Prez Says: Ron Cowger

As I sit down to write this column, the sun is shining outside, the temperature is about eighty degrees and the kids across the street are running through the sprinkler in their yard. Is it possible that summer in the Northwest is right around the corner? I for one am ready for a change from the wet and cool weather that has prevailed throughout spring.

With the arrival of summer, we have two great programs lined up for the next two meetings. Our speaker at the June meeting will be Gene Barlow who will be presenting the latest products from Power Quest.. If you have never been to one of Gene's presentations, I want to assure you that they are among the best that you will ever see and you shouldn't miss this one. If you have seen one of his presentations before, I probably don't even have to encourage you to come. You'll be there. See another article elsewhere in this Newsletter for more information.

Next, in July, we will have our annual Kegabuck$ Auction. It's almost time for you to start rifling through all of your envelopes and notebooks to find all of the Kegabuck$ that you've received throughout the year so that you're prepared for the bidding. Steve is busy collecting computer items from various sources but he can always use some extra help. If you are aware of any vendor or organization that you think might donate goods for our auction, please share your contact information with Steve. During these tough financial times, it's often hard to find vendors that want to donate to our auction. If you can help, please do so. The more goodies that we have to bid on at the auction, the more fun we'll have.

During the last Board meeting, it was decided to order some of the new style KEGS t-shirts that have pockets. I don't know how quickly we will receive them but if you have an interest in a new shirt, we should have some soon.

Things are coming together for our planned move to the Kirkland Teen Center for our General Meetings. Right now, it looks like the Kegabuck$ Auction in July and subsequent meetings will probably be held there. We'll keep you informed as our plans are firmed up.

That's it for this month. Happy computing and I'll see you at the next meeting.

Ron Cowger
President

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June General Meeting

Power Quest Returns

"Gene Barlow is the President of User Group Relations and an expert on hard drives. He represents PowerQuest Corporation to the user group community. This company publishes some excellent hard drive utilities. PowerQuest's PartitionMagic helps to organize your data while running multiple operating systems on the same computer. Drive Image 2002 has many new features, including LAN support, create and restore drive images while running in Windows, and Easy-to-use, intuitive Windows interface.

Gene's presentation will focus on the following topics: How to Move to Windows XP and Backing up your Hard Drive. Windows XP has gathered a lot of attention this past year. Many users are looking for ways to move their computers to the new operating system, but aren't sure what is the best way
for them to go. Gene will outline six ways that you may use to get to Windows XP. He will describe advantages and disadvantages of each approach. If you are thinking of going to Windows XP in the future, this is a presentation you will not want to miss. In addition, he will talk about his CD called "Discovering Your Hard Drive."

Gene will bring handouts and exciting door prizes as well. "Special User Group Prices" on these products will be offered at the meeting and available to take home with you. It should be a super meeting. Bring a friend and don't miss it!"

KEGS SIG Meetings:

Meetings at the North Bellevue Community / Senior Center - 4063 148th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA

Day of Month	Time	Location	SIG / Email contact	SIG Leader
1st Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Technology & Entertainment philbar45@attbi.com	Phil Keairns 425-222-7130
1st Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	NBCSC Computer Lab Support j_m_mraz@hotmail.com	Joe Mraz 425-747-2433
2nd Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	Quick Books sarah@abcsupport.com	Sarah Gunderson 425-485-3437
2nd Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	WIN 95/98/XP/?? daviddodge1@compuserve.com	David Dodge
2nd Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Laptop SIG ctheprof@aol.com	Carl Von Papp 425-643-1398
2nd Thursday	6:30 PM - 7 PM	Corner of Meeting Rm (KEGS general meeting follows at 7 PM)	Technology Corner betacode@hotmail.com	Steve Fondren
3rd Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Peachtree Accounting pearls1@qwest.net	Pearl I. Campbell 425-641-1334
3rd Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	Beginners Hardware j_m_mraz@hotmail.com (Computer repair & maintenance)	Joe Mraz 425-747-2433
3rd Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Small Office / Home Office r_cowger@prodigy.net	Ron Cowger
3rd Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	Seattle Internet User Group philbar45@attbi.com	Phil Keairns 425-222-7130
4th Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	Digital Imaging SIG sallyannmowrey@msn.com	Sally Ann Mowrey
4th Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	HTML SIG jack@webwitch.com	Jack Beslanwich 206-723-9960

Meetings at locations other than the North Bellevue Community / Senior Center

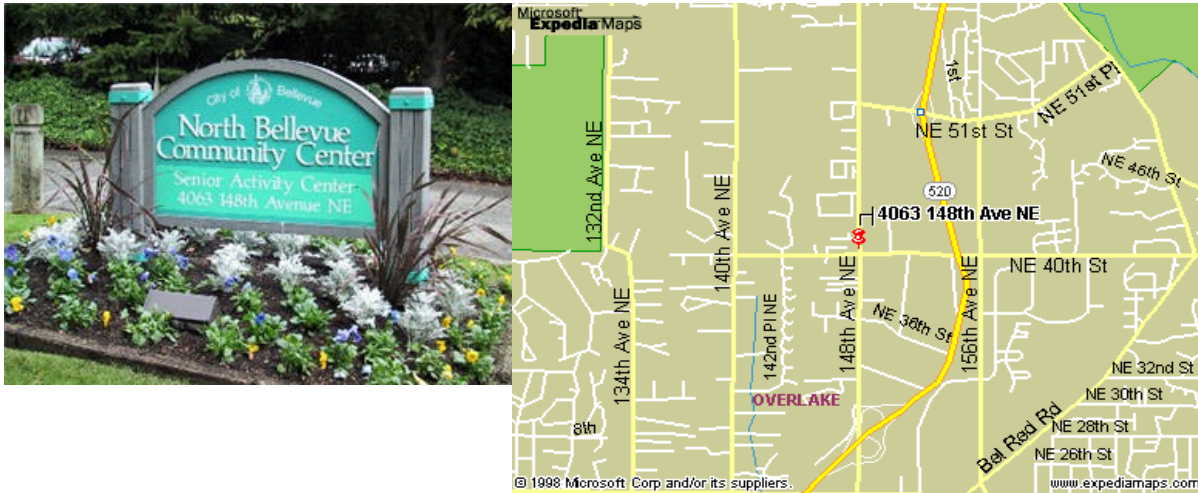| Day of Month	Time	Location	SIG / Email contact	SIG Leader
1st Tuesday	6:15 PM - 9 PM	Microsoft's Redmond Campus Building 34, the Quinalt Rm Redmond, WA	Access SIG Teresa@eade.com See their WEB site at http://www.eade.com/AccessKEGS/	Teresa Eade 425-482-1021
Almost every Tues. Almost every Sat.	7 PM - 9 PM 10:30 AM - 12:30	Easter Seals of Washington 157 Roy St. Seattle, WA	Hardware SIG rockybay@scn.org (Building & Configuring Computers for the physically challenged)	Malcolm Taran 206-888-5848

Parking is limited at Easter Seals. Please contact Malcolm before going for the first time.)

SIG Meeting Locations:

All groups meet at the Bellevue Community / Senior Center unless noted as below.
* Access meets at the Microsoft Redmond Campus, in Building 34, the Quinalt Room
** Easter Seals meets at the downtown location 157 Roy St. Seattle
*** Board Meetings are held at the home of Joe Mraz (j_m_mraz@hotmail.com for directions)

Finding our meeting location

DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS: Thanks to the improvements to SR 520, you may now use the new NE 40th St exit. If you are driving towards Redmond, exit and turn left to go over the overpass. If you are coming from Redmond, exit and turn right. Go to 148th Ave NE, and turn right. In very short order, you will see the North Bellevue Community / Senior Center sign on the left side of the roadway.

History & Contact info:

KEGS was formed in late 1996 to meet the needs of personal computer users in the Greater Seattle Area. KEGS is a nonprofit organization that holds its general meetings on the second Thursday of each month.
In addition, KEGS sponsors a number of special interest groups (SIGs) that meet regularly to share common interests, learn new techniques, and resolve questions about the use of personal computer hardware, accessories, or software.

For a detailed listing of our SIG's, updated information about KEGS activities, and more, please see our web site at:

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