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KOMPUTER ENTHUSIASTS OF GREATER SEATTLE

Prez Says:

Jon Mercer

Welcome to October! It is sure looking like fall out there with snow in the lower mountain areas.

The thing to watch out of Microsoft will be their hardware showcase on October 2nd; they might announce a new possibly redesigned Surface Pro as well as a split-screen computer which would be like a larger version of the Samsung Fold.

https://www.engadget.com/2019/08/27/microsoft-surface-event-october-2nd/?fbclid=IwAR1NCVMDTC_IGsMOT6iGu2Axco7ohD2mWjZizQAzgbWGWbokGWq1w-Fxjxk&guccounter=1&guce_referrer=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZmFjZWJvb2suY29tLw&guce_referrer_sig=AQAAALTXdlZRWU2yphAuLOX5fB5GJkAlfyc6JVWHmKHxqjFf70yghQS1L7WrwvCCgTr6nrvr2337zsWqtB2xlc3Ki8u6hTXD5J_fimANbtXcZjgojp0-MLgyk8wevoiYm-IPGLsszKGaD-Rijvgzm54hch33eoswDII412YUx90L4I

Apple doesn't have too much going on this month. Apparently Nintendo didn't learn from a class action lawsuit raised against them in July about a faulty piece of hardware on the Switch, and they seem to have included it in the Switch Lite that was just released.

<https://www.pcmag.com/news/371045/switch-class-action-lawsuit-now-includes-switch-lite?fbclid=IwAR3tHAM0m46JivYR9myvQf3I3-VhlPNxEnoY7P-mMKxYoG1q9fjxbiCncZw>

I wouldn't think this would affect Google since it should be between the employees and their parent company brought in by Google, but a group of tech workers in Pittsburgh are joining the United Steelworkers Union. This happened before with a company that Microsoft brought on, and in the end Microsoft did get caught up in it.

<https://www.inc.com/business-insider/google-contractors-union-vote-unionize.html?cid=hmside1&fbclid=IwAR16mLYFGz4PsD3evckuY7M1g39U4jkdK0Fxc6GpfxYkJTvuKtD3reQ9Sig>

NASA is developing a new space suit for the Artemis moon missions in 2024. They should not have the same fitting issues as the current ones used on the space station.

https://www.syfy.com/syfywire/nasa-new-moon-spacesuits-revealed?utm_term=organic&utm_source=facebook&utm_source=Blastr_Vayner_syfy_Facebook&utm_content=link_ad&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=9yearoldboysearchingwalnut&fbclid=IwAR0Ufd5ks76ibkOC6GBwldCZ5NFoPSPdsKUy-4HXsrb3TWO0vID3KH5wa7g

There is a new thought that Venus might have actually been habitable till around 700 million years ago when something triggered a runaway greenhouse effect which put it in the state it is in now.

https://www.nbcnews.com/mach/science/venus-may-have-been-habitable-3-billion-years-mysterious-climate-nca1058156?cid=sm_npd_nn_fb_ma&fbclid=IwAR2LCyBkshcMohGOyrX1An3h7wz88YsesJ2ajFXQgTVaxNo0GitrxNSHHfA



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An interesting article on how technology is slowly replacing the fire lookout.

[https://www.npr.org/2019/09/15/749547034/a-fire-lookout-on-whats-lost-in-a-transition-to-technology?](https://www.npr.org/2019/09/15/749547034/a-fire-lookout-on-whats-lost-in-a-transition-to-technology?utm_medium=social&utm_term=nprnews&utm_source=facebook.com&utm_campaign=npr&fbclid=IwAR19AXfUOhzJMDbfX8Mjg8G_7OVJCN1G_0k00MTMJsnO9nURQ1UpReicgRk)

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On September 12th 1958 Jack Kilby demonstrated the first working IC while working at TI.



Here is an update of the construction of the new Microsoft campus in Redmond. They are done with most of the great dig.

[https://news.microsoft.com/2019/09/23/microsoft-redmond-campus-modernization-construction-update/?](https://news.microsoft.com/2019/09/23/microsoft-redmond-campus-modernization-construction-update/?fbclid=IwAR3BOcJPq1IUUpMJNMtGmKrGDkAfZYJEKTXpk30KFkeaOQP9C99TJ8066yrk)

[fbclid=IwAR3BOcJPq1IUUpMJNMtGmKrGDkAfZYJEKTXpk30KFkeaOQP9C99TJ8066yrk](https://news.microsoft.com/2019/09/23/microsoft-redmond-campus-modernization-construction-update/?fbclid=IwAR3BOcJPq1IUUpMJNMtGmKrGDkAfZYJEKTXpk30KFkeaOQP9C99TJ8066yrk)

If you are in Las Vega and use Lyft, you can have the choice of taking a ride in an autonomous car being developed by Aptiv. If you happen to be in Pittsburg, you might see them driving around doing testing.

https://www.aptiv.com/autonomous-mobility?fbclid=IwAR0-emVsGPfGGrYfN_bSINZ7tv243sKCemmu00OVT14jZgHvkr1K5uEQ6M



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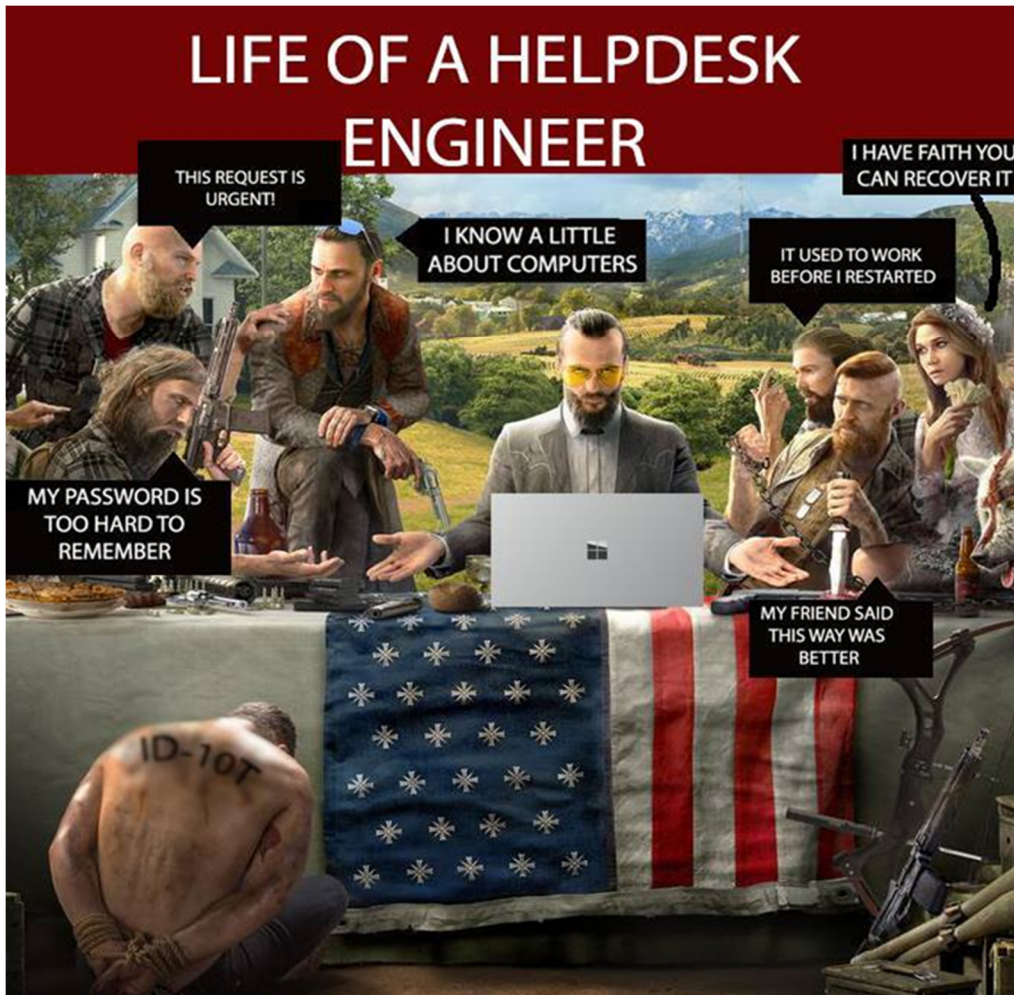
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KEGS GENERAL MEETING AND ASSOCIATED SIGS

KEGS T-shirts/Vests/Caps

Remember, you score extra KEGABUCK\$ when you wear your KEGS shirt/vest/cap to SIG and the General meetings! (NOTE: This extra credit is not honored at the PIG SIG.)

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

KEGS General Meetings are held at the **North Bellevue Community / Senior Center - 4063 148th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA**
On the second Monday of every month
(see the last page for driving instructions)

Our Pig SIG is held off site—please see the address below

Day of Month	Time	Location	SIG / Email contact	SIG Leader
2nd Monday	6 PM - 7 PM	Conf. room D	Technology Corner betacode@hotmail.com	Steve Fondren
2nd Monday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	KEGS General Meeting	
2nd Monday	9:30 PM - ? PM	Applebee's 13856 Bel Red Rd, Bellevue, WA 98005	Pig SIG sallyannmowrey@msn.com	Sally Ann Mowrey 206-816-9216

Please check our KEGS calendar ([CLICK HERE](#)) for actual dates AND POSSIBLE CANCELLATIONS of the upcoming meeting that you want to attend.

KEGS SIG MEETINGS:

NEW SIG CHART

Notice that this SIG chart does not lists actual dates. Please check our KEGS calendar ([CLICK HERE](#)) 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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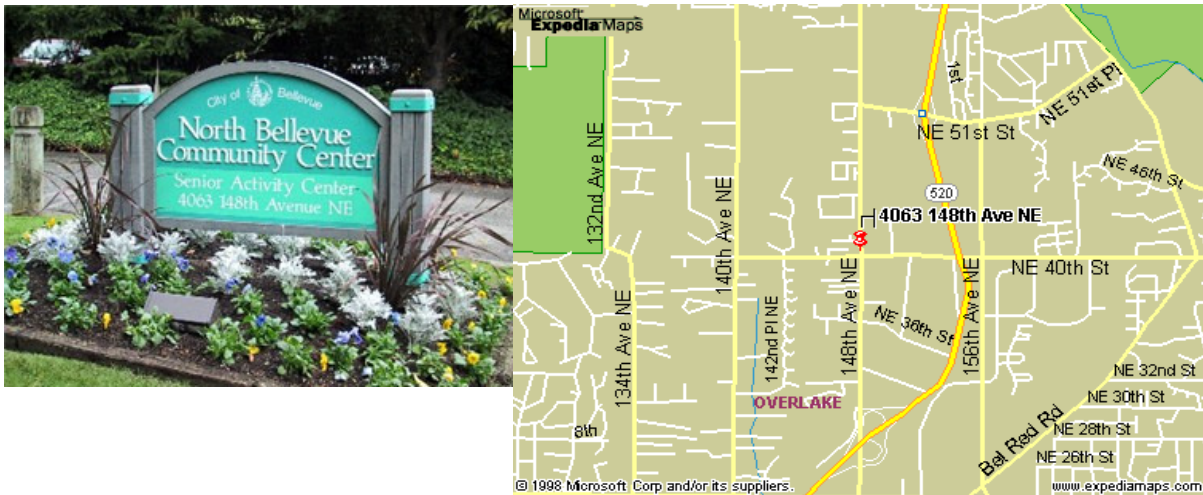
Day of Month	Time	Location	SIG / Email contact	SIG Leader
1st Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Pool Room	Computer Support SIG - N. Bellevue endeavor@frontier.com (Computer repair & maintenance)	Jon Mercer
1st Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Seattle Internet User Group (SEASIGI) gary.skelton@gmail.com	Gary Skelton 425-861-7813
2nd Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Computer Use and Optimization r_cowger@prodigy.net	Ron Cowger
4th Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Digital Imaging SIG sallyannmowrey@msn.com	Sally Ann Mowrey 206-816-9216
4th Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	KEGS Board Meeting President@kegs.org	Jon Mercer

KEGS MEETING LOCATION

All KEGS Meetings are currently held at the **North Bellevue Community / Senior Center**
All KEGS meetings (including our Board meeting) are public and open to anyone who wants to attend.

Finding KEGS primary meeting location
North Bellevue Community / Senior Center - 4063 148th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA

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>.

Contact us at: Email: board@kegs.org

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