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KOMPUTER ENTHUSIASTS OF GREATER SEATTLE

Prez Says:

Jon Mercer

As we enter into summer (at least I think it is summer and sometimes it acts like summer), it is time to think about doing more things outside. Before all that though, I would first like to thank everyone that donated and bid on items for this year's Auction which went off very well.

The big announcements this last month from Microsoft were Phone 8 and Surface. Phone 8 is going to basically look the same as 7.5 and give you more configuration capability so you can make it more like how you like it and is going to have more new features. The only downside is that it also requires more hardware capabilities than the phones that are currently out, so you will not be able to upgrade your current phone from 7.5 to 8. Microsoft though is going to come out with a 7.8 in the next couple of months that you will be able to upgrade to, and this will have a fair number of the features that will be in 8. Currently AT&T and surprisingly Verizon have confirmed they will carry a couple of phones with it. Still waiting to hear from T-Mobile and Sprint.

Microsoft Surface is going to be Microsoft's entry into the PC slate offerings with their own slate computer running Windows 8. Information on it is still pretty light, but more info should be available in the next couple of months. You can get a bit of information about Surface at <http://www.microsoft.com/surface/en/us/default.aspx>

If you are going to be doing any walking off the beaten path at night this summer, Petzl has a new headlamp that uses a range finder based on how long it takes the light to bounce back. It will change the beam brightness which also saves on battery life. It isn't cheap at around \$175 but would cut back some on the purchase of batteries. It is called the NAO headlamp, and you can read about it at <http://www.petzl.com/us/outdoor/headlamps/nao/nao-headlamp>

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Genius has come out with a mouse that uses ultracapacitor instead of batteries to run their DX-ECO wireless mouse. They say it can be charged 100,000 times and last about 100 years. Given the direction input devices are going, it will be an operational device at a museum probably for most of its usable life. It would be nice though to have a mouse that you don't have to ever worry about changing batteries every two to three weeks or once a year when the rechargables have failed. This mouse is fairly cheap at \$45. <http://geniusnet.com/wSite/ct?xItem=51614&ctNode=105>

Able Planet has developed a hearing device based around their sound canceling system that will boost vocal frequencies and dampen ambient sounds, so you can hear people talking better. It will set you back \$400. <http://www.popsci.com/category/tags/able-planet-personal-sound-amplifier>

If you have ever wondered how they service the big hole diggers, like the one that will go under Seattle here soon, there is a good article at <http://www.popsci.com/technology/article/2012-04/drill-dentists>

Just for a bit of trivia info. It takes two hours to fill the Airbus A380, which is currently the world's largest commercial aircraft. This is at a rate of 1000 gallons a minute. For those wondering what is the world's largest aircraft, that is the Russian Antonov An-225. Some of you might have seen it at the 1990 Payne Field Air Show that was a mixed Russian/American show.

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.

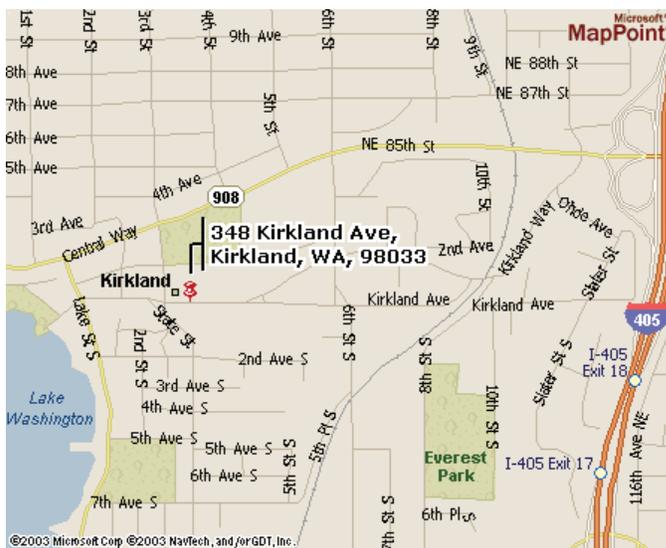
General Meetings at the Kirkland Teen Union Building - 348 Kirkland Ave., Kirkland, WA 98033

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
2nd Tuesday	7 PM - 9 PM	Computer Lab	Computer Support SIG - N. Bellevue j_m_mr@hotmai.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

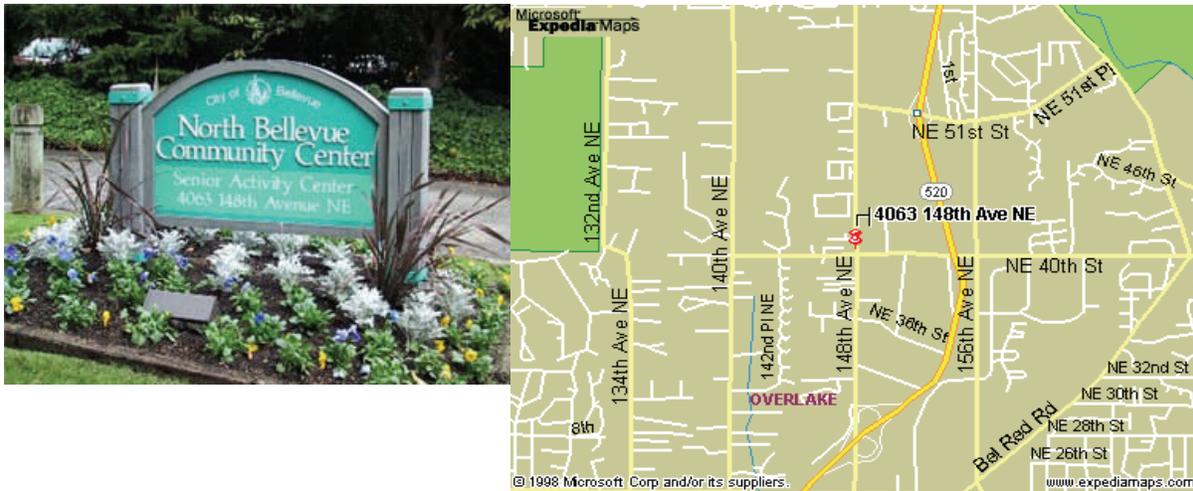
SIG MEETING LOCATIONS:

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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