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KOMPUTER ENTHUSIASTS OF GREATER SEATTLE

Prez Says:

Jon Mercer

Welcome to the December issue of the Prez Says. This will be my final issue since I will not be running for President next year. I would like to thank everyone who has read through these; hopefully some of the articles were interesting to you.

With the end of the year coming, there isn't really anything new coming out of Apple or Microsoft. Update 1909 is being pushed and is mostly just a service pack. It is an interesting way of doing it though. It installs silently; when you get the notice to install, it doesn't have to download. It just turns it on, so it is fairly quick. <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/windows-insider/at-home/whats-new-wip-at-home-1909>

Nothing really new out of Apple either with Catalina having been released a couple months ago.

A former Boeing engineer presented to the Living Computer Museum a working DEC PDP-7 microcomputer which was loaded with Unix version 0. <https://hackaday.com/2019/11/17/unix-version-0-running-on-a-pdp-7-in-2019/?fbclid=IwAR1wDdWzPAUfBGUJhGeMivkemJzubondEQyjo8fUPIMIMcOCECLqzQ72Q0>

There is an email going around saying you need to update your copy of windows. It will lock your system down and demand a ransom. https://www.cnet.com/news/windows-users-beware-this-fake-update-could-lock-up-your-pc-or-worse/?ftag=COS-05-10aaa0h&utm_campaign=trueAnthem%3A+Trending+Content&utm_medium=trueAnthem&utm_source=facebook&fbclid=IwAR1X2vaLSsVPytuBSsViLz0RCuz4vpDpEVjykneSw00TcTqFZqxoQmD87DA

An issue that we all run into as we get older is age bias. There is a huge need for tech talent, but a lot of hiring groups are passing over the older experienced people for much younger techs. <https://www.wsj.com/articles/older-it-workers-left-out-despite-tech-talent-shortage-11574683200>

If you have a lot of time to kill, there is a new Monopoly game out there. https://www.theverge.com/tldr/2019/11/25/20982612/monopoly-longest-game-ever-edition-hasbro-trolling?utm_campaign=theverge&utm_content=entry&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&fbclid=IwAR2yRpEGInpjS1WKVTu97VefMIEqJ-bj4zFe2wH6htYprCpEjyftIcvCIDc

If you would like to get an electric truck, and don't mind getting weird looks, you can put down \$100 for a new Tesla truck. https://www.popsci.com/story/technology/tesla-cybertruck-electric-pickup-truck/?utm_campaign=trueAnthem%3A+Trending+Content&utm_medium=trueAnthem&utm_source=facebook&fbclid=IwAR3YoxzntqvLsV4sRloIzejVrBaP2QXV8RZbpNmnHxlfh7JGzRIyhrnC9uQ



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If though you would like something that will get more stares of jealousy, the Ford all electric Mustang is available for preorder. https://www.popsci.com/story/technology/ford-mustang-mach-e-electric-vehicle/?utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&fbclid=IwAR181-H7uI1qMPWPn8COFGbAKVFqm6Es-kgNGY43iLedZcyrpsGnHq5G5qo

Is there any chance of Voyager 1 or 2 coming back. http://www.astronomy.com/magazine/ask-astro/2019/01/no-returns?utm_source=asyfb&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=asyfb&fbclid=IwAR2OtpB8yiFf5bK4OgOiYgJOdnSmdsOWiWdHPbQumimYShx9aSFola2E2o

A company is developing a system using mirrors to be able to achieve high temperatures to be able to replace electrical heating systems with the sun to manufacture steel, cement, or petrochemicals. https://www.businessinsider.com/solar-power-heliogen-bill-gates-2019-11?fbclid=IwAR3ZD7Meuj34veeNeV82HDoegtelDW5cFkg5U7-1vTyq9jJW0s65O7gWegg?utm_source=copy-link&utm_medium=referral&utm_content=topbar

Some criminals are using Bluetooth scanners to see if you left your cell phone or such in your car. https://www.wired.com/story/bluetooth-scanner-car-thefts/?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=onsite-share&utm_brand=wired&utm_social-type=earned&fbclid=IwAR2vBWMoX-79hDFam_XNjBtb9PvB2ckXWQhYF8BsyLV2bneGuPRSTxeq0M8

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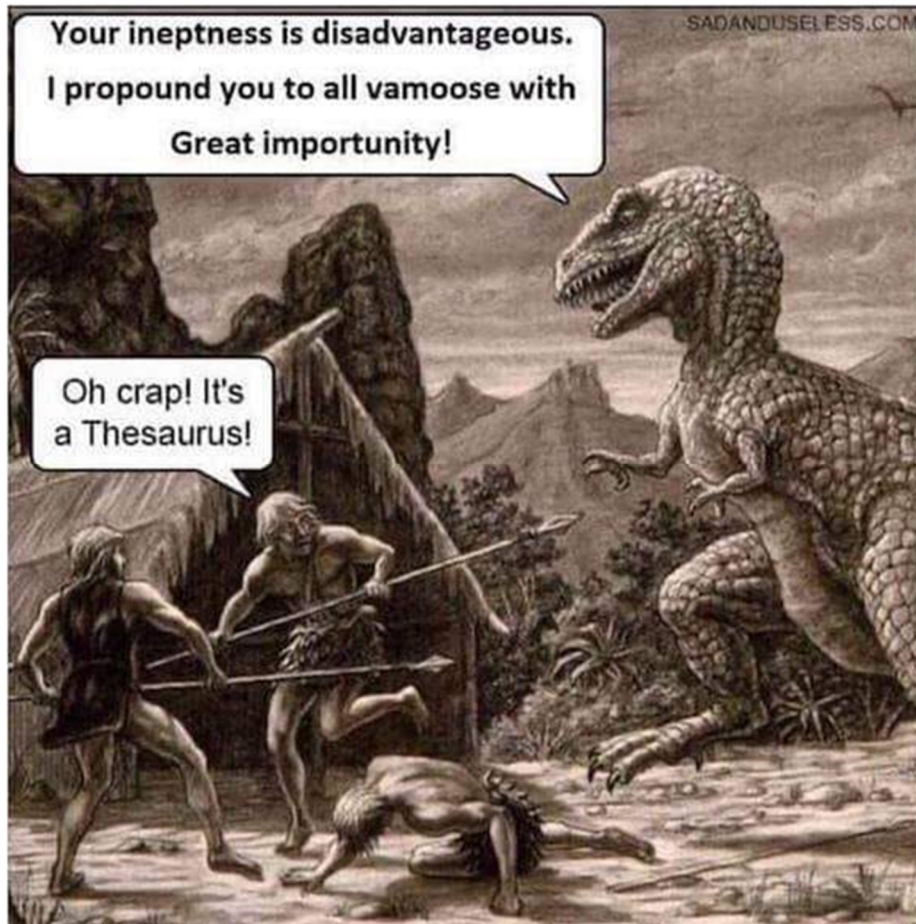
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KEGS GENERAL MEETING AND ASSOCIATED SIGS

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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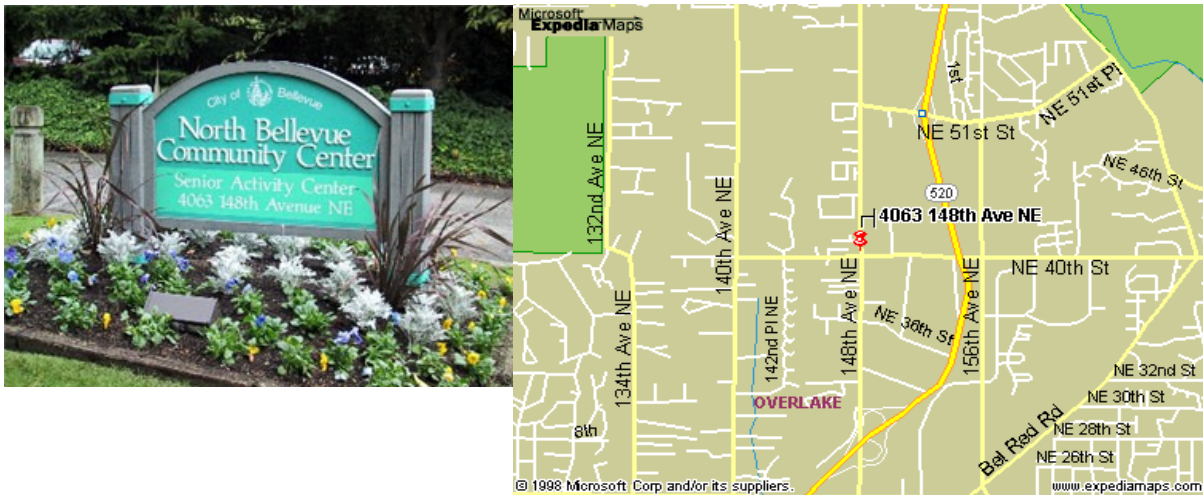
Day of Month	Time	Location	SIG / Email contact	SIG Leader
1st Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Pool Room	Computer Support SIG - N. Bellevue endeavor@frontier.com (Computer repair & maintenance)	Jon Mercer
1st Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Seattle Internet User Group (SEASIGI) gary.skelton@gmail.com	Gary Skelton 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, up-dated information about KEGS activities, and more, please see our web site at:

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

Contact us at: Email: board@kegs.org

or

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