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Jon Mercer

As we head into August, we think of what we would like to do with the final parts of summer.

First off a reminder that there is no August General Meeting so you get an extra evening to enjoy whatever it is you do on warm summer nights.

Two things out of Microsoft are Windows 8.1 RTM which is rumored to be coming out the later part of August, but might be September. Unless you have a need to beta test it, it would be better to wait for RTM since it will require a clean install (backup your data and format the drive and do a clean install of Windows) to go to 8.1 RTM from 8.1 Beta. The other announcement is the release of Internet Explorer 11 Beta for Windows 7.

On July 23rd, Microsoft released Office 2010 Service Pack 2 which is mostly security and compatibility updates. <http://www.zdnet.com/microsoft-delivers-office-2010-service-pack-2-7000018446/>

It is still a ways out, but after 13 years Windows XP is finally hitting its end of life on April 8th 2014. This is when Microsoft will quit supporting it for updates and patches.

For the first time since the introduction of the first iPad, Apple is not the largest seller of slate devices; Android took over the top spot of overall sales this last quarter. There are some new devices announced or rumored coming out in the next couple of months running iOS, Android, and Windows (Pro/RT), so keep an eye out.

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For anyone that has a Windows RT system, with the release of 8.1, for free you will also be able to download off the store Outlook RT. Windows RT does not have the same restriction as Windows 8 Pro, where you have to reinstall the OS to go from Beta to RTM. You will be able to go straight to RTM with an RT system; so if you have one of those, you might want to give 8.1 RT Beta a try. It does come with the start button; if you right click on it, you get a menu (like when you left clicked on the old start button) and it includes shutdown in the list.

The going trend right now is people moving away from desktop/laptops for most things and going to handheld devices such as phones and PDAs. There are two new fields of data interaction that are starting to gain steam. One is basically a watch that will give you simple information, but the more interesting devices are glasses with heads-up display. There are two major contenders right now for your business. One is Google with the Google Glass, <http://www.google.com/glass/start/>, which at \$1500, no set release date, and minimal capability for people to make apps has not made for a good start for it, though it does have a lot of capabilities. The other major entry actually has a couple of years experience already with HUD technology-- Recon Instruments <http://www.reconinstruments.com/> which had a presale of the new Recon Jet for \$499 which ended July 20th, and will start shipping those in December, and then went to the regular price of \$599, which will start shipping in February. They in partnership with Oakley, have come out with a pair of sunglasses that are designed for people that play in the outdoors--specifically bikers and joggers, but they

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are using android open source and have already released their developer's kit for designing new applications. Both are using dual core ARM processors which are the same as in cell phones. Their specs as far as camera, GPS, etc. are fairly close to the same, though Google put the screen at the top of the glass so you have to look up while Recon put it at the bottom where you have to look down. They keep the information fairly simple since you don't want to be looking either up or down while moving forward at a high speed for too long. They will both have the capability to download saved data for later viewing. Yes, your President did get in on the preorder for the Recon glasses, so depending on when they come might have them to show off at the January 2014 general meeting.

Canon's new 70D is going to support 20 Megapixels and a new Dual Pixel CMOS which will allow it to gather a lot more data a lot faster. http://www.usa.canon.com/cusa/consumer/products/cameras/slr_cameras/eos_70d.

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

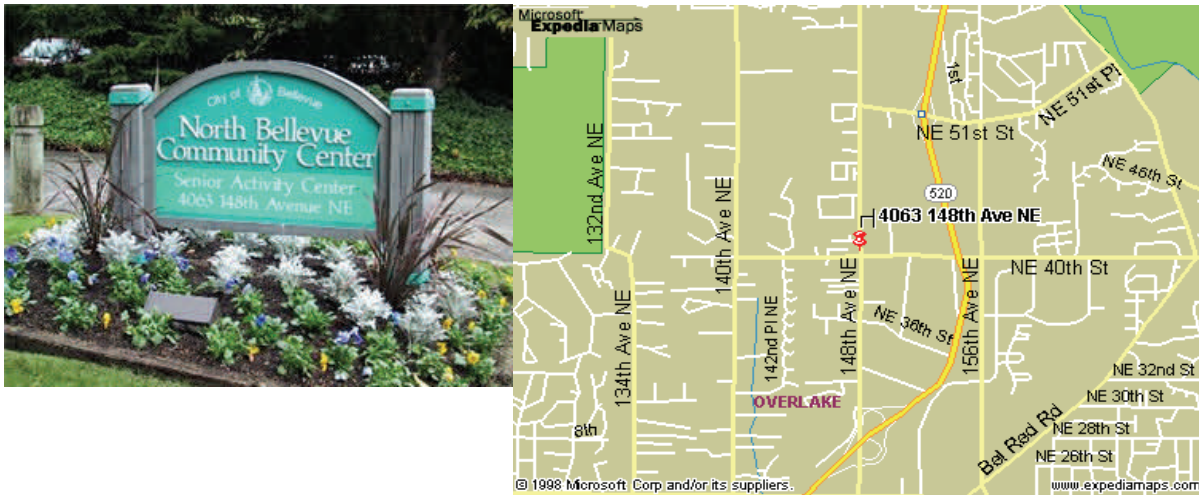
SIG MEETING LOCATIONS:

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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