase located next to the CKCS entrance door. Some of those items have been there for a very long time. We will wait another 45 days and then the plan is to donate them to Goodwill or some such company if they are not claimed by mid-August. 



"PLAYING OUTSIDE" THESE DAYS

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After the breach, should I give up on LastPass? Hackers attack one of the most-used password managers



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

“LastPass is one of the most popular and well-respected password managers, so this isn’t some rinkydink operation.” — *Gizmodo*, June 16, 2015

“The folks at LastPass aren’t dummies. It’s unlikely this breach will result in those who obtain the stolen data unlocking many vaults at all, so long as LastPass’s description of how it holds user data is accurate and well implemented.” — *FastCompany*, June 15, 2015

“We are confident that our encryption measures are sufficient to protect the vast majority of users.” — *Joe Siegrist*, LastPass co-founder and CEO announced in mid-June after his team discovered and blocked suspicious activity on the LastPass network.



Kurt Jefferson

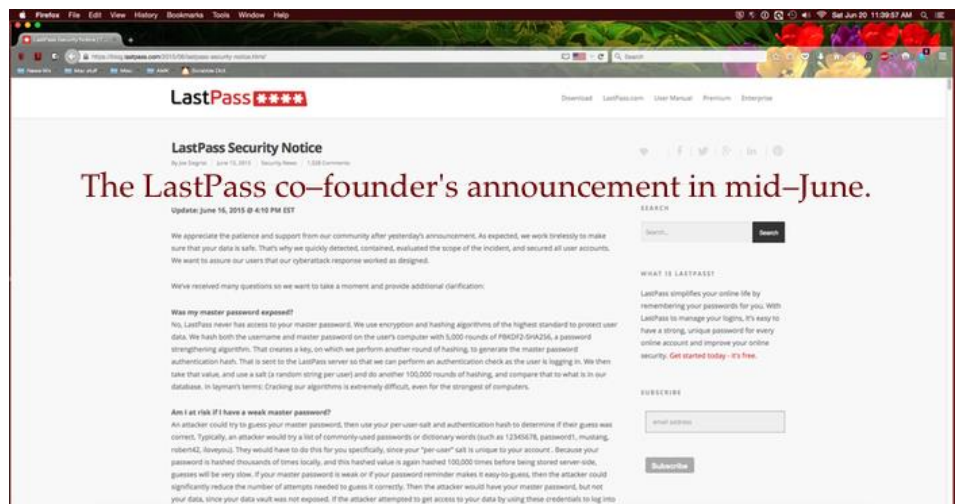
- [LastPass Security Notice – Issued June 16, 2015](#)

[Am I An Idiot for Still Using a Password Manager?](#) asks Gizmodo after hackers breach security at one of the largest and most respected password manager operations, LastPass.

“First off, no, you’re not an idiot if you use a password manager. Using a password manager is miles better than using the same password over and over,” writes Kate Knibbs in an article she wrote for *Gizmodo* in mid-June.

What actually occurred? The LastPass “network was breached...hackers made off with user email addresses, password reminders and encrypted master passwords,” writes Nicole Perlroth in *The New York Times* in its Bits tech blog. She added, “The company found no evidence that LastPass user accounts were compromised, or that hackers were able to get users’ master passwords...”

In other words, if you keep your passwords in LastPass, the company says your data is safe and was not stolen.





A security engineering manager told *The New York Times*, “the attack gave hackers a list of LastPass user email addresses that they could target in so-called phishing attacks, in which they send victims emails with links that try to trick users into revealing more data, like a fake “Update your LastPass master password,” email that can be used to crack their accounts.”

LastPass urged users to change their master passwords, and to activate multifactor authentication, which is an extra security measure.

For years, I’ve used the LastPass grid, which forces me to enter the appropriate letter or number every time I use the LastPass app on the Mac or iPad.

It’s sort of like playing bingo every time you want to get to your passwords, after you enter the LastPass master password. This is a type of multifactor authentication offered by LastPass.

The real issue here, as I see it, is the vulnerability of web-based password managers.

I use the LastPass app downloaded from the Mac App Store and App Store for iOS devices. I don’t normally access my passwords using the LastPass web site because a number of articles have said accessing passwords by using a secure app is typically safer than by accessing them via the Web.

The Gizmodo piece notes, “none of the major managers like LastPass or 1Password have experienced a hack bad enough to actually expose users’ password vaults yet, so they do have a decent track record.”

Gizmodo concludes, “It’s an imperfect reality, but to play it safe, it’s crucial to use two-factor authentication whenever you can—including in your password managers—and to choose a really complex master password. You can also bulk up your protections by using LastPass with a flash drive set up as a authentication device, which Lifehacker has written about in the past. Don’t be an idiot, do it.”

As for me, I will continue using LastPass in addition to 1Password. As I’ve told both Mac and iPad classes at CKCS never, ever, use the same password for multiple web sites.

If someone steals your Facebook password and you also use that for online banking, you’ve just given thieves the keys to your checking account and all other accounts at your bank.

If you use that same password for your email, then thieves can access your mail. Finally, using that same password to access your password manager gives thieves access to **ALL** of your accounts. Repeat—Don’t reuse passwords. If you do, you’re really asking for trouble.

Stories about the LastPass breach:

- [Slate: What does it mean when a Password Manger gets hacked?](#)
- [FastCompany: LastPass's security breach is alarming – but it could have been a lot worse](#)
- [Macworld: LastPass was hacked – Here's what you have to do](#)
- [DigitalTrends: LastPass suspects a breach, meaning it's time for a password change](#)

For more MAC article pages click link here  Kurt Jefferson MAC and iPad column CONTINUED

Central Kentucky Computer Society Officers and Directors for 2015-16



From left, Boone Baldwin, Jan Landers-Lyman, Janet Cartmell, Mike Seiler; President Brooke Thomas; Treasurer Jim McCormick, Vice-President Joe Dietz; Sterling DuVall; Eugene Potter; Bob Brown; Secretary Larry Trivette; and Ben Rice. Directors not in this photo were Larry Mitchum and Darlene Mosley.

The three pictures here are of scenes at the picnic and election of officers and directors. Although it was sunny for both the picnic and election, storm clouds preceded the event and possibly scared off several of those who had signed up to attend.



New Members and Renewals

During the period from 5/24/2015 to 6/24/2015

No new members

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

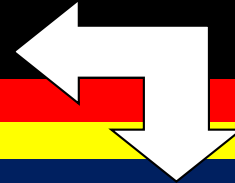
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Information furnished by CKCS Board of Directors member Ben Rice 

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Not a member ? We invite you to join CKCS

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2

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3

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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

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July 2015 CKCS SIG Schedule

Larry Trivette prepared the SIG calendar for this newsletter

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Jun	30 Jun	01 Jul	02 Jul	03 Jul	04 Jul
		1:30 PM Mystery Workshop BOB BROWN No Meeting this Month	9:00 AM Photo Coffee <hr/> 7:00 PM Board of Directors		10:00 AM - NOON Dr. Fixit Independence Day No Meeting this Month
06 Jul	07 Jul	08 Jul	09 Jul	10 Jul	11 Jul
	Two Sessions 1:30 PM & 7 PM Word Processing Guest SIG Leader JERRY HEATON		9:00 AM Photo Coffee <hr/> 7:00 PM Mac & iPad KURT JEFFERSON No Meeting this Month		
13 Jul	14 Jul	15 Jul	16 Jul	17 Jul	18 Jul
7:00 PM Tech Night Drones With JAIME SIMPSON	7:00 PM Windows 7 – 8.1 – 10 JOE ISAAC No meeting this month		9:00 AM Photo Coffee <hr/> 7:00 PM Microsoft Access STUART ZAHALKA		
20 Jul	21 Jul	22 Jul	23 Jul	24 Jul	25 Jul
			9:00 AM Photo Coffee <hr/> 7:00 PM Unix/Linux LEWIS GARDNER		
27 Jul	28 Jul	29 Jul	30 Jul	31 Jul	01 Aug
7:00 PM Database GARLAND SMITH	7:00 PM Digital Photography JOE DIETZ				

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This Month's Best Videos / Shows

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If you use INTERNET EXPLORER, we recommend you copy and paste the links below into a new search bar rather than clicking the links below. This will allow the newsletter to remain open in the background while you view the video. Using this system, you should not have to go through several steps to get back to this page.

REMEMBER Enjoy these videos full screen by clicking on the symbol in the bottom right corner of your video. Clicking that same symbol returns to the minimized screen

Navy's Blue Angels

<http://biggeekdad.com/2015/05/blue-angels-cockpit-view/>

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What is your 'livability Index'?

www.aarp.org/livabilityindex

Furnished by Jerry Markussen

Well trained Jack Russell

<http://www.youtube.com/embed/PztO-OvzRyg?rel=0>

Furnished by Carl Peter

The world's luckiest most unlucky man that ever lived

<http://biggeekdad.com/2014/05/the-most-unluckiest-man/#.VUePzDBLoaE.gmail>

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Photos taken at just the right moment.

<http://www.boredpanda.com/perfectly-timed-photos-3/>

Furnished by Harvey Shackelford

Old Germany still exists in a new generation

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TA-vURGvMA0>

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This illustrates that age may be catching up with some of us

<http://www.youtube.com/embed/VWf8CXwPoqI>

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An eagle's flight from the top of the world's tallest building to his handler below

http://www.flixxy.com/world-record-eagle-flight-from-worlds-tallest-building.htm?utm_source=nI

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Magical innocence

http://www.ba-bamail.com/content_14534/The_magical_photography_of_Elena_Karneeva.aspx

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Top ten Dad-saves – some are amazing

<http://www.coolestone.com/media/12566/Top-10-Dad-Saves-Compilation-2015/#.VYwAbUZRLuy>

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Such tedious work for an amazing end product

[Clay to Mosaics](#)

Furnished by Mike Seiler

Songbirds return – Smithsonian Migratory Connectivity Project in Texas

<http://www.coolestone.com/media/12578/Migratory-Connectivity-Project:-Songbirds-Return/#.VYwCJkZRLuw>

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A Few Funny Pages / useful information

All about protons.

Paul Protons have mass.

Sam I didn't even know they were Catholic!

Furnished by Carl Peter

Ooops- Be careful using spell check!

A guy sends a text to his next-door neighbor:

"Bob, I'm sorry. I've been riddled with guilt and I have to confess:

I have been helping myself to your wife when you're not around, probably more than you.

I know it's no excuse but I don't get it at home. I can't live with the guilt any longer.

I hope you'll accept my sincerest apology. It won't happen again."

Feeling outrage and betrayed, Bob grabs his gun, goes into the bedroom, and without a word, shoots his wife.

Moments later the guy gets a second text:

"Sorry, spell check did not catch spelling mistake! That should be 'wifi'."

Furnished by Carl Peter

How to call the police

George Phillips, an elderly man from Walled Lake, Michigan, was going up to bed, when his wife told him that he'd left the light on in the garden shed, which she could see from the bedroom window. George opened the back door to go turn off the light, but saw that there were people in the shed stealing things.

He phoned the police, who asked "Is someone in your house?" He said "No," but some people are breaking into my garden shed and stealing from me.

Then the police dispatcher said "All patrols are busy, you should lock your doors and an officer will be along when one is available"

George said, "Okay." He hung up the phone and counted to 30. Then he phoned the police again.

"Hello, I just called you a few seconds ago because there were people stealing things from my shed. Well, you don't have to worry about them now because I just shot and killed them both; the dogs are eating them right now," and he hung up.



Within five minutes, six Police Cars, a SWAT Team, a Helicopter, two Fire Trucks, a Paramedic and an Ambulance showed up at the Phillips' residence, and caught the burglars red-handed.

One of the Policemen said to George, "I thought you said that you'd shot them!"

George said, "I thought you said there was nobody available!" (Supposedly a true story)

A few chuckles for Seniors

GETTING OLDER

A distraught senior citizen phoned her doctor's office. "Is it true," she wanted to know, "that the medication you prescribed has to be taken for the rest of my life?" "Yes, I'm afraid so," the doctor told her. There was a moment of silence before the senior lady replied, "I'm wondering, then, just how serious is my condition because this prescription is marked 'NO REFILLS'."

An older gentleman was on the operating table awaiting surgery and he insisted that his son, a renowned surgeon, perform the operation. As he was about to get the anesthesia, he asked to speak to his son. "Yes, Dad, what is it?"

"Don't be nervous, son; do your best, and just remember, if it doesn't go well, if something happens to me, your mother is going to come and live with you and your wife...."

The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for. (Mostly because we forgot why we were waiting in line in the first place!!)

Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me! I want people to know why I look this way. I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.

One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it is such a nice change from being young. Being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.

Two guys, one old, one young, are pushing their carts around Wal-Mart when they collide. The old guy says to the young guy, "Sorry about that. I'm looking for my wife, and I guess I wasn't paying attention to where I was going."

The young guy says, "That's OK, it's a coincidence. I'm looking for my wife, too... I can't find her and I'm getting a little desperate."

The old guy says, "Well, maybe I can help you find her... what does she look like?" The young guy says, "Well, she is 27 yrs. old, tall, with red hair, blue eyes, is buxom, wearing no bra, long legs, and is wearing short shorts. What does your wife look like?"

To which the old guy says, "Doesn't matter, -- let's look for your wife."



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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

COMPUTER MYSTERY SIG

**Meets monthly on the first Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. –
Leader Bob Brown**

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

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.

DATABASE SIG

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

MICROSOFT ACCESS SIG

**Meets monthly on the third Thursday at 7 p.m. –
Leader Stuart Zahalka**

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.

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.


DR. FIXIT 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.

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. 

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

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Apple replacing 3TB hard drives in some iMacs

If you bought a 27-inch iMac between December 2012 and September 2013, Apple might be contacting you.

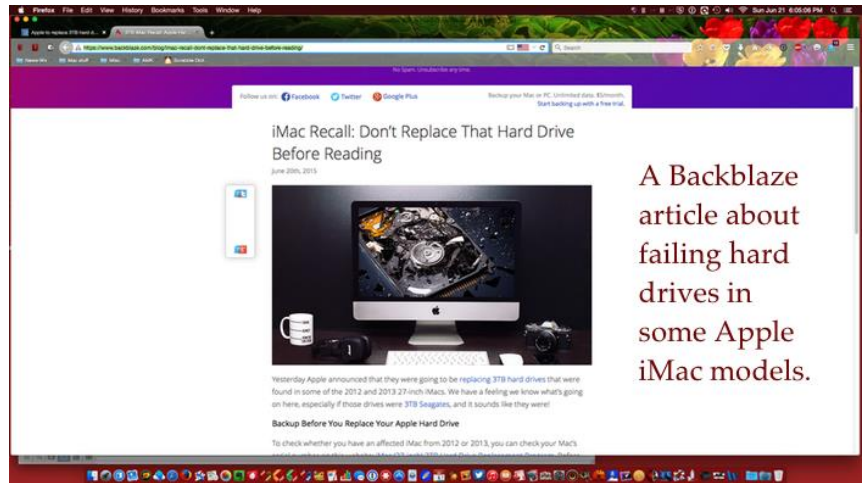
Registered owners might get hard drive or Fusion Drive replacements regardless of whether the iMac is still in warranty.

It turns out that Apple's replacement program will provide free drive replacements and transfer of data if the drive still functions.

Apple has created a web page for affected iMac users to check their machine's serial numbers against affected units.

Months ago, I wrote in this column about Seagate 3TB hard drives failing at a much higher rate than normal in studies by BackBlaze, the cloud backup company. It's not clear if Seagate 3TB drives are the culprit, triggering the Apple Replacement Program, but BackBlaze believes they're responsible.

- [Apple: iMac 3TB Hard Drive Replacement Program](#)
- [Backblaze: iMac recall – Don't replace that hard drive before reading](#)



A watershed moment for the iPad ahead?

Newly retired Mac expert, Ted Landau, believes the upcoming release of iOS 9 potentially “changes the game” and brings the iPad “to near parity with a MacBook.”

In his blog titled, “Slanted Viewpoint,” Landau points out what he considers to be major iPad shortcomings – “I can tell you this: The iPad has been far from the ideal digital device for serious writing. A MacBook bests an iPad on almost every measure here...”

“For many, the iPad is about to graduate from utility to computer.”
– Federico Viticci writes in his MacStories column

But with the pending release of the new operating system iOS 9, Landau believes everything changes.

He says Apple will bring to its popular tablet, QuickType and Multitasking features that “represent the final pieces in a jigsaw puzzle that Apple has been assembling since it first added cut-and-paste to iOS devices years ago.”



He says iOS 9 will finally allow an iPad user to interact with two apps simultaneously. In addition, a new QuickType “trackpad simulator” will allow the user to “move the cursor around much like you do on a Mac.”

Landau quotes analysis from Federico Viticci who writes in his MacStories blog, “iOS 9 is going to be a watershed moment for iPad users. For many, the iPad is about to graduate from utility to computer.”

“The bottom line? For those who need a computer to get work done (especially writing work) and have been hoping for a time when the iPad alone could function as that computer without significant compromises, it looks like that time is about to arrive,” writes Landau in his concluding thoughts.

- [Slanted Viewpoint: iOS 9 and the return of the iPad](#)
- [Initial thoughts on iOS 9's iPad Multitasking: A Deep Transformation](#)

Considering an Apple Watch? Read this first

Apple has already sold 2.8 million of its smartwatch since it debuted April 24, according to Reuters.

While that may not seem like a lot compared to iPhone sales, that is 66% of the entire 2014 smartwatch market according to Information Week.

If you're pondering an Apple Watch purchase, check out the review by Mac News Network (link below).

Reviewer Sanjiv Sathiah was clearly impressed. “Build quality fit and finish is absolutely outstanding. There is not a better-made or designed smartwatch on the market,” he writes.

Is there a downside? You really need an iPhone to get the most out of the first version of the Apple Watch. News reports say Apple is already working on version 2 and that smartwatch will be less reliant on Apple's smartphone.

- [Mac News Network: Review – Apple Watch](#)
- [Slate: I Double–Apple Dare You \(I tried to wear an Apple Watch without touching my iPhone. It was infuriating.\)](#)



Life without a smartphone – what a concept

Imagine for a moment, what life must be like without an iPhone or Android phone.

For the record, I don't own a smartphone. I do have an iPod touch, which is basically an iPhone without the phone. I use it daily – primarily to listen to audiobooks as I walk in a park near my home. I also use it to monitor weather, read eBooks, and periodically check email. But an iPod touch requires a WiFi connection since no wireless phone company provides Internet service for that device.

The website, greenbot, recently published what life must be like for those without smartphones:

- You sleep better
- You start carrying books around
- You're a better driver
- Your handwriting will improve

Of course, there is the downside. If a smartphone is your only phone, then you can't call (or text) anyone without finding a pay phone (horrors!), landline phone, or unless you borrow someone else's cell phone. Click this link:

- [Greenbot: What it's like to live without a smartphone](#)

Getting up to speed using Photos Apple's new app for the Mac and iOS devices

Some long-time iPhoto users are asking, "What's this new Photos app?" and "Do I have to use it?"



Apple's Photos app automatically installed on your Mac if you're running the latest version of OS X Yosemite (also called 10.10.3)

The Photos app also comes with iOS 8 for Apple's mobile devices.

Apple provides an [online help guide](#) that includes topics such as:

- View and organize your photos
- Import photos and video
- Create projects
- Improve your photos
- Share your photos and video

If you're struggling with Photos, also check out [iMore's ultimate guide](#).

Macworld tackles [Photos troubleshooting](#) in a recent article.



New to the Mac? Check out Mac for Beginners

It's no secret that Macs are turning up in many companies and homes that used to be Windows-only. That means there are plenty of new Mac users. A web site designed for those folks provides excellent guides. Mac For Beginners provides these "how-to" guides and more:

- Mac OS X Introduction
- Browsing through Files
- Install Applications
- Spotlight Search
- The Dock
- System Preferences
- Keyboard Shortcuts
- Changing Your Mac's Desktop Background
- Changing Icons
- Print screen on a Mac
- Burning files to a CD or DVD
- Creating a Guest Log-in
- Dashboard & Widgets
- Exposé
- Force Quitting Applications

Mac For Beginners guides are [here](#).

New Retina 5K iMac “about as good as its more expensive predecessor”

In May, Apple released a less expensive version of the Mac with one of the most gorgeous displays available on a desktop computer. The new Retina 5K iMac sells for \$1,999 and sports overall qualities that are “about as good as its more expensive predecessor.”



In case you're not familiar with the Retina 5k model, it has four times more pixels than the standard 27-inch iMac.

Macworld writer Roman Loyola recently compared the less costly model with the more expensive iMac. He noted that three components are slightly slower in the \$1,999 model:

- Processor
- Storage
- Graphics

The bottom line? Loyola writes, “The iMac with Retina 5K display is one of the most impressive desktop computers to come from Apple, and there are two models from which to choose.” He notes the \$1,999 model is the better choice for typical users who need an everyday computer while the \$2,299 model is geared for “professionals and power users looking for a production machine...”

- [Macworld: iMac with Retina 5K display review](#)



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