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Prez Says:

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This month's Prez Says will be a bit short and late. Your Prez was on vacation for two weeks and then at work digging out of holes others made. Then I was sent to Washington D.C. for three weeks by work and came into a larger hole that required me to work 10 to 11 hour days to get everything sorted out and took me to Friday at 8 pm to get everything done.

We are now into October which means it is time for two things this season: eating and shopping. There are a couple of things coming out from Microsoft this month of interest. The first on October 18th is Windows 8.1 with Internet Explorer 11. For those of you that have 8.1 Preview, it will require a full format and reinstall of your OS (operating system) unless you have a Windows 8.1 RT Preview system. Windows 8.1 has been working for the most part pretty well. The start button has been added. If you left click on it, it takes you to the Modern UI; if you right click on it, it brings up a whole bunch of options including shutdown. Another change is that when you login it takes you directly to your desktop if you configure it that way. Internet Explorer 11 on the other hand has had a fair number of compatibility and hanging issues which have had me scrambling to Firefox. Hopefully when the full release comes out, those issues will be resolved. It is recommended (if you can) that you install Windows 8.1 onto a secondary machine so you can test out how IE 11 works with the websites you use.

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For those that use Windows 7, IE 11 Preview is now available for you though I would advise you to use caution. If you do have issues after installing Windows 8.1 with IE 11 and have a 64 bit based OS installed, I would recommend Waterfox (which is made by Firefox but was written exclusively for a 64 bit OS). There is no 32 bit code in it. You can read about it at <http://www.waterfoxproject.org/>

The other big announcement is about the Surface 2 (Surface RT 2) and the Surface Pro 2. The Surface Pro 2 will be using the new generation 4 Intel Haswell chip which should provide longer battery life. It will also have a new type of screen and come in four size offerings for the SSD (Solid State Drive) of 64, 128, 256, and 512GB. It still won't have a slot for a SIM so you can't just link into your cell phone data plan. They are improving the keyboard by making it a bit thicker and changing the kickstand to have multiple angles. New accessories (which are also supposed to work with the original Surface) are a dock, and a new type of keyboard with a built in battery that will add two or three hours of battery life to the system. These accessories are not expected until spring 2014. <http://www.microsoft.com/surface/en-us/pre-order>. The price of the Surface Pro 2 is going to be between \$799 and \$1799 depending on which SSD you get plus keyboard and accessories. It will come with windows 8.1 Pro but not Office.



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At the last Intel conference there was a new Atom processor released that the hardware critics actually did not call a gutless processor and have high hopes for it.

If you are thinking of getting an electric car, here is a chart that shows all the charging stations in the country. Over half have been installed in 2012/2013. You still need to get comfortable while charging because they still take a while. There is a developer working on a system where you could just pull out your depleted power cell and plug in a new one. They are working around the whole low battery storage capability we currently have. <http://www.popsci.com/cars/article/2013-09/fuel-boom>

Due to the government shutdown, there are people that have to work but are not getting paid. Here is a notice put out by the National Weather Service. Read vertically from top to bottom the area in the red box. <http://www.popsci.com/article/science/national-weather-service-has-hidden-message-congress?dom=PSC&loc=topstories&con=the-national-weather-service-has-a-hidden-message-for-congress>

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 Peter Kirk Community / Senior Center - 325 Kirkland Ave., Kirkland, WA 98033

| Day of Month | Time | Location | SIG / Email contact | SIG Leader |
|--------------|-------------------|--|---|----------------------------------|
| 2nd Monday | 6 PM - 7 PM | Kirkland's Peter Kirk Community Center | Technology Corner betacode@hotmail.com | Steve Fondren |
| 2nd Monday | 7 PM - 9 PM | Kirkland's Peter Kirk Community Center | 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 Peter Kirk Community Center / Senior Center is part of a string of three connected buildings. At the street (Kirkland Way) is Kirkland's Performance Center (350 Kirkland Ave.), then comes the Peter Kirk Community 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 |

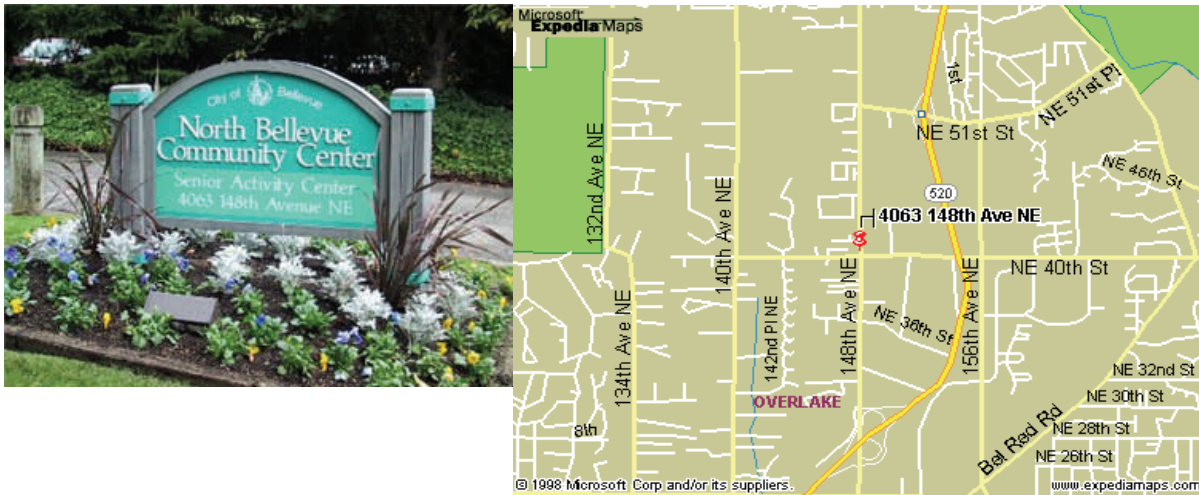
SIG MEETING LOCATIONS:

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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