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*Prez Says:*

Jon Mercer

Welcome to October! At least that is what my calendar says, but it is still feeling like early September.

To start off, the big one from Microsoft is the Developer Preview release of Windows 10 (Threshold/Windows 9). If you would like to give it a try, you can get it at <http://windows.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/preview>. Since it is not quite Beta, I would recommend not installing it on your primary machine. Why they went from 8 to 10 has a lot of different theories but nothing so far official from Microsoft. The full release is slated for middle of next year, and rumor is that it will be a free upgrade for those currently running windows 8.X.

Also on the horizon, but no release date yet, is Office 16/Gemini which might be out by Christmas but more likely the first part of next year.

Canon is releasing the 7D Mark II which externally looks the same as the 7D and has the same cropped sensor and capability for EF and EF-S, but they are boosting what is inside with the same sensors as the 70D as well as focus while shooting video, though their specific lenses are recommended for that. [http://www.usa.canon.com/cusa/consumer/products/cameras/slr\\_cameras/eos\\_7d\\_mark\\_ii](http://www.usa.canon.com/cusa/consumer/products/cameras/slr_cameras/eos_7d_mark_ii). There is also rumor of a 5D Mark IV.



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## *Prez Says: Continued*

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Canon also recently released the Rebel SL-1 which is currently the smallest SLR on the market. [http://www.usa.canon.com/cusa/consumer/products/cameras/slr\\_cameras/eos\\_rebel\\_sl1\\_18\\_55mm\\_is\\_stm\\_lens\\_kit](http://www.usa.canon.com/cusa/consumer/products/cameras/slr_cameras/eos_rebel_sl1_18_55mm_is_stm_lens_kit)

If you like shooting digital but miss the feel of analog controls on your camera, Nikon has the Df series that includes a lot of the mechanical knobs and switches of old. <http://www.nikonusa.com/en/Nikon-Products/Product/dslr-cameras/1526/Nikon-Df.html>

For when you find yourself out in the dark and wondering what is that constellation or point of light, here are a couple of apps to help you with that. <http://www.popsci.com/article/technology/top-5-star-gazing-apps-international-astronomy-day?dom=PSC&loc=recent&lnk=1&con=top-5-star-gazing-apps-for-international-astronomy-day>

For those of you that like to tinker and build little electronic devices from scratch, here is a resistance-based calculator. <http://www.popsci.com/article/diy/go-analog-resistance-based-calculator?dom=PSC&loc=recent&lnk=10&con=go-analog-with-a-resistancebased-calculator>

*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 <a href="mailto:betacode@hotmail.com">betacode@hotmail.com</a>	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 <a href="mailto:sallyannmowrey@msn.com">sallyannmowrey@msn.com</a>	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
1st Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	Computer Support SIG - N. Bellevue <a href="mailto:endeavor@frontier.com">endeavor@frontier.com</a> (Computer repair & maintenance)	Jon Mercer
1st Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Seattle Internet User Group (SEASIG) <a href="mailto:gary.skelton@gmail.com">gary.skelton@gmail.com</a>	Gary Skelton 425-861-7813
2nd Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Computer Use and Optimization <a href="mailto:ctheprof@aol.com">ctheprof@aol.com</a>	Carl Von Papp 425-643-1398
3rd Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Servers, Networks and Storage <a href="mailto:daviddodge1@compuserve.com">daviddodge1@compuserve.com</a>	David Dodge
3rd Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Small Office / Home Office (SOHO) <a href="mailto:r_cowger@prodigy.net">r_cowger@prodigy.net</a>	Ron Cowger
4th Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Digital Imaging SIG <a href="mailto:sallyannmowrey@msn.com">sallyannmowrey@msn.com</a>	Sally Ann Mowrey 206-902-7381
4th Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	KEGS Board Meeting <a href="mailto:r_cowger@prodigy.net">r_cowger@prodigy.net</a>	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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