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It is now February which means everyone has had a chance to see all the new toys that came out of the Consumer Electronics Show (CES). There were some good ones, some ok ones, and some what were they thinking.

The big thing from Microsoft for February is going to be the release of Surface Pro, an Intel-based version of the Surface RT which means it will be a full version of Windows 8. You can install anything onto the system just like any other Windows 8 system. The release date is February 9th.

On January 29th, Office 2013 and Office 365 were released. I would have mentioned it last month if I had seen a release date earlier than January 15th. Office 2013 is like any other version you are used to with the standard suite of applications. Office 365 though is PC and Mac capable but is completely cloud based so you can use it from any computer that has internet access, be it a PC or Mac. It just has to install a small interface application, and all you need to do is login with your Hotmail/live/outlook.com account to gain access to the full Office suite which is the same as Office 2013 Professional.

Currently in Beta is Windows Server 2012 which has the Windows 8 Modern screen as its primary interface. With the small amount of time I have been playing with it, I like Server because I can pin all the administrative options I use right in easy access. There will not be a small business version for 2012.



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For those of you looking for a new camera and would like to have something in the DSLR area but can't afford anything besides a point and shoot, a couple of companies including Pentax (<http://www.pentaximaging.com/hybrid>) are releasing new cameras that are basically a point and shoot, but you can change the lenses on them. They are not as capable as a DSLR, but they have more interchangeability than a point and shoot.

For the astrophotographer, there are going to be two comets this year that should be viewable by the naked eye. If you happen to be in the southern hemisphere, PANSTARRS will start there this month, and then by mid-march work its way to the northern hemisphere, though by then it will be moving away from the sun so might not put on much of a show. In November though ISON is a newly discovered comet that possibly has never been to the inner solar systems so has never lost any of its outer shell to the sun. It could be a spectacular show or a dud; it will just depend on what it is made of. (http://www.alamogordonews.com/ci_21649181/two-possible-great-comets-coming-2013) It will be right in the middle of the northern hemisphere view and has the possibility of even being seen during the day.

As a reminder, we have moved to our new meeting space in the Lobby Meeting Room at the Peter Kirk Community Center in Kirkland; we are not at the Teen Union Building anymore. We are meeting next door behind the Kirkland Performance Center.

Jon Mercer — President

KEGS GENERAL MEETING AND ASSOCIATED SIGS

KEGS T-shirts/Vests

Remember, you score extra KEGABUCK\$ when you wear your KEGS shirts to SIGS and the General Meetings! (NOTE: This extra credit is not honored at the PIG SIG.)

We still have a few left of various sizes. Then we will order more. So why wait? Pick yours up at the next general meeting.

General Meetings at the Peter Kirk Community / Senior Center - 325 Kirkland Ave., Kirkland, WA 98033

Day of Month	Time	Location	SIG / Email contact	SIG Leader
2nd Monday	6 PM - 7 PM	Kirkland's Peter Kirk Community Center	Technology Corner betacode@hotmail.com	Steve Fondren
2nd Monday	7 PM - 9 PM	Kirkland's Peter Kirk Community Center	KEGS General Meeting	
2nd Monday	9:30 PM - ? PM	Outback Steakhouse 12120 NE 85 th, Kirkland	Pig SIG sallyannmowrey@msn.com	Sally Ann Mowrey 206-902-7381

DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS: From I-405, take the N.E. 85th ST. exit (exit number 18) toward KIRKLAND (headed West). Immediately move to the center lane and take a left at the first light onto Kirkland Way (If you went right you would be on 114th Ave NE). Just stay on Kirkland Way and it will turn into Kirkland Ave.

The Peter Kirk Community Center / Senior Center is part of a string of three connected buildings. At the street (Kirkland Way) is Kirkland's Performance Center (350 Kirkland Ave.), then comes the Peter Kirk Community Center and farthest from the street is The Kirkland Teen Union Building.

There is a parking area to the West of this building but you can also park in the Kirkland Library's covered parking area just a little farther to the West (1/4 block past the Performing Arts Center).



KEGS SIG MEETINGS:

NEW SIG CHART

Notice that this SIG chart no longer lists actual dates. Please check our KEGS calendar (at <http://www.kegs.org/Calendar.html>) for actual dates AND POSSIBLE CANCELLATIONS of the upcoming meeting that you want to attend.

Contact the SIG leaders to find out what presentations that they have planned for their upcoming meetings.

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

Day of Month	Time	Location	SIG / Email contact	SIG Leader
2nd Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	Computer Support SIG - N. Bellevue j_m_mraz@hotmail.com (Computer repair & maintenance)	Joe Mraz 425-747-2433
2nd Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Computer Use and Optimization ctheprof@aol.com	Carl Von Papp 425-643-1398
3rd Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Servers, Networks and Storage daviddodge1@compuserve.com	David Dodge
3rd Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Small Office / Home Office (SOHO) r_cowger@prodigy.net	Ron Cowger
4th Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Digital Imaging SIG sallyannmowrey@msn.com	Sally Ann Mowrey 206-902-7381
4th Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	KEGS Board Meeting r_cowger@prodigy.net	Jon Mercer

SIG MEETING LOCATIONS:

Please note that the KEGS Board meetings are not held at our General Meeting or SIG meeting locations

- KEGS Board Meetings are currently held at The North Bellevue Community / Senior Center - 4063 148th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA Conf. Rm D, 7-9 PM on the 4 Wed. of the month (Board meetings are public and open to anyone who wants to attend.)

Finding our primary SIG 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 Monday 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:

<http://www.kegs.org>.

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