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Welcome everyone to October and hello from Boston, where work has sent me for a couple of weeks. Boston is home of the biggest gathering of technology in the world including MIT. It is interesting being out in the area where a lot of the technology of the 19th and 20th century began.

October also means it is the beginning of the rush leading to Christmas where the manufacturers of all sorts of things start releasing their products.

The big one so far is Apple's iPhone 5 which has had good overall reviews if you ignore the map issue. It is so popular that every time the stores get it in stock, it is gone; you might have to wait a while to get one. There is also talk of a new iPad Mini with a 7" screen, which will put it in the same class as devices like the Barnes & Nobles Nook.

On the Microsoft side of things there will be the release of Windows 8 to the public on October 26th along with the Surface Tablet on the same day. There will be a big event in New York City on that day. On October 29th there is a Windows Phone 8 event in San Francisco which is rumored to be when they will announce the release of Windows Phone 8. Currently there are three phone companies who have announced phones: Nokia's 820 and 920 (which will be exclusive to AT&T), HTC's 8S and 8X, and Samsung's Ativ. The people who have seen/tested them have basically said that Nokia and HTC phones are fairly close to the same for what they can do, so it might come down to what feels good in your hand. Samsung hasn't released a phone yet to try out, so there is no report. This link <http://gadgets.ndtv.com/>



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[mobiles/features/samsung-nokia-or-htc-which-has-the-most-distruptive-windows-phone-8-line-up-273334](#) has information about each manufacturer's entry.

I hear conflicting stories on release times, but there is going to be a Windows Phone 7.8 that will include things that Phone 8 has for users of Phone 7.6. We just don't know when it is going to be released.

On the camera front (you will have to excuse me for being biased since I am a Canon user), there are two new Canon DSLR cameras that are being released. One is the Canon 6D, which has specs fairly close to as well as the price tag of the 5D. It is a full frame camera which puts it in the same class as the 5D, so I am not sure if it is a replacement since the 5D Mark II just came out. http://www.usa.canon.com/cusa/professional/products/professional_cameras/digital_slr_cameras/eos_6d. The other camera is a modification to the Canon 60D which is the 60Da. This is like the 20Da designed for astro/telescope photography. http://www.usa.canon.com/cusa/professional/products/professional_cameras/digital_slr_cameras/eos_60da

Also if you have not have seen it, Adobe Creative Suite 6 has been released. If you have CS5, you should be able to get a fairly good discount by just upgrading.

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 206-902-7381

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 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
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 206-902-7381
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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