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September Tech Night

Internet safety in an online world

On Monday, September 12, two key members from the Microsoft Store in Fayette Mall will be our guest presenters. They are Marquess Dawson, assistant store manager, and Keenan Ray, a product advisor. The program starts at 7 p.m.

They will provide tips on how to play it safe while we are on the Internet. Our world today is being constantly online using computers, smart phones and tablets. Most of us feel lost without our devices. The convenience and instant accessibility has changed the way we live. We check the weather, traffic, we search for answers and we can buy practically everything on line.

But then we also hear the horror stories. We learn of viruses, ransomware and scams online that tell us we must be ever cautious. Come learn of what to be wary, where not go on the Internet and what protections are needed to stay safe.

Our visiting instructors will also offer tips and suggestions about equipment and programs we might use to enhance our computer experience.

They will handle questions about Windows 10 that most of us downloaded when it was still free thru July. They agree to handle your questions and will have the latest information about the "Anniversary" download of Windows 10 that was just released in August.

This is a "must see" presentation particularly for those of us who live in the online world.

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Keenan Ray, product advisor for the Microsoft Store in Fayette Mall talks with a customer. Keenan is one of two speakers who will take part in our September Tech Night.

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President's Comments

By Brooke Thomas
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Publicity Efforts Paying Off

Our monthly features on WTVQ are giving us a much needed visibility and helping with our goal to increase our membership numbers. After months of declining numbers we have reversed the trend and those numbers have been climbing the last few months. Any suggestions you have to publicize CKCS would be welcome.



Last month Joe Isaac and Mike Seiler went on the ABC 36 New as Noon program, WTVQ, to demonstrate Microsoft's new web browser Edge. They also talked about our various Special Interest Groups. As a result, we had several viewers attend Tech Night and The Windows 10 SIG in August.

On September 12, 2016 Kurt Jefferson and Mike Seiler will appear on the show. Kurt will demonstrate FlipBoard: a great app for the iPad. It's an app that you can personalize to show articles, news and videos from top publishers. Mike will talk about the upcoming classes and workshops. Be sure to tune in this month to see our segment, which usually occurs between 5 and 15 minutes into the program.



Great Class Schedule

We have seven great classes and two fabulous workshops this Fall. These include classes for the Microsoft users and for the Apple users.

Most of the classes will start the week of September 26. Classes include *Excel Spreadsheets*, *Computer Basics*, *PaintShop Pro Advanced Digital Imaging/ Independent Work*, *Beginning iPhone*, *Intermediate iPad*, *Mac OS X El Capitan*, and *Windows 10*. The *Windows 10* class has had a waiting list for the last few sessions. If you are interested in this class, get on the waiting list now and you will get a call about future classes.

Two photography workshops are on the schedule. A three-hour *Beginning Photographers Workshop* will be held Wednesday, September 28. A second workshop, *Digital Black & White Photography + An Introduction to Digital Infrared Photography Workshop* will be offered on Wednesday, October 26. Check out the descriptions and times in this newsletter and on the website.

Call this week to register. CKCS will be closed September 5th in observance of Labor Day.

Project Renovation Update

Many of our chairs still need to be “adopted”. So far 7 have been adopted, which leaves 36 available. They are \$40 a chair and two people are welcome to go in on the cost. You know how comfortable they are and how long we have needed them! We hadn’t realized how beat up the brown chairs were until we started selling them for \$5 and saw how many were torn and scratched. This is our fundraising event for the summer. So join in and “sponsor” a chair.

We have a couple of new renovations in the works. Next time you are at CKCS see if you can spot them. We will highlight them in the next newsletter !

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New Android System SIG starts this month

A new CKCS special interest group is starting on September 20 at 7 p.m. It will be about the Android system and Android based devices, especially phones and tablets. It will meet on the third Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. The SIG will be led by a three-person team, Boone Baldwin, Bob Brown and Kenneth Tubaugh.

Over the past year, CKCS has had many sessions providing tips about the iPhone, which is produced solely by Apple, but the Android operating system, developed by Google, is used by many other companies for their products. The Android system has been in use since October 2008 and has had several different versions introduced. Android works quite differently than Apple iOS, which powers the iPhone, prompting a good number of our members requesting a new SIG about Android.

Since the Android system has been upgraded several times during its life cycle, the system capabilities have changed considerably. Some devices are “locked” to the version of the system with which they were manufactured and cannot be modified. Others can be upgraded to newer versions which may enhance their function or performance.

The first SIG topic will concentrate on making sure everyone with an Android device can determine which version of Android they have and if it can be upgraded to a newer version.

Secondly, we want to survey the audience to find topics and questions to cover in future meetings.

Another part of the SIG program will be keeping an eye on new products being issued.

This SIG will not be devoted exclusively to phones or tablets or to any particular manufacturer’s products. We will attempt to cover every Android device or system function that is of interest.

All users of Android products are encouraged to attend on September 20, bring your devices and questions.



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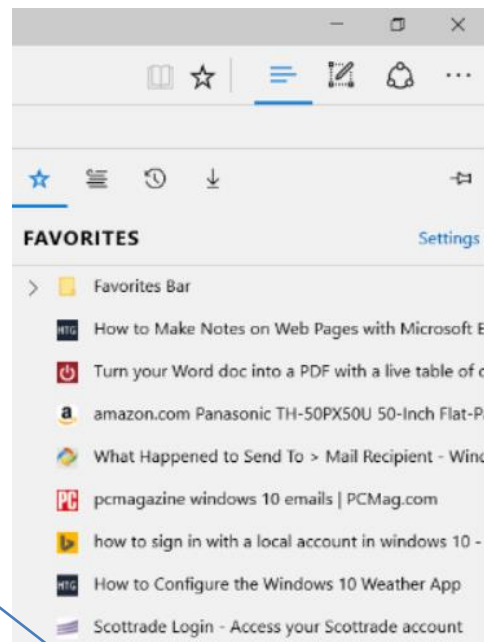
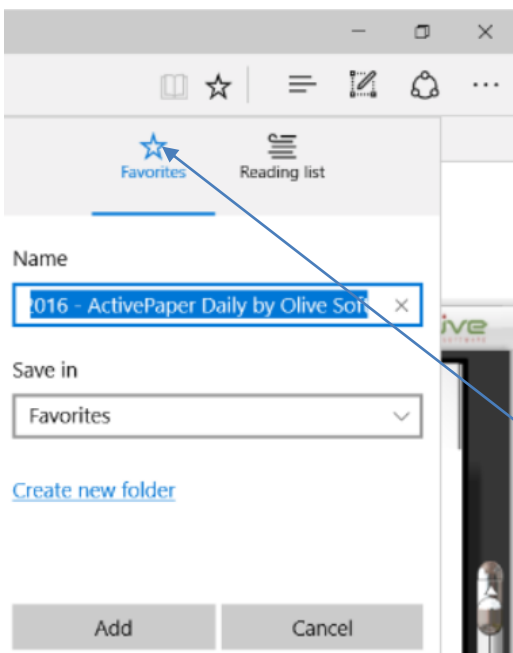
TECH TALK

by Joe Isaac
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This month, I would like to share with you some tips I like and use all the time. They involve Microsoft's EDGE search engine, and also a tip on what icons appear on your task bar.

On another subject, Microsoft's Anniversary edition of Windows 10 is now available and may be downloaded at your leisure. The new version is terrific and has a number of improvements and tweeks. I recommend you upgrade to the latest version. We will talk about this at my next SIG on Tuesday, September 13. Read on.

Creating favorites in EDGE:



While on the web site, at the top right click on the Black Star, at the bottom click on Add.

To locate all your favorites, click on the 3 lines, then click the little blue star.








Putting icons on your taskbar

To put Icons on the right side of the Taskbar, go to Setting, Personalization, Taskbar. Turn on the things you want, turn off the things you don't.

⚙ Select which icons appear on the taskbar

Always show all icons in the notification area

☐ Off

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The Windows 10 Anniversary update

The Anniversary update, which was available August 2, will be available to the newest computers first, then the next newest and so on. However, if you are ready, **you may download the Anniversary update now**, just click the Start button, Settings, Update and Security, click on Check for updates and if any updates are listed waiting to be installed, take time to be sure all updates have been installed. Then at the bottom of that menu, click on **Learn more**, then click on **Get the Anniversary Update** and follow instructions. It is a large update and takes about 50 minutes.

Update status

Your device is up to date. Last checked: Today,

Check for updates

[Update history](#)

Update settings

Available updates will be downloaded and installed over your network connections (where charges may apply).

[Change active hours](#)

[Restart options](#)

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Looking for info on the latest updates?

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Also please go to: <http://www.ckcs.org/joetips.pdf> **and click on Windows 10 TIPS**

Any questions please email joeisaac@twc.com or call 299-6464.

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CKCS 2016 Fall Class Schedule

Excel Spreadsheets

Monday Morning (10 am to noon)
Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Intermediate iPad*

Monday Morning (10 am to noon)
Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Windows 10

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

PaintShop Pro Advanced Digital Imaging/ Independent Work

Wednesday morning (10am to noon)
Sept. 28, Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26, Nov. 2

Beginning iPhone*

Wednesday Afternoon (1 pm to 3 pm)
Sept. 28, Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26, Nov. 2

Computer Basics

Thursday Morning (10 am to noon)
Sept. 29, Oct. 6, 20, 27, Nov. 3, 10

Mac OS X El Capitan

Friday Morning (10 am to noon)
Sept. 30, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28, Nov. 4

Workshops

Beginning Photographers Workshop*

Wednesday September 28
9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Digital Black & White Photography + An Introduction to Digital Infrared Photography Workshop*

Wednesday October 26
9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Course Descriptions

Excel Spreadsheets... Learn the basic tools of this popular spreadsheet program—layout configuration; data type formatting; numerical calculations; fill tool to copy formulas; set the print area; links, charts, and format painter; freeze rows/columns, data sort, and auto-filter. Prerequisites: Computer Basics, Beyond Basics or equivalent experience.

Intermediate iPad*...If you want to get more out of your iPad, this is your course. Learn what's beyond the basic use of the iPad. This class is designed for the iPad user who's comfortable with basics of the iPad screen, multi-touch gestures, the home button, and iOS basics, the operating system powering your iPad.

Windows 10... Learn how to navigate in Microsoft's new operating system, add new apps as well as use them. Anyone taking this class should have a prior working knowledge of a Windows operating system.



PaintShop Pro Advanced Digital Imaging/ Independent Work...Students will build on tools they learned in the beginning class. They will also learn how to use layers, create collages, restore old photos, straighten images, perspective correction. Students can bring projects that they want to work on with guidance and assistance from the instructors. Students may be working on their pictures, restoring old photographs, working with templates, making brochures and business cards or other projects.

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

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

Mac OS X El Capitan...We'll get you up to speed quickly using Apple's newest operating system for its Mac computers – called El Capitan. This course is for both Mac newcomers and for those who've been using the Mac for some time. El Capitan sports the most dramatic changes in appearance since Apple released OS X back in 2001. Our goal is to help you become comfortable with the new look, the new features and make your computer use more efficient. We'll show you how to get more out of the new menus, windows, System Preferences, iCloud Drive and more.

Beginning Photographers Workshop*... This workshop is for the beginning photographers. Your camera has many settings you can use to begin taking pictures immediately. Bring your camera and we will show you how easily you can begin taking great pictures. We will show you the many settings that are already preset in your camera and how to choose the one you need for each occasion. We will show you how to bypass the dials, buttons and have you taking pictures like a pro. It really is that simple.

Digital Black & White Photography + An Introduction to Digital Infrared Photography Workshop*... Digital Black & White photography is very popular today. This workshop shows you how to take outstanding Black & White photos and how to convert any color photo into Black & White. We will also show you how to take stunning infrared photos with the camera you now have. We have a very simple test to see if your camera will take infrared photos with the purchase of a simple filter. Bring your camera, the test only takes 10 seconds. Come and see why so many folks are shooting Black & White.



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

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

COSTS: All classes have a fee payable to CKCS of \$60 and Workshops have a fee of \$30, unless stated otherwise (see above).

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

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Digital Photography Special Interest Group

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Digital black & white photography plus an introduction to digital infrared photography

Digital Black and White Photography has become very popular and can be very stunning. This SIG will give you an overview of how to take outstanding black and white photos and how to convert your color photos to black and white.



Joe Dietz
Digital Photography
SIG Leader

You will also be given an overview of how to take stunning infrared photos with the camera you now have. With a simple test, we can determine if your camera will take infrared photos.

Come and see why so many folks are shooting Black & White.

If these two topics piqued your interest, you can sign up for a seminar/workshop to learn more about these techniques. The session will be held on Wednesday, October 26, 2016 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. You will need to bring your camera. You can sign up at the SIG or visit CKCS. Instructors: Boone Baldwin, Larry Neuzel, Eugene Potter and Rebecca Brothers.

September Photo Contest



This month's photo contest category will be "Gravestones".

Visit your local graveyard and find the perfect picture. (It would probably be spectacular if it was taken at midnight). Send your picture to joedietz@aol.com no later than September 26, 2016.



August Digital Imaging Photo Contest

Category -- CREEKS

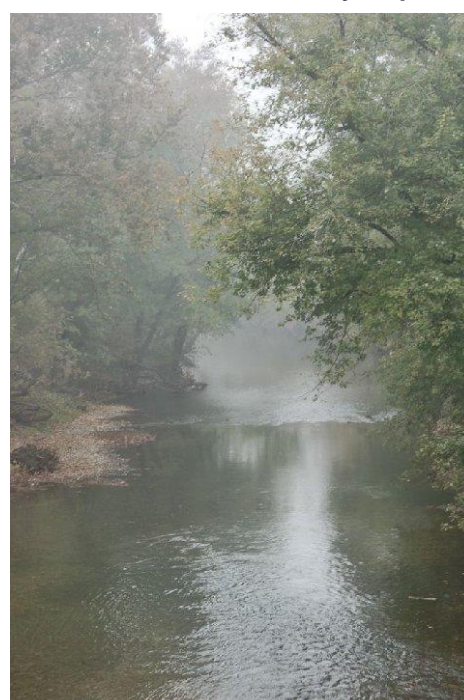
First Place – Kathy Davis



Second Place - Nancy Bonhaus



Third Place Jay Hopkins



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Comparing iPad Pro models

Should you buy the 12.9-inch model or the 9.7-inch Pro device?



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

“I’ve made extensive use of both models in recent months and love them both for different reasons. While they seem nearly identical on the surface – apart from size and weight, of course – they are quite distinct in some ways.”

— Julio Ojeda-Zapata in his *TidBits* article, [“Comparing iPad Pro Technologies and Intangibles”](#)

Mac & iPad



“Yes, the iPad Pro is a replacement for a notebook or a desktop for many, many people. They will start using it and conclude they no longer need to use anything else, other than their phones,” remarked Apple CEO Tim Cook last fall.

Cook’s comments are ringing true for more and more people. [inc.com](#) reported last September on the day Apple introduced the larger iPad Pro, “Apple announced one of the most business-centric devices it has ever created...It’s a game changer for business, because it means you can stay productive without having to lug around a laptop.”

Last winter, Computerworld’s Michael deAgonia wrote of the 12.9 inch iPad Pro, “There’s a lot to like here. No wonder Apple has been attracting attention from business; and this iPad Pro is clearly a play for more. Even without additional accessories, it can be used in more instances as a standalone device rather than as a desktop companion; when you factor in the Pencil and keyboards, it can indeed service as a real world desktop/notebook replacement.”

“...it can indeed service as a real-world desktop/notebook replacement.”

He adds, “There’s a good reason I think the iPad Pro will suit a broad audience: It’s inherent flexibility. It serves a broader range of needs than any previous iPad, especially when you factor in the Pencil and physical keyboards, which allow it to be used more effectively when precision is needed.”

In late July, the popular Web site, TidBITS, an Apple-oriented website dating back to the 1990’s, published a lengthy piece comparing the two iPads. Julio Ojeda-Zapata spent considerable time using both the 9.7-inch iPad as well as its bigger brother, the 12.9-inch sibling.



He writes about the advantages of both models: “The smaller iPad Pro, because it’s newer, incorporates cutting-edge technology that presumably wasn’t ready when Apple released the bigger iPad Pro.”

Regarding the 9.7-inch iPad, Zapata cites the display, cellular access, camera and photos, and “Hey Siri.”

He says Apple touts the smaller iPad’s display as “having the brightest and least reflective screen anywhere, with colors that are more vivid, true to life and engaging.”

He also notes that the 9.7-inch iPad’s screen display is “starkly different. It offers a “True Tone” screen with built-in sensors that alter its appearance based on ambient lighting conditions. This feature adjusts the display color and intensity to match lighting around it.” Zapata says he found True Tone to be jarring at first but grew to like it.



To continue, click this link → [Mac and iPad pages continued](#)

If you are here – you are a statistic

By Jerry Heaton

A few years ago, CKCS board member Bob Brown shared a report with me about how many “hits” our CKCS website received in a single month. A “hit” on our website is when one person or computer visits our site by typing in www.ckcs.org or uses a link to visit the site.

It was a long time ago and my memory has gone downhill, so I couldn’t remember what that report read, but I was thinking it was maybe 3,000 hits a month. I thought that was good and bragged about it to managers of another organization similar to ours.

Since my memory being what it is, I asked Bob to give me an updated report from our internet service provider. They have analytical programs that track all types of information about visits to every website. In August, he provided me an eight-page report covering the month of July 2016. My recall of 3,000 was a bit off.

In July 2016, it indicated we had 29,282 hits, an average of successful requests of 944 hits per day. The server transferred 9.5 GB of data to our visitors, which is almost 314 MB per day.




Our website has visits from people around the world.

Of course, many of our hits are from our members, some like me might visit the site more than once a month to check the class calendar, or the home page, Joe’s Tips, etc. As one might suspect, the report showed the weekends are the busiest.

Yes, I am sure a lot of the visitors to our site are by our members, but a lot of the hits are by non-members.

It is surprising, but we have lots of visitors to our site are from people around the world. Collectively the following countries accounted for 1,835 of our 29,282 hits; Germany (the most with 734 hits), Czech Republic, Australia, Pakistan, Russia, Poland, Italy, Switzerland, Slovakia, Tokelau, Ukraine, Brazil, Portugal and Japan.

Although we would like to think that every member visits our site several times each month, we know better. Actually, our count gets a boost from major ‘search engines’ from organization like Google, Bing, Yahoo, Ask, AOL, Duck Duck Go, just to name a few, which check all websites every few days looking for new data in order to index their engines just in case someone asks for information on a topic we might mention or discuss.

Regardless of the count, it is satisfying to know that people everywhere are interested in what we do. They became a statistic, just like you did, because of your visit to the CKCS site today. 

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News to use

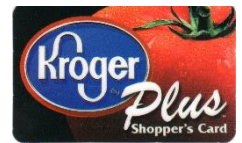
Labor day

CKCS office will be closed September 5 in observance of Labor Day. If you call the office that day, leave a message and an office supervisor will call you the next day.

Kroger shoppers – have you updated your information?

Kroger has an “Awards Program” which they pay from their profits, 4 percent of what you spend for groceries to a charitable organization you select. CKCS is one of those charitable organizations which can benefit from those donations.

Kroger requires shoppers to annually renew the information they have as to which charity you wish to receive that donation. They require it to be done in August each year and if you did that last month, great! If not, please do it now. Recent experience; the call and update only takes about two minutes to do. Just call Kroger at **(866) 221-4141** give them your Kroger Plus card number and tell them you want your rewards to go to the Central Kentucky Computer Society, Inc. If they ask, our organization number is 11119. Once you complete this update with them, you will see on the bottom of each receipt the CKCS name as the recipient. That does it until next August.



This is important for CKCS. Kroger awards pays a good portion of one month's rent for our offices and keeps our membership dues low.

WTVQ features CKCS on a Noon news show each month

For the past few months, on the second Tuesday of the month, various CKCS representatives have been interviewed on the ABC 36 NEWS AT NOON program. Be sure to watch on Tuesday September 12, Kurt Jefferson and Mike Seiler be the guests. Our segment usually occurs in the early part of the show.

Corrected 2016 Hall of Fame Winners

Last month, we showed the first, second and third place winners in each of the three categories of the annual CKCS July Hall of Fame contest. One picture which actually took third place in the category of “Doors” was incorrectly shown. On the following page the winning photos from July are now correctly posted.

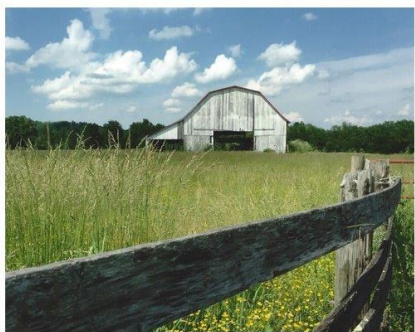
Our members take some great photos; don't you agree?



CKCS 2016 Hall-of-Fame Winners



Best-of-Show B Category
1st Place Becky Brothers



B Category 2nd Place
Carolyn Nichols



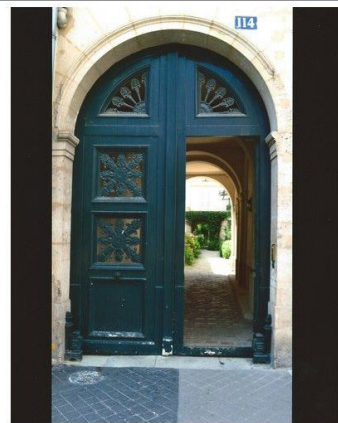
B Category 3rd Place
Kathy Davis



Doors - 1st Place
Kathy Davis



Doors - 2nd Place
Robert Johnson



Doors - 3rd Place
Kakhi Hester



Macros - 1st Place
Kathy Davis



Macros - 2nd Place
Nancy Bonhaus



Macros - 3rd Place
Kevin MacNaughton

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AUGUST TECH NIGHT

Three talented CKCS members shared favorite travel apps



Larry Mitchum (left), Brooke Thomas and Janet Cartmell (at right) spent nearly two hours demonstrating how to use a smart phone with various available apps to simplify and enhance your travel experience around the US and overseas. Their well-organized presentation attracted almost a 'full house' of members and guests at the CKCS Tech Night program on August 8.

The trio took turns covering a few of the phone apps they found and use when they travel. They had a two-page hand-out for the crowd which listed a large variety of apps which help find hotels, book rooms and even check-in. Some demonstrations show how to schedule and track flights. There are apps to help you plan your visit to historic sites to not miss something important. One demo showed how to prepare a perfect packing list. Other apps showed how to send an instant postcards using pictures you take on your phone.



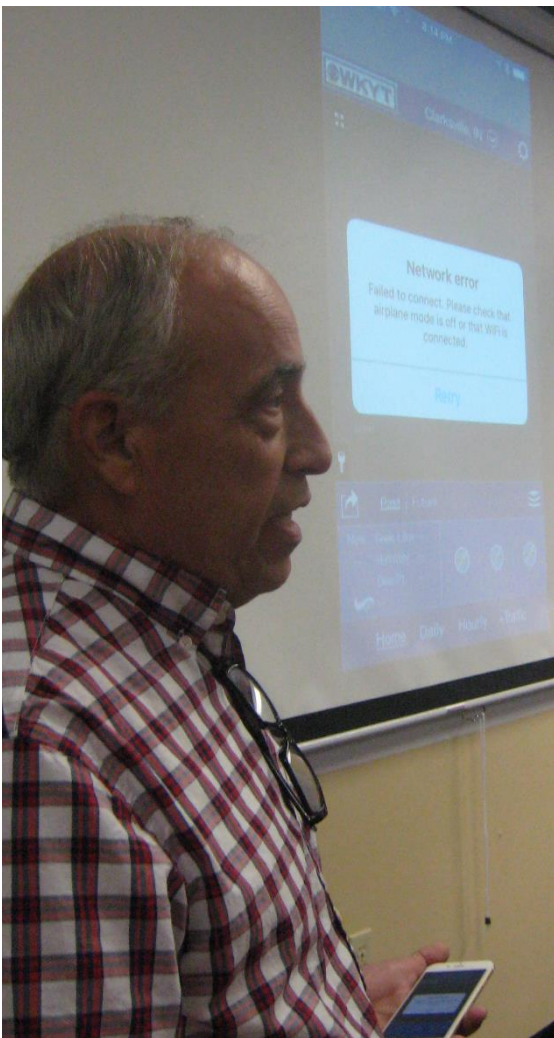
Brooke demonstrated the apps Hopper, Viber, Overdrive and Postagram. Janet reviewed the apps, History Here, Hear Planet Lite and Pack the Bag. Larry touched on Google maps, Google translate, Gas Buddy, Delta Airlines, WSI (WKYT) Weather, WMATA (Washington DC metro), National Geographic and National Park Service apps. In addition, he reviewed Road 2 Hana, Flight Aware, Units Plus – Conversions, and SPG - Starwood Resorts.



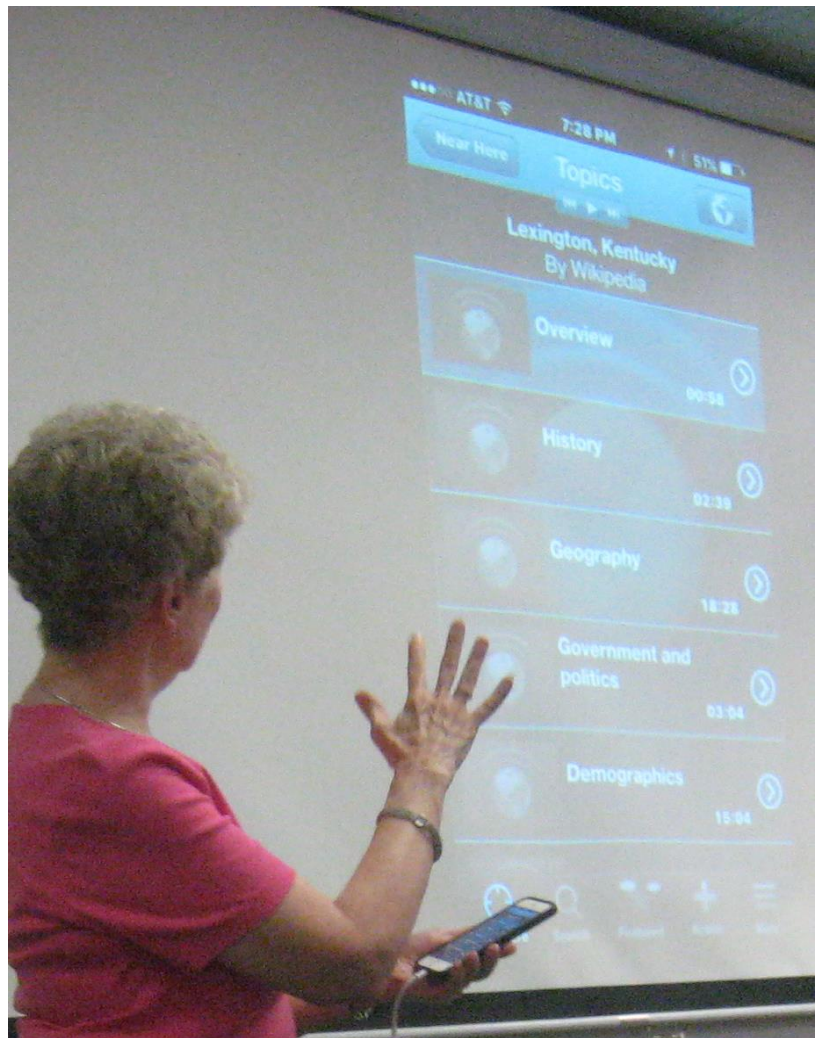
Using the **Viber Messenger** App, Brooke Thomas in the left insert image, placed a call on her smart phone to Janet Cartmell and both their phone images were displayed while they talked. In the picture at right, the image from Brooke's phone showing Janet, was projected on the big screen and the image from Janet's phone, showing Brooke, was displayed on the TV monitor. The Viber app requires both phones to have internet connection and is considered by many to be most reliable one to use for international communications.

Each month, from our membership list, a drawing is conducted for the Directors' Prize – a six-month extension of one's membership. At this meeting, Joanne Blanck's name was drawn however, she was not present to win the prize.





Larry Mitchum reviewed nearly a dozen apps useful when one travels. He selected the *GasBuddy* and a weather app to be more useful than most. Both of these apps are relevant whether you're planning a trip out of town or across town.



Janet Cartmell showed the *Hear Planet* app which is a guidebook on your phone that speaks to you. As you tour an area, it gives information on landmarks, historic sites and more in cities worldwide. The view on the screen shows the subtopics for the main topic of Lexington, KY.

All apps mentioned during this presentation, including some which were not demonstrated, were summarized on a hand-out which was distributed to all attendees. That hand-out has been reproduced on the following two pages.



Favorite Travel Apps

	Delta Airlines Check flight schedules including arrival and departures, Book flights, and Check in before flights		National Park Service Find out what each of the National Parks have to offer.
	American Airlines Check flight schedules including arrival and departures, Book flights, and Check in before flights		Road To Hana If you are planning a vacation to Hawaii, this GPS driven application will keep you informed about each pull-off and stop on one of our most scenic national highways.
	Southwest Airlines Check flight schedules including arrival and departures, Book flights, and Check in before flights		Flight View Find Flights using airlines, flight number, and schedule date. Track flight in real time.
   Trip Planner NextTrain BusETA	Washington Metro Area Transit Authority Planning a trip to our nation's capital? These applications will provide you with train and bus information including stops, fares, and schedules		Gas Buddy This application is user driven. Users provide gas prices for stations as they pass the station and you can identify the prices and when they were last reported.
	Flight Aware Find Flights using airlines, flight number, and schedule date. Track flight in real time.		Compass If you are not checking with a compass, you might just be wandering in a large circle and end up where you started.
	Google Translate Type in or use voice to enter a word or sentence, enter the language that you want to convert to and your translation will be presented in text form. And if you put the application in camera mode, it will translate information from any graphic including highway signs.		SPG (Starwood Preferred Guest) Book your next room, check in, and gain access to your room with this Application. Yes, it acts as a room key through you iOS system. Sheraton – Westin – Aloft – Four Points – and other Starwood property hotels. <i>I have not tried this app., but it is intriguing.</i>

 <p>iOS and Android</p>	<p>Pack-The-Bag Helps you managing your packing lists. You and your bag will be well-prepared, you will save the trouble of thinking about all the items that you want to carry along on your journey.</p>	 <p>Android and iOS</p>	<p>Postagram Makes it easy to send a printed photo in the mail to yourself, friends or family anywhere in the world. Take a shot with the app or use photos from your photo library or Facebook.</p>
 <p>iOS and Android</p>	<p>Waze Is a free social mobile app that enables drivers to build and use live maps, real-time traffic updates and turn-by-turn navigation for an optimal commute.</p>	 <p>Android and iOS</p>	<p>OverDrive Don't pack a lot of heavy books for your vacation. Borrow eBooks, audiobooks, and streaming video from your library on your device.</p>
 <p>iOS and Android</p>	<p>iExit Helps you decide where to take pit stops when traveling US interstates. It uses your device's location to determine where you are on the highway, and then displays upcoming exits in real time</p>	 <p>Android and iOS</p>	<p>Viber messenger Uses your phone's internet connection (whether Wi-Fi or your data plan) to let you send text messages, share photos & videos, add stickers, or make voice calls and video chats - all for FREE!</p>
 <p>iOS</p>	<p>Hear Planet Imagine a guidebook that speaks to you. With iPhone as your audio guide you'll get the scoop on landmarks, historic sites and more – in countless cities worldwide – without taking your eyes off the sights.</p>		<p>Hopper Save up to 40% on your next flight. The app analyzes billions of flight prices daily to predict how prices will change and sends you a push notification when your flight is cheapest, so that you never miss a deal.</p>
 <p>iOS and Android</p>	<p>HISTORY Here™ Is an interactive, location-based guide to thousands of historic locations across the United States, brought to you by HISTORY®. Use the app to learn the history around your neighborhood, when you visit someplace new or if you're just feeling curious while sitting on the couch!</p>		

New Members and Renewals

During the period from 7/25/2016 to 8/26/2016

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

**Pat Bardo
Leigh Buckley
Janet W. Prewitt
Mary Ruth Schack
Marian O. Selke
Mary Beth Shores
Ann & William Sullivan**

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

**Gayle B. Abbott
Darrell W. Doty
Harold Faulconer
Debby Giannini
Robert & Joyce Gilmore
Lael F. Heflin
Martha V. Johnson
Thomas Laborio Sr
James McCormick
Marcia S. Miller
Marty Myers
Bettye Neal
William & Carole Palmer
K. B. Poonacha
Jim Rucker
Ruth Baer & Terry Schoen
Dottie Van Winkle
Sandra Varellas**

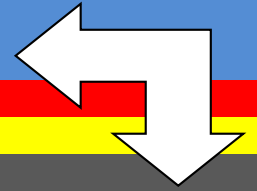
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September 2016 CKCS SIG Schedule

Larry Trivette prepared the SIG calendar for this newsletter.
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Aug	30 Aug	31 Aug	01 Sep	02 Sep	03 Sep
			9:00 AM Photo Coffee		10:00 AM – NOON Members Only! Dr Fixit Bring in your problem PC and we'll try to help iHelp Bring in your iPhone, iPad, or Mac device and get one-on-one assistance
			1:30 PM Tech Chat BOB BROWN		
			7:00 PM Board Meeting		
05 Sep	06 Sep	07 Sep	08 Sep	09 Sep	10 Sep
	1:30 PM Word Processing LARRY TRIVETTE		9:00 AM Photo Coffee		
			7:00 PM Mac & iPad KURT JEFFERSON		
12 Sep	13 Sep	14 Sep	15 Sep	16 Sep	17 Sep
7:00 PM Tech Night Microsoft Rep Internet Safety in an Online World	7:00 PM Windows 7, 8.1, 10 JOE ISAAC		9:00 AM Photo Coffee		
			7:00 PM Access Database STUART ZAHALKA		
19 Sep	20 Sep	21 Sep	22 Sep	23 Sep	24 Sep
	7:00 PM New SIG Android Devices Baldwin, Brown, and Tubaugh		9:00 AM Photo Coffee		
			7:00 PM Unix/Linux LEWIS GARDNER		
26 Sep	27 Sep	28 Sep	29 Sep	30 Sep	1 Oct
7:00 PM FoxPro Database GARLAND SMITH	7:00 PM Digital Photography JOE DIETZ		9:00 AM Photo Coffee		10:00 AM – NOON Members Only! Dr Fixit Bring in your problem PC and we'll try to help iHelp Bring in your iPhone, iPad, or Mac device and get assistance

This Month's Best Videos / Shows

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Standing up for the first time

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rbLo6su6IHc>

Furnished by D. Stans

Child geniuses

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iHMPHxHfsKY>

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It is never good to disturb a sleeping tiger

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p8f-dwURY20>

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Dog Wisdom

use the wheel mouse

<https://1drv.ms/w/s!AgwzdGgBwxSSzIJKpFZLYKNc5taX>

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Cartoon collection

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Beautiful scenery all captured with a drone

<https://player.vimeo.com/video/154888640>

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Meet farmer Chris – It is worth it.

<http://biggeekdad.com/2014/07/meet-farmer-chris/>

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A show in Paris

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/5-pLO6WCymA>

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Park illegally in a disabled parking space, these Italians teach a lesson

<https://www.facebook.com/videovirale/videos/1713415118886053>

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A Few Funny Pages / Useful Information

Home Schooled

Most of our generation of 60+were HOME SCHOOLED in many ways.

1. My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE.

"If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."

2. My mother taught me RELIGION.

"You better pray that will come out of the carpet."

3. My father taught me about TIME TRAVEL.

"If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"

4. My father taught me LOGIC.

" Because I said so, that's why."

5. My mother taught me MORE LOGIC .

"If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."

6. My mother taught me FORESIGHT.

"Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."

7. My father taught me IRONY.

"Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."

8. My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS.

"Shut your mouth and eat your supper."

9. My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM.

"Just you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"

10. My mother taught me about STAMINA.

"You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."

11. My mother taught me about WEATHER.

"This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."

12. My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY.

"If I told you once, I've told you a million times, don't exaggerate!"

13. My father taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE.

"I brought you into this world, and I can take you out..."

14. My mother taught me about BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION .

"Stop acting like your father!"

15. My mother taught me about ENVY.

"There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."



16. My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION.

"Just wait until we get home."

17. My mother taught me about RECEIVING.

"You are going to get it from your father when you get home!"

18 . My mother taught me MEDICAL SCIENCE.

"If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way."

19. My mother taught me ESP.

"Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"

20. My father taught me HUMOR.

"When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."

21. My mother taught me HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT.

"If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."

22. My mother taught me GENETICS.

"You're just like your father."

23. My mother taught me about my ROOTS.

"Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?"

24. My mother taught me WISDOM.

"When you get to be my age, you'll understand."

25. My father taught me about JUSTICE .

"One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you!"

Furnished by Mike Seiler

No one believes seniors . . . everyone thinks they are senile.

An elderly couple was celebrating their sixtieth anniversary. The couple had married as childhood sweethearts and had moved back to their old neighborhood after they retired. Holding hands, they walked back to their old school. It was not locked, so they entered, and found the old desk they'd shared, where Andy had carved I love you, Sally.

On their way back home, a bag of money fell out of an armored car, practically landing at their feet. Sally quickly picked it up and, not sure what to do with it, they took it home. There, she counted the money – fifty thousand dollars! Andy said, "We've got to give it back."

Sally said, "Finders keepers." She put the money back in the bag and hid it in their attic.



The next day, two police officers were canvassing the neighborhood looking for the money and knocked on their door. "Pardon me, did either of you find a bag that fell out of an armored car yesterday?"

Sally said, "No."

Andy said, "She's lying. She hid it up in the attic."

Sally said, "Don't believe him, he's getting senile."

The agents turned to Andy and began to question him. One said, "Tell us the story from the beginning."

Andy said, "Well, when Sally and I were walking home from school yesterday . . ."

The first police officer turned to his partner and said, "We're outta here!"

Furnished by Jerry Markussen

First the Apple

A woman ran a red traffic light and crashed into a man's car. Both of their cars are demolished but amazingly neither of them was hurt.

After they crawled out of their cars, the woman said; "Wow, just look at our cars! There's nothing left, but fortunately we are unhurt. This must be a sign from God that we should meet and be friends and live together in peace for the rest of our days."

The man replied, "I agree with you completely. This must be a sign from God!"

The woman continued, "And look at this, here's another miracle. My car is completely demolished, but my bottle of 75-year-old scotch didn't break. Surely God meant for us to drink this vintage delicacy and celebrate our good fortune." Then she handed the bottle to the man.

The man nods his head in agreement, opened it, drank half the bottle and then handed it back to the woman. The woman took the bottle, immediately put the cap back on, and handed it back to the man.

The man asks, "Aren't you having any?"

She replies, "Nah. I think I'll just wait for the police."

Adam ate the apple, too!
Men will never learn!

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- » **Make sure that you are visiting the website that you really want to visit;** there are many misleading sites that try to trick you into believing that they are the intended legit site ... but they are not! Be careful with the spelling of the name of a site; be careful with the first "findings" of the search engines; most times they are no findings but (many times deceptive) advertising.
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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. Visitors are cordially invited to become active CKCS members. Starting times of SIGs are as indicated in the listing.

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

DATABASE SIG

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

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY SIG

**Meets monthly on the fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. –
Leader Joe Dietz**

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

DR. FIXIT SIG & iHELP SIG

**Meets monthly on the first Saturday at 10 a.m. – Dr
Fixit leaders: Bob Brown, Ben Rice, Harry Ellison,
James Osborne, and Mike Seiler. iHelp leaders
Jeannine Essig, Lilly Crawley, Janet Cartmell, Kurt
Jefferson, Joe Settles, Brooke Thomas and Joe Dietz**
CKCS members are eligible to bring in sick computers for evaluation. Our 'experts' will diagnose the problem and if possible make simple repairs. All you need to bring is the CPU. Our leaders will use a mouse and monitor on hand. This is a free service for members only. One may join in membership to avail themselves of this special service.

MAC AND iPad SIG

**Meets monthly on the second Thursday at 7 p.m. –
Leader Kurt Jefferson**

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

MICROSOFT ACCESS SIG

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

TECH CHAT

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

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

WINDOWS SIG

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

The Windows SIG or Workshop for Windows 7, 8.1, and 10 meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Topics covered may be: Windows10, Cortana, EDGE, Alarms & Clock, PHOTOS, Google Maps, Spotify, Settings, Mail, Control Panel, System Restore, Disk Cleanup, Desktop, Taskbar. To see which topic will be covered next go to

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

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

WORD PROCESSING SIG

**Meets monthly on the first Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.
Leader Larry Trivette**

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

UNIX / LINUX SIG

**Meets monthly on the fourth Thursday at 7 p.m. –
Leader Lewis Gardner**

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

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Mac and iPad pages continued

What about cellular service? Zapata notes that it's a bit different on the two iPads.

The 9.7-inch screen iPad supports LTE Advanced, which is available from some carriers. He says, "LTE Advanced can boost Internet performance dramatically. In my speed tests, cellular downloads tended to be as much as 50 percent faster on the smaller iPad Pro model than on the large one." Zapata notes that Apple has eliminated the need for an add-on SIM card in the smaller iPad but it still has a nano-SIM tray should your carrier require a physical SIM.

He says the smaller iPad has a better camera over the 12.9-inch screen model:

9.7-inch iPad:

- 12-megapixel rear facing camera with f/2.2 aperture shoots 4K video
- Adds True-Tone flash
- 1.2-megapixel front facing camera with f/2.2 aperture that shoots 720K video

12.9-inch iPad:

- 8-megapixel rear facing camera with f/2.4 aperture shoots 1080p video
- 1.2 megapixel front facing camera with f/2.2 aperture shoots 720p video

In addition Apple's always-on "Hey Siri" feature is offered on the 9.7-inch iPad.

Advantages of the 12.9-inch iPad include:

- **Faster USB 3.0** through the Lightning port (Slower USB 2.0 is available on the smaller iPad)
- **Slightly superior performance** (The larger iPad Pro has 4GB of RAM compared to 2GB in the smaller model. Zapata says he seldom noticed a major difference between the two iPads, but raw processing power and graphics on the larger iPad Pro are zippier.)
- **Faster charging** is available in the larger iPad Pro (charge time can be reduced by 50% if the user replaces the standard charger with the 29-watt USB-C Power Adapter that comes with the MacBook and pairing it with one of Apple's new USB-C to Lightning cables, says Zapata).

So what about it? Which iPad Pro should you choose? Zapata says, "purchasing an iPad is a highly personal decision. One potential buyer might find the larger iPad Pro too big and heavy, while it might be just right for another." Be sure and read Zapata's article before you buy.



Replacing your laptop with an iPad Pro? Folks are doing just that.

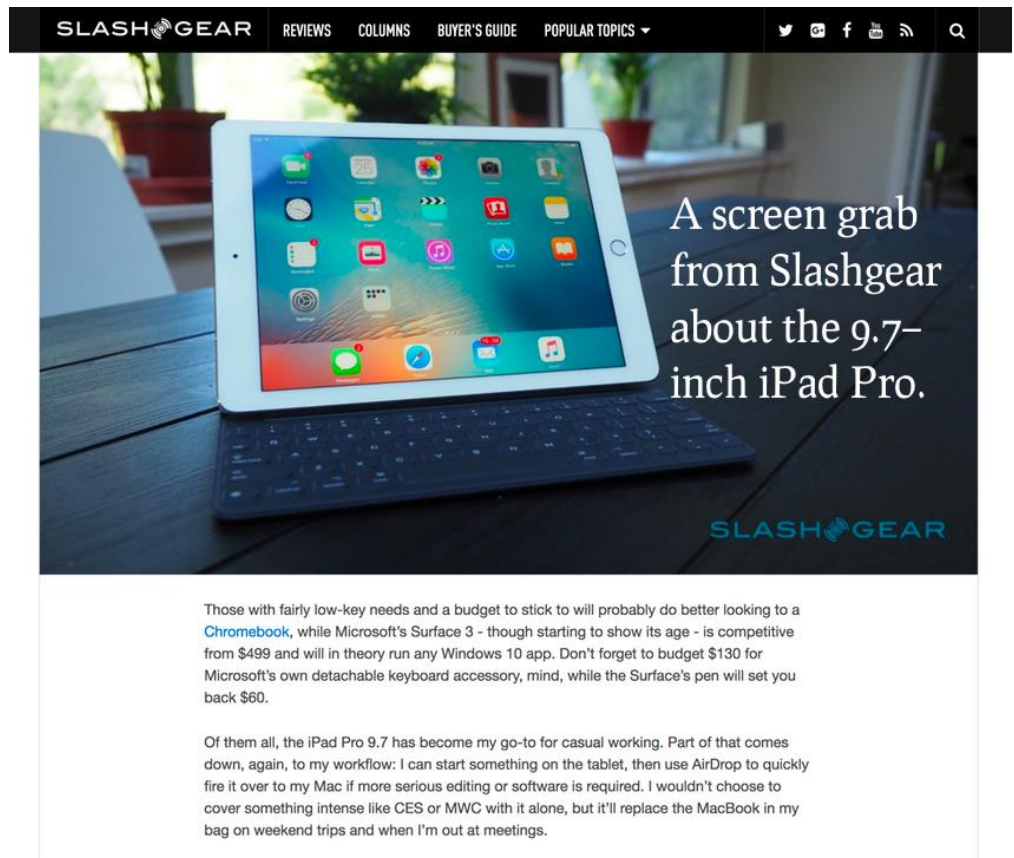
Back in April, writer Chris Davies reviewed the smaller iPad Pro – the one with the 9.7-inch screen – for Slashgear. He went on a long trip to China and decided to see if the iPad Pro could actually replace his venerable MacBook laptop.

Davies writes, “Apple itself triggered the biggest question around the iPad Pro: is it really a legitimate laptop alternative? While I’ve been trying the tablet and its keyboard attachment for the past few weeks, it would nonetheless be a trip to China this past week which tested the theory most thoroughly.”

He says he left the MacBook home and instead packed the iPad Pro, along with the Smart Keyboard cover, Apple pencil, the power supply, and a Lightning SD card reader. “As a MacBook user, the scale of the iPad Pro hasn’t been too challenging. Still, there have been some necessary changes in workflow that have provided at times frustrating or perplexing,” he writes.

Once he adjusted to the difference between OS X (the Mac operating system) and iOS (the iPad operating system) and worked out the kinks, it ran rather smoothly: “With the early annoyances out of the way, though, I’ve been surprised just how much I’ve been able to get done on the iPad Pro. The Smart Keyboard may not be as large as the ‘board on the MacBook, but it’s been large enough – and the keys themselves perky and responsive enough – for me to hammer out entire articles and reviews.”

Read his article to learn how everything went. I would label [iPad Pro 9.7 Review – On the road with a laptop killer](#) a “must-read” for anyone thinking about buying an iPad Pro.





iOS: The Astonishing File System

For a different view of the iPad and the iOS operating system, read the blog by Ben Brooks titled, [The Astonishing File System](#).

Here's part of what you'll see here: "I went iPad Pro as my primary computer back at the end of November 2015. So it has now been a full four months of the iPad Pro being my primary computing device. It feels like a good time to reflect back on the Mac. I

gave the Mac a try for a full day and see how it felt after so long away from it...it's like going home to your parents house for the holiday. It's *home* and that's really nice. But it's also HOME and that is really chaotic for most of us."

He adds, "I really like Mac OS X, and the MacBook, and would have no problems using them, but knowing what it is like to be on iOS only now – with that knowledge – there's no way I don't want to be on iOS."

Brooks contends that OS X is now the niche platform, not iOS. He predicts "an app gold rush for iOS apps." He watched a video of a group of teens using a Windows 95 computer. "I know this sounds silly, and the video honestly isn't very good, but it hit me at the end when the kids were asked to turn off the computer. The classic Windows 95 message: "It is now safe to power off your computer" displayed.

He says the teens were rightfully baffled. Wasn't it safe before?

He contends that iOS doesn't operate like this. "Things are far less breakable on iOS (than on Mac or Windows.) This distinction is important. Face it, if you design an operating system right now for the way people actually want to use their devices – what you design is going to be far more like iOS than it is Windows or OS X. You may not agree, but the mass wave of computer users in school today – it's what they are going to be using."

Brooks tells about another portion of the video where the host describes to the teens how DOS used to require commands to accomplish anything. "The kids were astonished you would need to know "computer code" to use a computer. In the same sense, a Mac isn't much different. Only the next generation after the teens in that video will look back at OS X and Windows in astonishment of needing to understand the file structure of a computer to be able to use it."



macOS Sierra to arrive in mid–October?

Savvy Mac owners know that Apple released the current Mac operating system, called El Capitan, on September 30, 2015.

It now appears the next generation of the operating system powering Macs might arrive in the middle of October. Mind you, that's just speculation since Apple doesn't provide actual release dates for software.

Computerworld has looked at the release schedule of beta versions of macOS Sierra (the next generation drops OS X and opts for macOS) compared with El Capitan and now predicts a mid–October release. Computer's Gregg Keizer writes, "Apple's macOS Sierra has been on a slower tempo of preview releases than last year's El Capitan, hinting that the upgrade will launch in October."



Computerworld says macOS Sierra is about two weeks behind where El Capitan was at this point in 2015. So if we add two weeks onto the release date of Sierra, that would mean Apple should make it available for free download – possibly during the week ending October 16.

Sierra brings dozens of new features, including personal assistant Siri, Universal Clipboard (allowing users to directly cut and paste between Macs and iOS devices), picture-in-picture mode, and more.

We should point out that Sierra is a bit more demanding than El Capitan and will run on fewer Macs. Hardware requirements for macOS Sierra include these Mac models:

Desktops

- iMacs – late 2009 or newer
- Mac mini – 2010 or newer
- Mac Pro desktop – 2010 or newer

Laptops

- MacBook Air – 2010 or newer
- MacBook Pro – 2010 or newer
- MacBook – late 2009 or newer

macOS Sierra will be available as a free download through the Mac App Store, just as prior versions of the Mac operating system have been for years.



Safari not responding on your Mac? Try these tips

If you've ever encountered an unresponsive Safari web browser on your Mac, you should know there are tips to help solve this problem.

The Apple-oriented Web site, [OSXDaily](#), in June, [provided a series of steps](#) you can take to stop the spinning beach ball.

First, if Safari isn't responding, OSXDaily reports if you open the Activity Monitor app (located inside your Utilities folder), you'll most likely see "Safari Web Content (Not Responding)" listed in red.

In layman's terms, that means the Web browser Safari is out of control and using absurd amounts of your computer's memory resources.

The spinning beach ball is also out of control, spinning, spinning and spinning as you try and resolve the issue.

OSXDaily says using Activity Monitor, you might highlight "Safari Web Content (Not Responding)" in the list and then click on the "X" on the top left-hand side of the Activity Monitor app. If there are other "stuck" Safari processes, do the same.

Then, quit Activity Monitor.

I have to say that I haven't encountered this much on the Mac, but to be honest, Firefox is my most-used browser on the Macintosh. (On the iPad, Safari is my "go-to" browser).

What's a Safari user to do if his browser fails to work properly? OSXDaily recommends these options to improve Safari's performance on the Mac:

1. **Clear caches and browser history.** This may solve the problem but it will force you to log back in to any Web site requiring a password (since it gets rid of your cookies).
2. **Disable Safari plug-ins and WebGL.** Simply put, if you don't need a plug-in, disable it. Adobe Flash is problematic and that's why I no longer run it systemwide (you won't find the Flash icon in my System Preferences. I only run Flash as an extension in the Google Chrome browser, which sandboxes it. That means Flash is no longer available systemwide (which I consider a good thing considering the real security problems with Flash). To turn off WebGL, click on Safari in the menu bar and then click on "Preferences" in the drop-down. Go to the "Security" tab and uncheck "Allow WebGL." Exit Security preferences. Quit and then relaunch Safari.



Activity Monitor.app



OSXDaily provides even more tips on troubleshooting Safari freezes and crashing in Mac OS X. In addition, you'll find tips here on how to troubleshoot Safari for iOS – meaning versions of Safari you have on your iPhone, iPad and iPod touch.

Firefox drops support for older versions of OS X

If you're using an older version of the Mac operating system, it might be time to upgrade your machine to El Capitan if your Mac will run it (it's a free upgrade) or – buy a new machine.

In a world increasingly dominated by mobile apps (think iPhone, iPad, Android phones, iPod touch), the Firefox Web browser is still one of the most used apps available today. Mozilla, the folks behind Firefox, reports that *half a billion people around the world* now use Firefox. With that many users, it's a favorite target of hackers (just as Safari and Google Chrome are also popular targets.)

The thing is – the just-released version of Firefox for Mac – version 48.0.1 – (made available in early August) will no longer run under OS X 10.6 Snow Leopard, OS X 10.7 Lion, or OS X 10.8 Mountain Lion. As the Web site, Venturebeat reported back in early August, “If Apple hasn't convinced you to upgrade your Mac, Mozilla is giving you a nudge.”



If you do any work on your Mac that demands security (banking, refilling prescriptions at a pharmacy, using a money budgeting app such as Quicken, Banktivity or Moneydance that logs into your checking / savings accounts, stock purchases and sales, buying items online on a regular basis such as through amazon.com) you need to upgrade to a newer version of the Mac operating system or buy a new computer (another alternative is to disconnect the old Mac from the Internet – use it for word processing, spreadsheets, etc. and only use an iPad or iPhone for online work).

By the way, the latest Safari version (9.1.2) requires that your Mac be running 10.9 (Mavericks), 10.10 (Yosemite) or 10.11 (El Capitan). It will not run on Macs running older Mac operating systems.

In addition, the latest Google Chrome version (version 52+) requires OS X 10.9, 10.10 or 10.11 on your Mac.

We should point out that older versions of all three browsers will run on older Mac operating systems, but there will be no more browser updates or security patches.

“Such older platforms are missing critical security updates and have a greater potential to be infected by viruses and malware,” explained Google officials in April of this year. “Chrome will continue to function on these platforms but will no longer receive updates and security fixes. If you are still on one of these unsupported platforms, we encourage you to move to a



newer operating system to ensure that you continue to receive the latest Chrome versions and features.”

Add Photo Adjustments Options To Your Mac

There are six extra photo adjustment choices available in the Mac Photos app – but you have to turn them on to be able to use them efficiently.

OSXDaily provides the solution in an August article.

And, it's quite easy. To activate the additional settings, OSXDaily provides these steps:

1. Open the Photos app on your Mac.
2. Double-click on any photo and then click on the “Edit” button in the upper right-hand corner.
3. Click on “Adjust” shown in the vertical list on the right.
4. Click on “Add” on the right-hand top corner of the app.
5. Select each additional adjustment item you want to turn on including: Sharpen, Definition, Noise Reduction, Vignette, White Balance, and Levels. If you want to keep all of these options available in Photos, click on “Add” and then choose “Save as Default.”



Summarize articles using your Mac

Another very good tip from OSXDaily is the one on summarizing lengthy documents on your Mac. This is a quick way to get, sort of, the Cliff Notes of a long document that appears on your screen. To summarize the OSXDaily article:

“If you’ve ever encountered a lengthy document or webpage that you want the gist of, but don’t have the time to read or scan through, you can use the excellent Summarize Service in Mac OS X to summarize the text for you.

Summarize is adjustable as well, meaning you can choose how dense or light you want the summary to be. You can pick paragraphs or sentences, and adjust the length of the summary, which can vary from a simple outline condensed from the document, to a nearly cliff-notes like version of the text in question, or anything in between.”

In a nutshell, this involves activating the “summarize” option in your Mac’s Services menu. [Read more from the OSXDaily article](#) which walks you through the process of turning on the summarize option.

Weed out bogus amazon.com reviews

Suppose you’ve got bad allergies and you’re searching for the best air purifier for the money. (Sound familiar—allergies?)



First off, I would do as much research as possible online. The [Air-Purifier-Power Web site](#) is one of my favorite places to start. You'll read information here that you'll see nowhere else.

In addition, I would visit [The Sweethome](#) and read their reviews. I don't always agree with their conclusions, but they're often "spot-on" as the Brits would say.

Another good research stop is [Consumersearch](#). You'll learn plenty here too. Again, you're collecting data to make a smart decision for your home. Your needs may differ and you may end up buying a different product, but hopefully, this research is helping you reach the best conclusion.

Finally, you want to make sure you check out the reviews on [amazon.com](#). Type in the name of the product on the Amazon search box and scroll down to read what others are saying.

While the vast majority of Amazon reviews are valid, some are bogus. They're generated by computers in hopes of increasing sales. In other words, a real person did not provide the review. How can you tell?

I use a tool called [fakespot.com](#) to weed out the real reviews.


To test fakespot, I visited the Amazon web site for the Airmega 300 air purifier. When that displayed, I copied and pasted the web address (up in the web browser's location bar) for that product into the search box at fakespot.

Fakespot uses an algorithm to check the reviews for this product and then issues a grade. As I write this, there are only seven reviews for the Airmega 300 and Fakespot



A screenshot of the Fakespot website interface. On the left, there's a product image of the Airmega 300 air purifier. To its right, text identifies the product as "AIRMEGA 300 The Smarter Air Purifier (Covers 1256 sq. ft.)". Below this, it lists "Company: AIRMEGA", "Company Grade: D" (in a yellow box), "Total Reviews: 7" (in a blue box), and "Category: HEPA Air Purifiers" (in a grey box). A large blue text box at the bottom states: "There are indications of inauthentic/low quality reviews, you be the judge." On the right side of the interface, a yellow header reads "FAKESPOT GRADE". Below it, a large yellow "D" is shown next to the text "Detected 50.0% low quality reviews". At the bottom right, it compares the "Amazon Rating" (5 stars) with the "TRUSTWORTHY™ Adjusted Rating" (3 stars).

has given a "D" grade for this product's reviews. Fakespot's conclusion is that a fair percentage of reviews here are not created by a human.

For the record, I ended up buying a Rabbit Air unit to supplement a five-year-old air purifier that is still going strong made by the same company. Research pays and Fakespot is a valuable tool in your attempt to get to the truth. 

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