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Prez Says:

Jon Mercer

It is now June, and things are in full swing in the digital world.

The big news from Microsoft was the release yesterday of Windows 8 Review Preview, which will be the last release before the full release which is rumored (external) to be around the 4th quarter of this year, just in time for Christmas. The Review Preview looks a lot more robust in what is offered, so you can get a much better feel of what you will be dealing with when the full release comes out. So if you have been waiting till something that is not beta comes out, your wait is over. You can get it from Microsoft's site at http://windows.microsoft.com/en-US/windows-8/release-preview?ocid=O_MSC_W8R_OandO_Consumer_EN-US.

ZDNet has a good overview article about Windows 8 RP, if you are interested in reading up on it: <http://www.zdnet.com/blog/bott/windows-8-release-preview-microsoft-gets-its-apps-together/5042>

APCUG has a current contest page for a variety of different things; one that might be of interest for some of you is the photography contest. If you are interested in entering it, or other APCUG contests, visit <http://www.apcug.net>. See the information below for the photo contest.

*****Digital Photo Contest**

It's said that a photo is worth a thousand words and in this day of digital photography it's easy to say those thousand words. Contests are a way to improve your photography. It's a lot of fun to take photos but sometimes a contest can help you grow as a photographer since your image will be judged by professional photographers and, in the case of APCUG's contest, be displayed on <http://www.apcug.net> for others to see.***



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When purchasing a new computer, there are many things to consider, especially when it is a laptop. What you are going to do with it and where you are going to take it are two big things to consider before even looking. With laptops becoming smaller and lighter, there are a lot of tradeoffs. The two big ones are capability and durability. The smaller/lighter systems can't support the larger processors because of the issue with heat. They just can't fit big enough heat sinks and fans into the system, so they will be slower. The other is durability. To keep them light, they build a lot of them using tape and thin aluminum/carbon. This means that they are easy to break, even from everyday use. The usual failure is either bending or cracking of the case or of hinge points. They are good for traveling if you are concerned about weight, but you will always need to remember to be gentle with them.

We are still in need of items for our Auction which is at our next General Meeting on June 11th starting at 6:30pm (the Auction Preview will begin at 5:30pm). If you have anything to donate, go ahead and bring it as early as possible; just make sure to read the guidelines on the next page first.

Jon Mercer – President



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AUCTION DONATION GUIDELINES

1. Only software that runs on operating systems of Windows XP or newer will be accepted.
2. No computer add-in cards that plug into an ISA bus will be accepted.
3. Donated items need to be complete enough to be easily used by the bidder. Each item should be in the original box if possible. If necessary, a substitute box may be used. Items that came with installation software and documentation should have those items in the box with the item.
4. Items that do not receive bids during the Auction will not be held over to the next Auction. Members who donate items are requested to put their names on the items and to take any items not receiving bids home with them at the end of the Auction.
5. Any PCs that are donated should be at least a Pentium IV with a speed of 1.6 GHz or higher.
6. Printers need to have Windows XP or newer drivers and ink/toner cartridges should be available. USB connections are preferred but not required.
7. No CRT monitors will be accepted.

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.

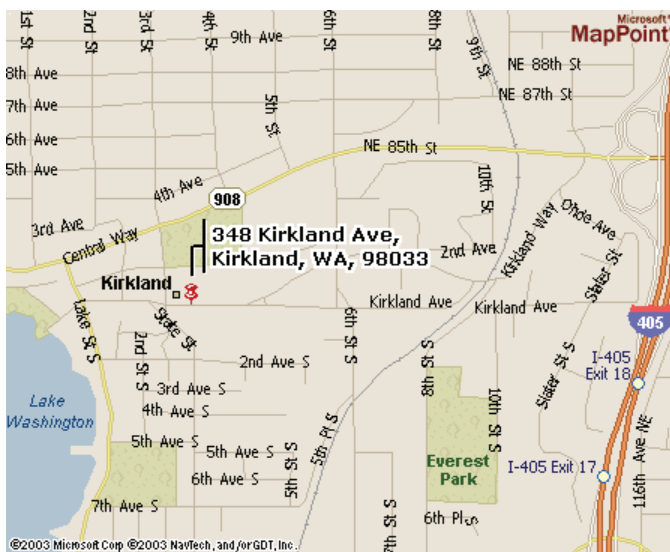
General Meetings at the Kirkland Teen Union Building - 348 Kirkland Ave., Kirkland, WA 98033

Day of Month	Time	Location	SIG / Email contact	SIG Leader
2nd Monday	6 PM - 7 PM	Kirkland Teen Union Building	Technology Corner betacode@hotmail.com	Steve Fondren
2nd Monday	7 PM - 9 PM	Kirkland Teen Union Building	KEGS General Meeting	
2nd Monday	9:30 PM - ? PM	Outback Steakhouse 12120 NE 85 th, Kirkland	Pig SIG sallyannmowrey@msn.com	Sally Ann Mowrey 206-996-5635

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 Kirkland Teen Union Building is part of a string of connected buildings. Right at the street is Kirkland's Performing Arts Center, then comes the Kirkland Senior 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	Conf. room D	HTML SIG jackbewitch@comcast.net	Jack Beslanwich 206-723-9960
1st Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	Seattle Internet User Group seasigi@kegs.org	Marianne Wilkins
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 206-996-5635
4th Wednesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Conf. room D	KEGS Board Meeting r_cowger@prodigy.net	Ron Cowger

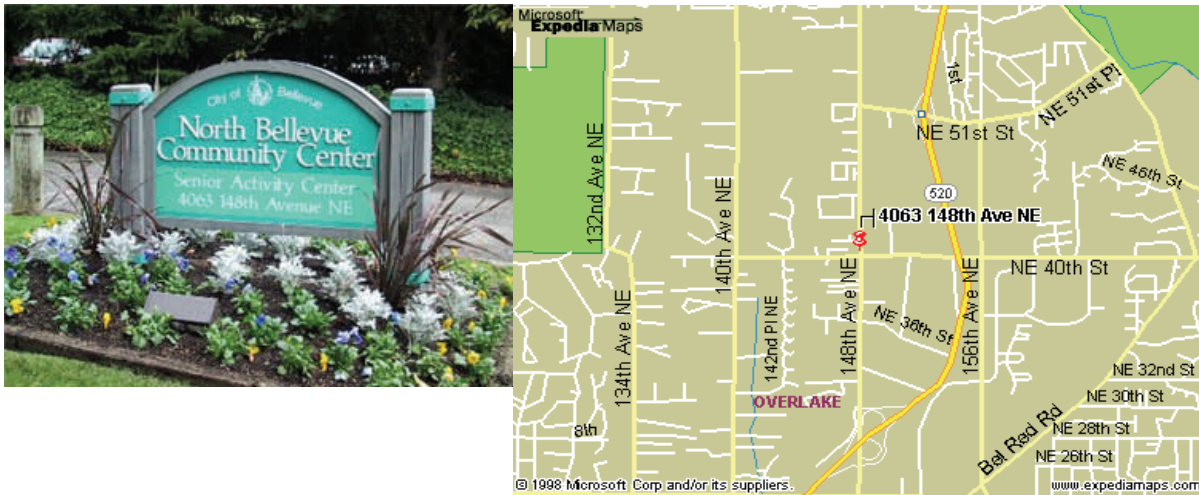
SIG MEETING LOCATIONS:

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>.

Contact us at: Email: info@kegs.org
The Komputer Enthusiasts of Greater Seattle
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Bellevue, WA 98005
Or call 425-747-2433 before 9 PM

To submit articles or software reviews for incorporation into this Newsletter, please send them to: newsletter@kegs.org