October Tech Night Offers a 'Twofer'

We will have two presentations at the October 13 Tech Night, *Twitter* and *Pic Collage*. The program will start at 7 p.m.

Bob Brown and Darlene Mosley will explain *Twitter* and why we all need to join. In fact, since its beginning in 2006 it has been evolving. It's gone from a way of shareing updates with friends to what the *Washington Post* describes as a way to "connect with your friends – and other fascinating people. Get in-the-moment updates on the things that interest you. And watch events unfold in real time, from every angle." In no time you will be tweeting, or at the very least you will know what people mean when they say it!
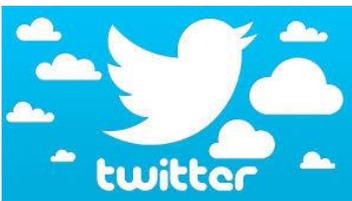
Joe Dietz will demostrate Pic Collage App...a neat app for your IPhone, Android or IPad . Pic Collage allows you to create amazing collages using your photos that you have taken or have downloaded from Facebook, Twitter and more. Once you have finished making your collage, you can share it to Pic Collage, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and also email it! His demonstration will be a simple introduction to the app. In just a few steps you can make great collages on your phone or tablet. Later in the month Joe will be teaching an expanded version featuring all its capabilities at his Digital Photography Special Interest Group on October 28.

Bring a friend so they can see why you're spending all your time at CKCS!

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See what is in your newsletter this month

Click on your topic of interest

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President's Comments

By Brooke Thomas, CKCS President

president@ckcs.org

We have joined with 154 other non-profits in the Blue Grass Region to do some fund raising for the Central Kentucky Computer Society. Our reason for joining these efforts is twofold. We hope to increase our visibility in the community and at the same time raise money. This is an effort by the Bluegrass Community Foundation to help non-profits increase their visibility and utilize social media to increase their fund raising endeavors.

The drive starts on November 3, and there will be challenges throughout the next six weeks to get as many people as possible to donate to our organization.

There will be special events where donors will receive prizes for their donations. Other times we will be in competition to win prizes for CKCS. Freddy Peralta at KyTrade has agreed to put up the match of $500.

We will be sending out weekly announcements via e-mail, Facebook and Twitter to inform you of these events and asking you to support the effort.

The Good Giving Challenge Guides will arrive in your *Lexington Herald-Leader* newspaper in October and there will be a description of your Central Kentucky Computer Society under the Education section.

Double Check your Kroger Plus Card

If you have been to any meetings or read the newsletter the last few months you know we are urging all our members to select CKCS as their charity of choice for Kroger's Community Rewards. You can find the steps on how to do this in last month's newsletter and on our website. It's easy.

Many of you have been on the ball and have already done it. Check your next Kroger receipt and at the bottom of it you should see this message.

Kroger Community Rewards
At your request, we are donating to
Central Kentucky Computer Society, Inc.

Thanks again for selecting CKCS as your charity. This donation helps us keep your class fees and membership price affordable – something that benefits us all.

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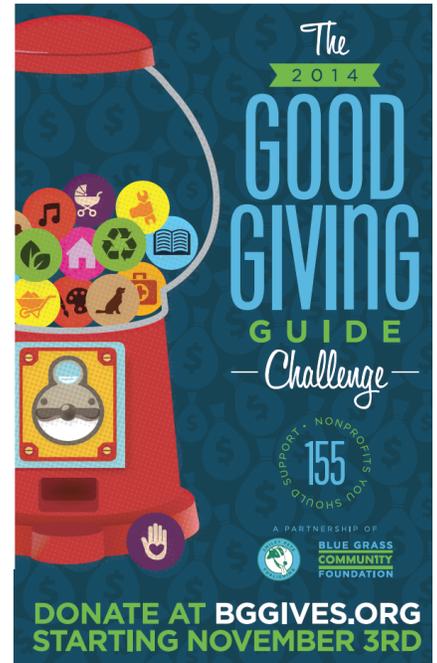
Computer Mystery Workshop
Workshop leader: Bob Brown

Encryption: Files and Folders

The Computer Mystery Workshop on Wednesday, October 1, at 1:30 p.m. will be about file and folder encryption. If you have files or folders of files that you want to keep private then encryption of some type is probably your best tool.

Bob Brown

Some application programs, for example: Microsoft Office components Word and Excel, can encrypt individual documents or files at the time they are created or modified. If you are preparing a private document to be sent to someone else, this may be the best solution. Of course, they must have the same program and you will need to give each of them a copy of the encryption code or password so they can decrypt the file when they receive it.

However, if you are doing a general collection of files for your personal private storage, then a program that can handle large numbers of files is probably a better idea.

You could create a folder to contain all your photographs or all your genealogy data files in different subfolders and then encrypt the whole batch into one folder. There are several free applications for this function. Once the encrypted output is created, it can be stored on disk drives, thumb drives, DVDs, cloud drives or any other storage.

In each situation you are going to have to manage secret keys or passwords so you can decrypt the folders and files later.

At this workshop we will demonstrate some of the products that are available to help with encryption of files or folders.

There will also be time for questions, problem solving, and a few other things.

The next Computer Mystery Workshop will be on Wednesday, November 5, at 1:30 p.m.

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Don't Upgrade to iCloud Drive Just Yet

It's not compatible with OS X Mavericks on Mac or iOS 7 on Apple devices

By Kurt Jefferson,
SIG Leader and Instructor for Mac & iPad topics

"We cannot stress enough how important this is – if you make a mistake with this iCloud Drive option, you may lose the ability to sync all your files stored on iCloud with your Mac and iOS 7 devices…"

– The Apple–oriented website TUAW (The Unofficial Apple Weblog) warning owners of Macs running Mavericks or older operating systems and Apple devices running iOS 7 not to upgrade to iCloud Drive yet when they update their iPhone, iPad or iPod touch to the newest version of Apple's mobile operating system called iOS 8

Kurt Jefferson

View the TUAW article here:
http://www.tuaw.com/2014/09/17/psa-do-not-upgrade-to-icloud-drive-during-ios-8-installation/

Who should heed the warning above? Who can ignore it?

Bottom line – if you:

- Own a Mac running the OS X Mavericks operating system (Apple also calls this OS X 10.9, so any variation of 10.9 is included) or an earlier version of OS X such as Mountain Lion or Lion and have used iCloud in the past to store Pages, Numbers, Keynote documents or photos

- Own more than one Apple device – this includes the iPhone, iPad and iPod touch – running iOS 7 or earlier as well as a Mac running OS X Mavericks or earlier Mac operating system
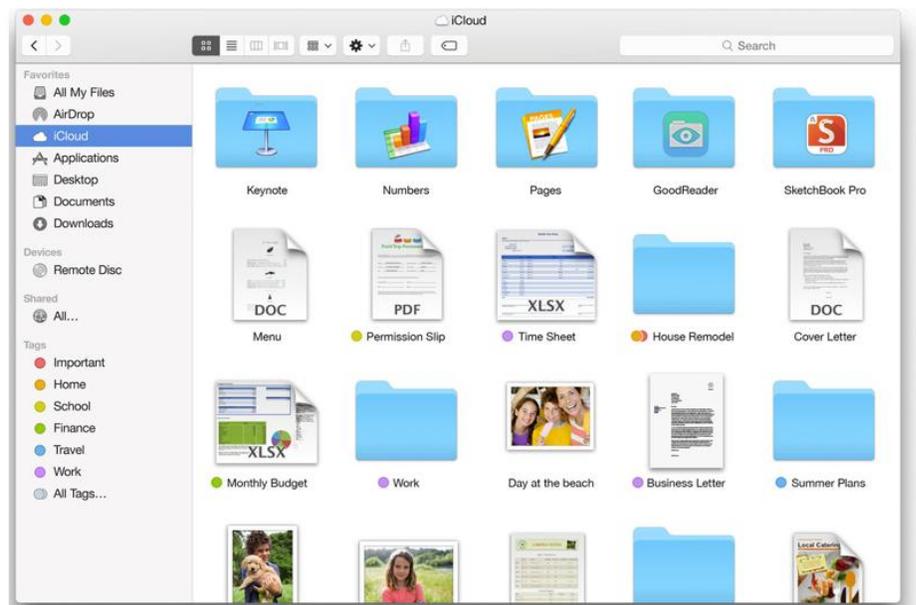
This is how Apple's new iCloud Drive will appear on a Mac running OS X Yosemite, the new operating system for Macs, to be officially released to the public this fall. Those of you using Dropbox or SpiderOak Hive will see similarities to those services.

Let's say you own an iPad, which you want to upgrade to iOS 8 and an older iPad, which cannot

be upgraded. If you upgrade the newer iPad to iOS 8 and choose the iCloud Drive option when upgrading, the older iPad will no longer be able to access your files stored in iCloud

- Want to keep using iCloud as you've been using it

Then choose the **Not Now** option when asked if you want to upgrade to iCloud Drive as you are updating your iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch to iOS 8.

On the other hand – if you:

- Don't own a Mac computer

- Own only one Apple device

- Don't use iCloud

- Don't need to sync your files using iCloud which insures your files are easily accessible on all your devices

Then you should be able to upgrade to iCloud Drive when you update your iOS 8 device.

Here's how a CBS news article describes the issue:

"…If you currently use Apple's older version of iCloud to share files between Apple devices, you'll want to hold off on upgrading the iCloud Drive feature when you install iOS 8 until Apple releases OS X Yosemite for Mac computers later this year.

Content stored in iCloud Drive is only accessible from devices running iOS 8 or OS X Yosemite.

So if you upgrade your device to iOS 8 and enable iCloud Drive, any files you store in iCloud from your iOS device will not be available on your Mac, and vice versa, until Yosemite comes out.

If you use iCloud now, when you upgrade to iOS 8, choose "wait" when given the option to upgrade to iCloud Drive or wait. Then keep using iCloud as you have been until Yosemite launches. Then you can upgrade to iCloud Drive."
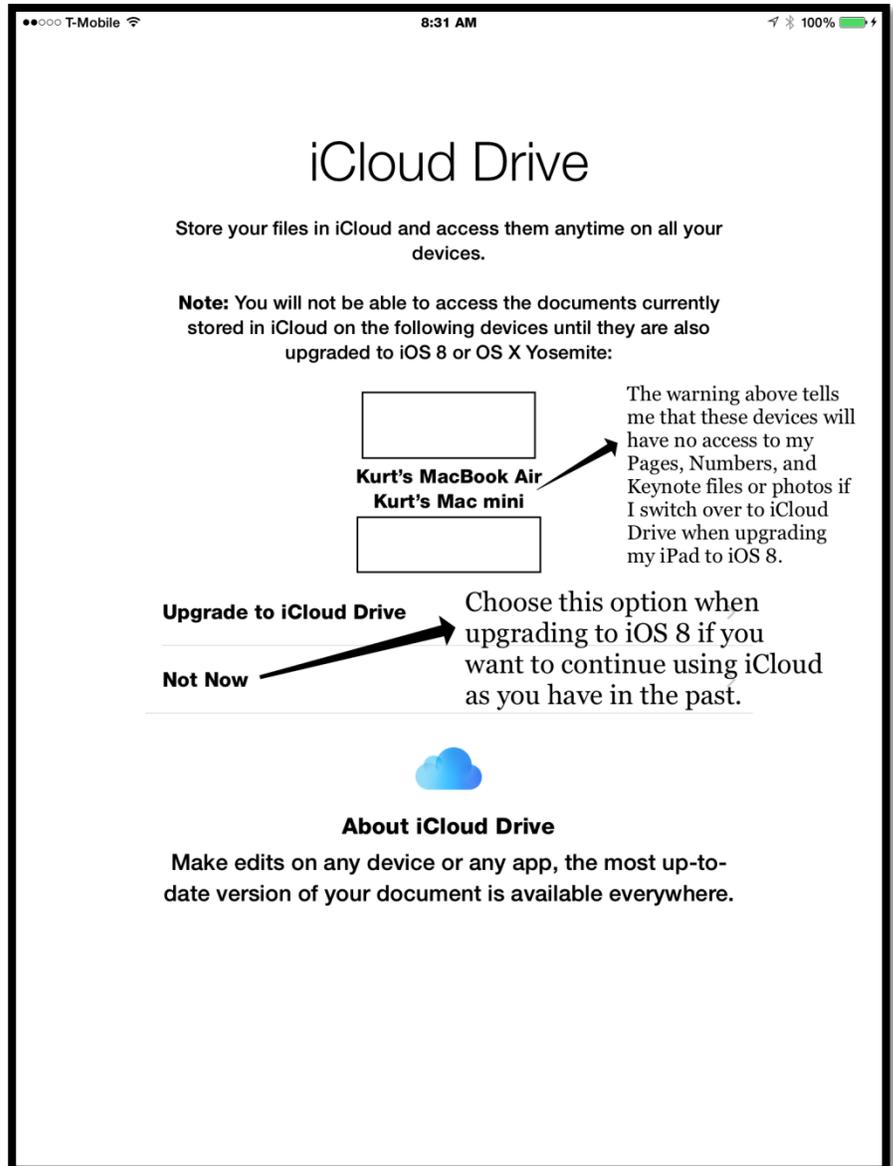
TECH TALK

By Joe Isaac
Windows SIG Leader

Windows 9 Looking Good

New Start menu demonstrated on video

Two-minute video demonstrates how the Start menu works in the next major release of Windows.
(Please watch this great video; it shows how user friendly Windows 9 will be. Joe)
A. The account options have been placed at the top of the Start menu, allowing you to lock and sign out of a machine.
B. Shutdown and restart options can be accessed by a visible button alongside the account section.
The new Start menu consists of two sections:

1. List of traditional apps in the familiar left pane.
2. A new section on the right that consists mainly of modern apps with Live Tiles. The right section can collapse to make way for Start menu users to dig into File Explorer; otherwise it appears to work just like the Windows 7 menu with options to pin apps and browse through a list of all apps.

http://www.theverge.com/2014/9/12/6139255/windows-9-video-demo-features-start-menu

More and more apps are pinned to the Start menu. It expands automatically.
This is only a very early look at the next version of Windows, expected to be named just Windows or Windows 9. Microsoft is expected to distribute an early Windows Technical Preview at the end of September or early October so that developers and **enterprise customers** can evaluate the many changes the company is making.

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Digital Photography Special Interest Group

SIG Leader: Joe Dietz

Tuesday, October 28, 2014

This month's topic: Pic Collage

Joe Dietz
Digital Imaging
SIG Leader

Nearly everyone has an IPad, IPhone, Android or tablet that takes pictures. The questions is….out of the hundreds of different photo apps – which are worth using? This month we are going to look at a neat app for your IPhone, Android or IPad – Pic Collage.

Pic Collage may be your new favorite app. It's a party with your photos! Pic Collage allows you to create amazing collages using your photos that you have taken or from Facebook, Twitter and more. Pic Collage also has a wide array of stickers, text, layouts, backgrounds and frames. Once you have finished making your collage, you can share it to Pic Collage, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and also email it!

We will also be demonstrating how to show your IPhone or IPad screens on the Apple TV. With just a few clicks on your device, you are ready to go.

Pic Collage is a user friendly app that does a great job. And best of all ----it is free!

October Digital Imaging Photo Contest

This month's photo contest catagory is "**Night or Dusk**".

Take your photos and e-mail one to me joedietz@aol.com no later than October 27.

See ya on the 28th!
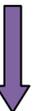
Results of the September Digital Photography Photo Contest

Category: Farms / Farming

First Place Winner – Nancy Bonhaus

Second Place Winner – Boone Baldwin

Not a member ?
We invite you to join CKCS

Here is how: It is simple as 1 – 2 – 3
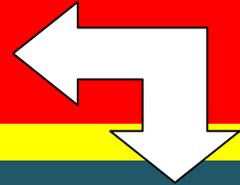
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Click on this link http://www.ckcs.org/join/ and fill out the form

(if that doesn't work, go to www.ckcs.org and click on JOIN NOW) - - **or**

2

Call (859) 373-1000 and a friendly office supervisor will be glad to help you - **- or**

3

Stop by the CKCS Resource Center at 160 Moore Drive, Lexington 40503

Office hours Monday through Friday, 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.…

We need you and will welcome you as a full-fledged member!

Members are eligible to attend all Special Interest Group sessions

Members receive a discount on all classes, workshops and seminars

News to use

FastStone Workshop added this month by popular demand

Several of our members have asked for a repeat of the **FastStone** workshop we held a few months ago. With that in mind, Joe Dietz has scheduled a three-hour workshop on October 8, 2014, from 1 to 4 p.m.

FastStone is a free, easy to use, digital imaging program. Unlike some of the free programs out there, this is an impressive, user friendly program.

FastStone has a fairly extensive program that does lots of stuff: fix up pictures, batch process your files, run a slide show that can include music, tags images, prints contact sheets and lots more. When you download the program there is an option to download the tutorial (many tutorials are very brief and worthless which was what I expected.) This tutorial is 95 pages and as I went through it, I was impressed with the "user friendly" approach that it had. And it is free also! Check out their web page for more information. http://www.faststone.org .

For those that want to learn more about this program, this workshop will be in the classroom so the class size is limited to eight people.

For non-members, the cost is $30: for members $24. This workshop starts soon so call CKCS right away to sign up – (859) 373-1000, M thru F 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

One more Fall CKCS class to start in October

Learning Camera Basics Level 2
(cost: $40)
Monday afternoons (1 p.m. to 3 p.m.)
Oct. 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17

 (Must have completed Level 1 to take level 2)

Course Description
Learning Camera Basics Levels 1 & 2*...We have designed this class to show in an easy and entertaining way how to use your camera in plain English. Learn basic skills on how to take pictures and what all of those dials and buttons are all about and how to use them. **(Level 1 is required to take Level 2)**

To enroll by phone call 859 373-1000 or to enroll in person go to the CKCS office at 160 Moore Drive, Suite 7, M-F 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. CKCS accepts cash, check, or credit card.
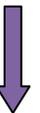
Microsoft 'beefs up' its cloud storage program.

Microsoft users now have an improved 'cloud' storage feature available to them. It wasn't long ago when it only offered users a limit of 5 GB of storage space, but in the last month, Microsoft announced that now users may have up to 30 GB of storage FREE which is a giant step over Apple's iCloud offering. Then a few days later Microsoft announced it would accept files up to 10 GB in size. Of course it would be rare to have many files that size, but that would fill up your authorized free space quickly. However, as most services of this type do, Microsoft does offer additional space for a fee.
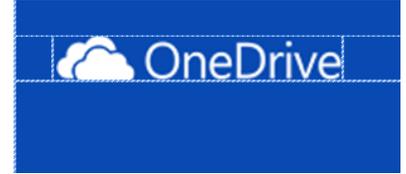
The major advantage of 'cloud' storage is that once you put a file in the 'clouds' you may access it from multiple devices, such as your phone, your tablet, laptop or desktop computer.

We welcome two new Office Supervisors

CKCS Office Coordinator Jan Landers-Lyman announced the recruitment of two new office supervisors. They are Debby Giannini, who has volunteered to work on Thursday mornings from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Bill Alverson will work Friday afternoons from 1 to 4 p.m. A complete list of all officer supervisors is available on page 2 of each newsletter

Changes to the Word Processing SIG

1. Starting this month, the Word Processing SIG will meet only at 1:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month. The 7 p.m. time slot will be discontinued until further notice.
2. There will be no meeting of the Word Processing SIG in November. This is Election Day and Larry Trivette, the SIG leader, always serves as an election officer for that occasion.

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Changes to Kroger Card Program

To all CKCS Members and Friends:

We appreciate your participation in the Kroger Community Rewards program. The donations from Kroger have enabled several improvements in our organization without dues increases.

However, beginning in September, Kroger made changes in the way the reward program works. The old white gift cards will no longer be part of the new system. That program is gone. The new program is based on the familiar KROGER PLUS card which has been around for years.
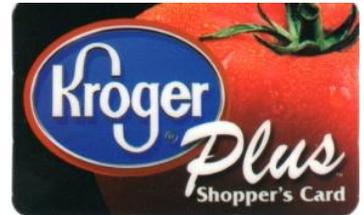
We now ask that you do two things if you wish to have your spending at Kroger generate automatic donations to CKCS:

1. If you have a card that looks like this picture, great! Most Kroger shoppers do have one because it provides discounts on numerous products. If you need a card, you can get one by going to the Kroger service desk and asking for one.
2. Use the Kroger website to register your Plus Card number and choose "Central Kentucky Computer Society" as your organization.
3. Here are detailed instructions for Step 2:
    a. Go to https://www.kroger.com
    b. Click on Community Rewards
    c. Click on "Create an Account" to enroll
    d. Enter your information: including email address and a new password for this account
    e. Click Create Account
    f. Enter your Kroger Plus card number - it is on both the wallet card and the key ring card
    g. Click "Enroll now for Community Rewards"
    h. Enter our organization name **Central Kentucky Computer Society** or the CKCS number which is **11119**

Once you have done all this, if all is right, the next time you shop at Kroger you should see a comment on the bottom of your receipt that looks like this:

Your existing white Kroger Gift card can still be used to buy groceries until all the money you put on it has been used. Once it is empty, we understand you won't be able to 'load' it with more money. If that is correct, at that point the white card is basically useless.
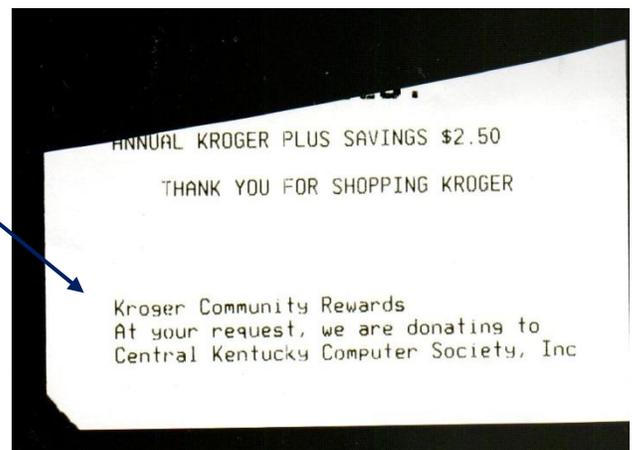
Two founders of CKCS spoke at 30th anniversary celebration

The Tech Night program on September 8 was a celebration of the 30th anniversary of the incorporation of the Central Kentucky Computer Society. Those attending got to hear comments from the CKCS founder and first president, David Reed, and from the first treasurer, Arthur Abshire. Reed lives in Santa Teresa, NM, but he provided a recorded message using Skype, a video Internet communication program. (See video image at right.)

Abshire, (pictured at left) a Lexington lawyer, who did the legal work to incorporate CKCS, was present and provided comments about the early days of CKCS.

The program, led by Jerry Heaton, included a dozen selected YouTube videos which were entertaining, educational or just funny. There were door prizes, including two printers; a Hewlett Packard and an Epson Workforce (both donated by CKCS), a solid-state drive, some flash drives and coupons for $50 or $25 toward products or services at Kentucky Trade on Virginia Avenue. Freddy Peralta, owner of KyTrade, attended to make the presentation of the eight prizes he donated.

A computer program was used to randomly select the winners using names on the sign-in sheets. Selected names were Joe Dietz, Morris Riddle, Joe Isaac, Steve Cornwell, Brooke Thomas, Jerry Markussen, Jan Lymon, Katherine Jackson and Julia Steanson. CKCS provided a cake and punch. Various members provided the majority of the snacks that were offered during the break.

The Directors' Prize, a four month extension of one's membership, was for Eugene Potter. However, he was not present so the prize next month will be for five months' extension of the winner's membership.

Many of the videos used this night had not been in the newsletter so most of this month's videos on page 17 will be repeats for those who were present.

THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY ALBUM

Clockwise, top left: Joe Isaac talks with Brooke Thomas. Attendees chat before the session starts. Bob Brown talks about changes to the Kroger Card. Larry Trivette was supposed to keep people from eating early. Jerry Heaton served as the moderator for this Tech Night. Joe Dietz's name was the first drawn for a door prize. Mike Seiler talks about fall classes. **All Photos by Boone Baldwin**

New Members and Renewals
During the period from 8/25/2014 to 9/25/2014

We welcome the following new members.

Harry Ellison
Harold T. Faulconer
Teresa Hancock
Dellann Vickers
Patti Z. Woodward

We thank the following members who renewed their memberships during this reporting period.

Anne R. Baker
Wayne P. Bell
Ron Grote
Carolyn L. Holmes
Thomas Laborio Sr.
Maxine Littrell
Marcia S. Miller
William & Carole Palmer

The following are current members on whom we have no current email address or the email address we have is incorrect.

Dave Binning	**Russ Reynolds**
Clifford M. Denny	**Mattie S. Robinson**
E J Eisenbraun	**Pat Sleet**
Patricia Holt	**Shirley Snarr**
Carol & Paul Mandelstam	**Phyllis Tackett**
Mark McCain	**Robert W. Tibbetts**
Janice Prewitt	**Ivan R. Weir**

Please send your current email address to our membership manager using ben.rice@ckcs.org

Information furnished by CKCS Board of Directors member Ben Rice

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This Month's Best Videos / Shows

INSTRUCTIONS: If you use GOOGLE CHROME. Hold down the control key before you click on the link below. It creates a NEW TAB at the top. Once you view the video, simply close that tab to return to this page. If you use INTERNET EXPLORER, we recommend you copy and paste the links below into a new search bar rather than clicking the links below. This will allow the newsletter to remain open in the background while you view the video. Using this system, when returning to the newsletter, the viewer doesn't have to wait each time until the large PDF newsletter file reloads.

Young son learn about butterflys

http://faithtap.com/1576/boys-set-a-butterfly-free/

Furnished by Jerry Markussen

Skydiver chooses to land on an airstrip -- unfortunately

http://www.theguardian.com/world/video/2014/mar/10/skydiver-plane-mid-air-collision-florida-video

Furnished by Carl Peter

Robin Williams as the American Flag

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q_L1vLv84vs

Furnished by Mike Seiler

Not just another commercial

https://www.youtube.com/embed/AA56LgpFbSw?rel=0

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A car that flies

Click here: PAL-V | Ultimate Freedom

Furnished by Carl Peter

The unseen world

https://www.youtube.com/embed/FiZqn6fV-4Y

Furnished by Carl Peter

Fast talking youngster tells about Doorway to Hell

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GyiIBY6GO1Q&index=7&list=PLbpi6ZahtOH5Rg1h3n8zZCDa7bdEnaCCV&feature=w32-03

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Dog in the driver's seat

http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?feature=player_detailpage&v=fybch3DX8c8

Furnished by Carl Peter

Three minute bus ride

https://www.youtube-nocookie.com/embed/skC8u4Ok0Kg?rel=0

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Nanjing Youth Olympics

http://www.flixxy.com/stunning-opening-performance-nanjing-youth-olympics-2014.htm?utm_source=nl

Furnished by Kay Stivers

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A Few Funny Pages

These are all comments by Phyllis Diller

Whatever you may look like, marry a man your own age. As your beauty fades, so will his eyesight.

Housework can't kill you, but why take a chance?

Cleaning your house while your kids are still growing up is like shoveling the walk before it stops snowing.

A smile is a curve that sets everything straight.

The reason women don't play football is because 11 of them would never wear the same outfit in public.

Best way to get rid of kitchen odors: Eat out.

A bachelor is a guy who never made the same mistake once.

I want my children to have all the things I couldn't afford. Then I want to move in with them.

Most children threaten at times to run away from home. This is the only thing that keeps some parents going.

Aim high, and you won't shoot your foot off.

Any time three New Yorkers get into a cab without an argument, a bank has just been robbed.

We spend the first twelve months of our children's lives teaching them to walk and talk and the next twelve telling them to sit down and shut up.

Burt Reynolds once asked me out. I was in his room.

You know you're old if your walker has an airbag.

I'm eighteen years behind in my ironing.

What I don't like about office Christmas parties is looking for a job the next day.

The only time I ever enjoyed ironing was the day I accidentally got gin in the steam iron.

I've been asked to say a couple of words about my husband, Fang. How about short and cheap?

His finest hour lasted a minute and a half.

Old age is when the liver spots show through your gloves.
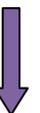
My photographs don't do me justice - they just look like me.

There's so little money in my bank account, my scenic checks show a ghetto.

I admit, I have a tremendous sex drive. My boyfriend lives forty miles away.

My cooking is so bad my kids thought Thanksgiving was to commemorate Pearl Harbor ..

My mother-in-law had a pain beneath her left breast. Turned out to be a trick knee.

Tranquilizers work only if you follow the advice on the bottle - keep away from children.

I asked the waiter, 'Is this milk fresh?' He said, 'Lady, three hours ago it was grass.'

The reason the golf pro tells you to keep your head down is so you can't see him laughing.

You know you're old if they have discontinued your blood type.

Furnished by J. Miller

Law suit

A recent article in the Wellington newspaper, the Dominion Post, reported that a woman, Anne Maynard, had sued Wellington Hospital, saying that after her husband had surgery he lost all interest in having sex.

A hospital spokesman replied: "Mr. Maynard was admitted for cataract surgery. All we did was correct his eyesight."

Furnished by Carl Peter

Baptist Cowboy

A cowboy, who just moved to Wyoming from Texas , walks into a bar and orders three mugs of Bud. He sits in the back of the room, drinking a sip out of each one in turn. When he finishes them, he comes back to the bar and orders three more.

The bartender approaches and tells the cowboy, "You know, a mug goes flat after I draw it. It would taste better if you bought one at a time."

The cowboy replies, "Well, you see, I have two brothers. One is in Arizona , the other is in Colorado . When we all left our home in Texas , we promised that we'd drink this way to remember the days when we drank together. So I'm drinking one beer for each of my brothers and one for myself."

The bartender admits that this is a nice custom, and leaves it there.

The cowboy becomes a regular in the bar, and always drinks the same way. He orders three mugs and drinks them in turn.

One day, he comes in and only orders two mugs. All the regulars take notice and fall silent. When he comes back to the bar for the second round, the bartender says, "I don't want to intrude on your grief, but I wanted to offer my condolences on your loss."

The cowboy looks quite puzzled for a moment, then a light dawns in his eyes and he laughs.

"Oh, no, everybody's just fine," he explains, "It's just that my wife and I joined the Baptist Church and I had to quit drinking."

"Hasn't affected my brothers though."

Furnished by Carl Peter

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CKCS List of Special Interest Groups

Each month the Central Kentucky Computer Society offers nine Special Interest Groups (SIGs) which may be attended by members and their guests. Below is a summary of what takes place at each SIG. Information is provided by the SIG leader. Visitors are cordially invited to become active CKCS members. Starting times of SIGS are as indicated in the listing.

SPECIAL NOTE; Always check the "Monthly Schedule" and the "Newsletter" link on the CKCS home page for any schedule change www.ckcs.org

COMPUTER MYSTERY SIG

Meets monthly on the first Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. – Leader Bob Brown

Meeting topics will be about Internet websites, operating system tips and tricks, application software, new hardware devices or any other ideas from the world of personal computers. At each meeting, two or three things are presented that you might want to do with your computer but may not know exactly how

DATABASE SIG

Meets monthly on the fourth Monday at 7 p.m. – Leader Garland Smith

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY SIG

Meets monthly on the fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. – Leader Joe Dietz

The Digital Photography Special Interest Group is a forum to provide and share information about digital imaging. The SIG frequently has guest speakers to cover a wide range of topics that are related to digital imaging. Some of our past topics have been on digital archiving (AKA Backup), getting the best out of your point and shoot camera, effective lighting when taking pictures, restoring old photos and many others. The goal of this SIG is to help attendees to better understand digital imaging, learning how to get the best out of their cameras and how to improve their images with digital imaging software such as Corel's Paint Shop Pro, Photoshop CS/Elements, Gimp or other program. Each meeting starts with a photo contest with a variety of different categories.

DR. FIXIT SIG

Meets monthly on the first Saturday at 10 a.m. – Leaders: Bob Brown, Ben Rice James Osborne and Mike Seiler.

CKCS members are eligible to bring in sick computers for evaluation. Our 'experts' will diagnose the problem and if possible make simple repairs. All you need to bring is the CPU. Our leaders will use a mouse and monitor on hand. This is a free service for members only. One may join in membership to avail themselves of this special service.

MAC AND iPAD SIG

Meets monthly on the second Thursday at 7 p.m. – Leader Kurt Jefferson

The Mac and iPad SIG tackles issues to help make both Apple's Mac computers and its iPad tablet easier to use and more enjoyable. We deal with a variety of topics ranging from Mac OS X (pronounced "10") to iOS, the operating system running Apple's iPad. We share tips at every meeting and provide insights to empower users to get more out of their Macs and their iPads. Users are encouraged to bring their Mac laptops and iPad tablets to experience first hand the tips provided at each meeting. Whether you're a beginner to the Mac or iPad, of you've been using both devices for several years, you'll walk away with plenty of tips, tricks, and advice to make your computing experience more enjoyable.

MICROSOFT ACCESS SIG

Meets monthly on the third Thursday at 7 p.m. – Leader Stuart Zahalka

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WINDOWS SIG

Meets monthly on the second Tuesday at 7 p.m. – Leader Joe Isaac

The Windows SIG or Workshop for Windows 7, 8.1, Vista and XP, meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m... Topics covered may be: Windows, Internet Explorer, Google Chrome, Windows Live Mail, Windows Live Photo Gallery, Control Panel, System Restore, Defrag, Desktop, Taskbar, Disk Cleanup, etc. To see which topic will be covered next go to http://joescomputertips.blogspot.com/
To see a year's worth of email Tips and Reviews go to:**http://www.ckcs.org/joetips.pdf**

WORD PROCESSING SIG

Meets monthly on the first Tuesday. There are usually two sessions that day, the first at 1:30 p.m. and the second at 7 p.m.– Leader Larry Trivette

The Word Processing SIG starts with questions from classmates where the SIG leader and all attending help provide solutions and answers. In fact, many of the topics presented during each session come from questions received by email during the month. Topics are presented so that new as well as advanced computer users will benefit by attending. This workshop uses several Microsoft Word versions during the SIG.

UNIX / LINUX SIG

Meets monthly on the fourth Thursday at 7 p.m. – Leader Lewis Gardner

The Linux SIG handles a wide range of technical topics. Linux is based on Unix which is the granddaddy of modern networking. We spend a considerable amount of time on servers, networks, routers, access points and general network configuration. These operating systems are at the heart of many devices in our increasingly connected world. Come out and we will try to get your questions answered, your problems troubleshot or devices configured.

CKCS October 2014 SIG Schedule

This special SIG calendar prepared for this newsletter by Larry Trivette

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Sep	**30 Sep**	**01 Oct**	**02 Oct**	**03 Oct**	**04 Oct**
		1:30 PM **Mystery Workshop** **BOB BROWN**	**9:00 AM** Photo Coffee Clicks **7:00 PM** Board of Directors		**10:00 AM - NOON** **Dr. Fixit** **BOB BROWN - BEN RICE - MIKE SEILER - JAMES OSBORNE** Bring in your problem PC and we'll try to help
06 Oct	**07 Oct**	**08 Oct**	**09 Oct**	**10 Oct**	**11 Oct**
	1:30 PM Only! Word Processing **LARRY TRIVETTE**		**9:00 AM** Photo Coffee Clicks **7:00 PM** Mac & iPad **KURT JEFFERSON**		
13 Oct	**14 Oct**	**15 Oct**	**16 Oct**	**17 Oct**	**18 Oct**
7:00 PM **Tech Night** **Twitter**	**7:00 PM** Windows 8.1 - 7 - Vista & XP **JOE ISAAC**		**9:00 AM** Photo Coffee Clicks **7:00 PM** Microsoft Access **STUART ZAHALKA**		
20 Oct	**21 Oct**	**22 Oct**	**23 Oct**	**24 Oct**	**25 Oct**
			9:00 AM Photo Coffee Clicks **7:00 PM** Unix/Linux **LEWIS GARDNER**		
27 Oct	**28 Oct**	**29 Oct**	**30 Oct**	**31 Oct**	**01 Nov**
7:00 PM **Database** **GARLAND SMITH**	**7:00 PM** Digital Photography **JOE DIETZ**		**9:00 AM** Photo Coffee Clicks		**10:00 AM - NOON** **Dr. Fixit** **BOB BROWN - BEN RICE - MIKE SEILER - JAMES OSBORNE** Bring in your problem PC and we'll try to help

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After OS X Yosemite is officially released for Mac users, then it will be safe for those folks to upgrade to iCloud Drive.

In addition, those of you owning more than one Apple device should be okay to upgrade to iCloud Drive if both devices are capable of running iOS 8.

Finally, files you save using iCloud are available by visiting www.icloud.com. Log in using your Apple ID and the password connected to that account.

Unintended consequences of software updates gone awry

Apple has a pretty good track record of releasing software updates that don't muck up the company's mobile devices or Mac computers. Then again, there are times when Apple managers probably wish they could go back in time and halt the release of certain updates.

iOS 8.0.1 is one of those updates. Apple pushed it out on a Wednesday in late September. Later that same day, Apple pulled the update. It turns out that some owners of the new iPhone 6 and iPhone 6 Plus reported the update killed their phones and made Touch ID unusable.

The reason Apple released the patch in the first place was to fix HealthKit, the new fitness app, and to reduce iPhone users' data usage when sending text messages.

Needless, to say the software update led to plenty of unintended consequences. As the Apple–oriented Web site, TÚAW put it, "Wednesday's release of iOS 8.0.1 was unfortunately not Apple's best work." It added, "Apple pulled the update entirely just a few hours later and said it was actively investigating the matter."

It goes without saying that it's often smart to wait rather than immediately download and install a new operating system. I didn't immediately install iOS 7 on my iPad. Instead, I waited several weeks until iOS 7.0.1 had been issued before installing. *The Wall Street Journal* writes, "It is not uncommon for updated versions of an operating system—especially one used by millions of people on different devices—to report issues in the early days after their release. Major product releases also tempt some people to perform extreme tests that aren't indicative of everyday use, which then gain attention on social media."

Users also need to be aware that operating systems contain millions of lines of code. Changing just one line of code can impact a different section of the operating system.

One day later after the software update misfire, Apple said that a fix would be on its way in "a few days" with the release of iOS 8.0.2.

The tech web site re/code passed along Apple's statement, ""We apologize for the great inconvenience experienced by users, and are working around the clock to prepare iOS 8.0.2 with a fix for the issue," a spokesperson said. "And will release it as soon as it is ready in the next few days."

Impact of the update, while embarrassing for Apple, appears to be limited to owners of the new iPhone 6 and iPhone 6 Plus smartphones who installed the update soon after it was available."

If you want to revert to iOS 8, Apple provides instructions here: http://support.apple.com/kb/HT6487

Questions about iOS 8?
Got other iOS 8 questions? TidBITS provides a good overview here: http://tidbits.com/article/15077

Older Apple Device?
If your iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch is old or a 16GB model, you may not be able to upgrade to iOS 8. TidBITS writes: "iOS 8.0 is a 1.1 GB download, and while user reports vary, we recommend having 5.7 GB of storage space available to install it."

In–depth iOS 8 Review
If you're the type of individual who really enjoys in–depth, lengthy reviews, then you need to visit the tech web site, ars technica, for an eleven–page overview: http://arstechnica.com/apple/2014/09/ios-8-thoroughly-reviewed/

iPhone User Guide for iOS 8 in iBooks
iPhone users will want to download Apple's iPhone User Guide for iOS 8 located in iBooks.

First, open iBooks on your iPhone, iPad, iPod touch or Mac.

Then, click on the "iBooks Store" button. That should take you to the iBooks Store. Then search for "iPhone User Guide for iOS 8" (without quotes.)

Download the free book to your Apple device or Mac. I'm awaiting release of the iPad User Guide for iOS 8, because past versions of the guide have been invaluable in the classroom at CKCS.

Safari Extensions
One of my favorite iOS 8 features is Safari extensions.

I've used extensions (also called add–ons) in both Safari and Firefox web browsers on my Macs for many years. Now Apple has opened up Safari on its devices so that developers may create extensions to make a much better browser.

Keyboards
On–screen third–party keyboards, which can be used for the first time under iOS 8, may also improve the experience on your Apple device, especially if you dislike Apple's built–in on–screen keyboard.
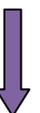
Apple's newly released phones are the fastest–selling iPhones of all time

Apple promoting the new iPhone 6 and iPhone 6 Plus on its web pages.

On the September weekend when Apple launched its iPhone 6 and iPhone 6 Plus, the company says it sold 10 million of the new phones. Apple says this beat its old iPhone sales record.
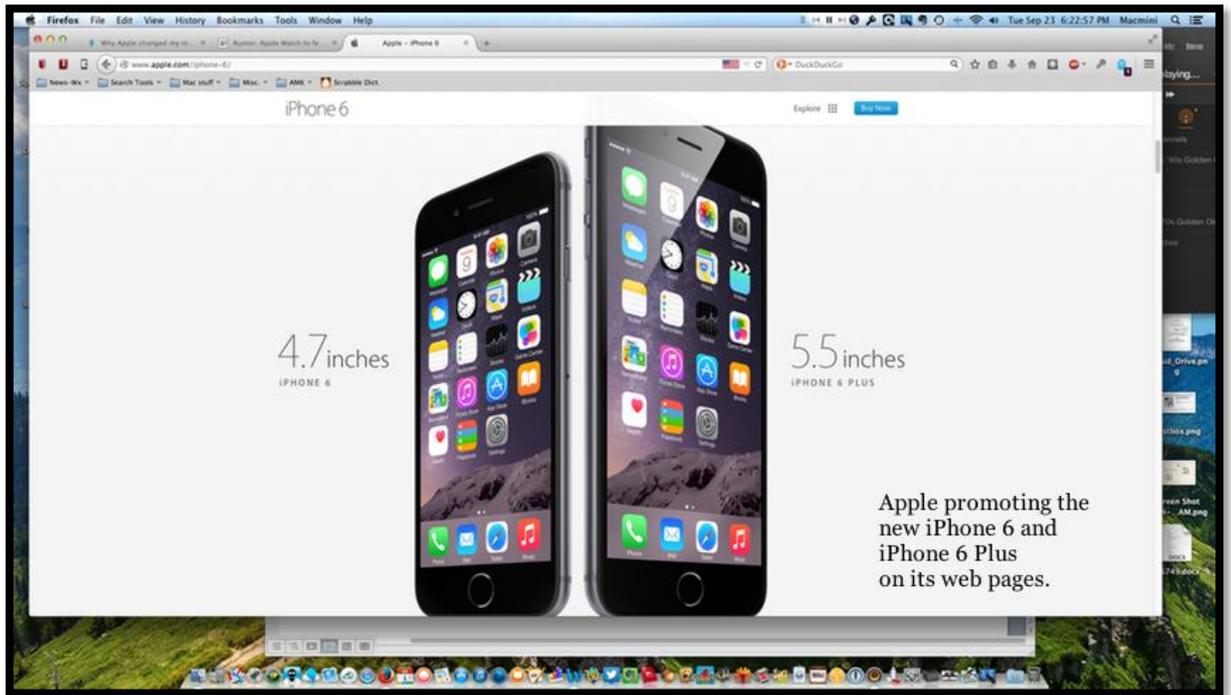
The New York Times writes, "The iPhone is still Apple's biggest cash cow, accounting for about 70 percent of its profit. So early sales can help predict quarterly or even annual results for the company…" It's clear that Apple could have sold even more iPhones if it had the stock.

Barclays analyst Ben Reitzes told The *L.A. Times,* "The weekend sales were impressive given the stock shortages, and because Apple has yet to offer the new iPhones in China; the iPhone 5s and 5c were released last year in China the same day as in the U.S."

Related iPhone stories:

- **Study: Apple's new iPhones score big in durability**
  http://tinyurl.com/pw9vusv

- **iPhones hard to find? You'll have to play the waiting game**
  http://tinyurl.com/lmny9kq

- **Four travel–related reasons to upgrade your iPhone to the new iOS 8**
  http://tinyurl.com/nvcuohh

- **8 games optimized for the iPhone 6 and 6 Plus**
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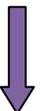
- **iPhone 6 Plus display is the best there is (well, almost)**
  http://tinyurl.com/p6z9fd4

- **Video: iPhone 6 versus iPhone 5s**
  http://tinyurl.com/kfuzv26

- **Got an iPhone 6? Do these 10 things first**
  http://tinyurl.com/k7ky3u9

- **Get started with the iPhone 6 and 6 Plus**
  http://tinyurl.com/kahdhqj

- **How to save $1,186 on an iPhone 6 contract**
  http://tinyurl.com/ong7xe6

Should you upgrade to iOS 8?

Before upgrading to Apple's latest operating system for its mobile devices, make sure your device is compatible with iOS 8:
http://ios8updates.com/ios-8-compatibility/

If you download and install iOS 8 on your iPhone and it's sluggish, check out the Gotta Be Mobile web site for tips, which include:

- Reset All Settings
- Perform a Clean Install

http://www.gottabemobile.com/2014/09/18/iphone-slow-ios-8-performance-fixes/

If you install iOS 8 on your iPad, iPhone or iPod touch and encounter WiFi problems, visit this OSXDaily site for suggestions on solving the problem:
http://osxdaily.com/2014/09/22/ios-8-wi-fi-problems-fix/

How to prepare your devices for iOS 8

Macworld has published a guide on upgrading to Apple's newest mobile operating system. Before upgrading, "back up your stuff" is the recommendation from writer Christopher Breen.

He suggests backing up to iCloud before installing iOS 8:
http://tinyurl.com/l5kv7v7
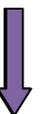
After six days, iOS 8 adoption rate neared 50 percent

Folks are still scrambling to download iOS 8 – but just six days after Apple released the update, the adoption rate stood at 46 percent, according to Apple's Web site for software developers: https://developer.apple.com/support/appstore/

49 percent of iPad, iPhone and iPod touch users were using iOS 7, while 5 percent of others were running older versions of Apple's mobile operating system.

If you're interested in learning more about iOS 8 features, check out Macworld's Web site: http://www.macworld.com/article/2359380/ios-8-faq-what-we-know-so-far-about-apples-next-generation-mobile-os.html

Reports: Apple Watch to have 512MB of RAM

Apple introducing the new Apple Watch on its web site.

While the new iPhones and iOS 8 are getting most of the headlines, Apple's new smart watch is expected to go on sale in early 2015 — possibly in February.

Here's what reports are saying about the Apple Watch:

- Prices start at $349 – a model with stainless steel and sapphire is expected to cost $1,000, while an 18–karat gold and sapphire edition is expected to cost a mind–boggling $5,000
- There will be two sizes – the larger model will probably cost more
- There will be three models – Apple Watch, Watch Sport & Watch Edition
- Screen will feature a flexible Retina display
- Glass will be either a single crystal of sapphire or Ion–X glass in Watch Sports
- A variety of band styles will be available including – Leather Loop, Modern Buckle, Sports Band, Link Bracelet, Classic Buckle, and Milanese Loop
- Apple will provide eleven watch faces, including a classic watch, modular face and photo frame but thousands from third parties are expected when the watch arrives
- Time lapse, solar, moon, astronomy, events and activity level displays will be available in the watch face
- Heart rate sensors are built–in
- The Digital Crown is the dial on the side. It can be turned to zoom in and out of maps or photos, to scroll down Web pages or text.
- It's not round, but square and can be worn on either the right or left wrist
- It will have 512MB of RAM installed
- Users will be able to tap the watch to pay bills by credit card, via iTunes
- Apple Watch can be used as a key to access some hotel rooms

- An always–on tracker counts the user's daily step count. Combine this with height, age, and weight and it should track calories burned
- A magnetic inductive charger attaches to the rear of the watch and replaces a cable. The Apple Watch uses MagSafe technology, similar to what's used on Apple's MacBook laptops

Macworld's Lex Friedman tells how Apple's new smart watch changed his mind about smartwatches
http://www.macworld.com/article/2605890/why-apple-changed-my-mind-about-smartwatches.html

Mac users wonder when OS X Yosemite will be released; Web site says Oct. 21 is release date

Several Apple–oriented Web sites predict that the next version of the operating system, which runs on Mac computers, will be available for download on October 21.

The British version of *Macworld* reports that Apple will hold a special event on that date when it will announce new iPads in addition to the availability of OS X Yosemite.

British version of *Macworld* article:
http://www.macworld.co.uk/news/mac-software/mac-os-x-yosemite-release-date-features-uk-price-3493748/

More than 25 percent of back-to-school computer sales are Macs

Between July 4 and Labor Day, most American kids heading back to school buy plenty of school supplies. Computers – primarily laptops – are also a hot item among those returning to school. This year, Macs laptops and desktops accounted for 26.8 percent of all U.S. computer sales during that period – an increase of 14 percent over last year.

NPD Group, which tracks computer sales, reports that Google Chrome computer sales during the back–to–school period jumped 37 percent, while Windows computers grew by almost 3 percent.

NPD Group reports, "Apple notebooks were one of the star performers this year with sales up 16 percent over last Back-to-School with the most significant increase over the last three weeks of the period growing 27 percent. Windows desktop towers continued their success during this year's Back-to-School season with a 2 percent unit increase, a significant improvement over 2013's 12 percent decline. Chromebook sales were up 32 percent in 2014 and accounted for more than 5 percent of notebook sales, and 18 percent of all sales of notebooks under $300."
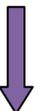
Report: Americans more satisfied with their desktop computers than with laptops or tablets

Just how happy are you with your personal computer?

For years, sales of desktops have lagged behind laptop sales. Despite that fact, when all is said and done, it appears that most of us are happier with our desktop machines than with our laptops or tablets.

Apple's web site promoting its all–in–one iMac desktops.
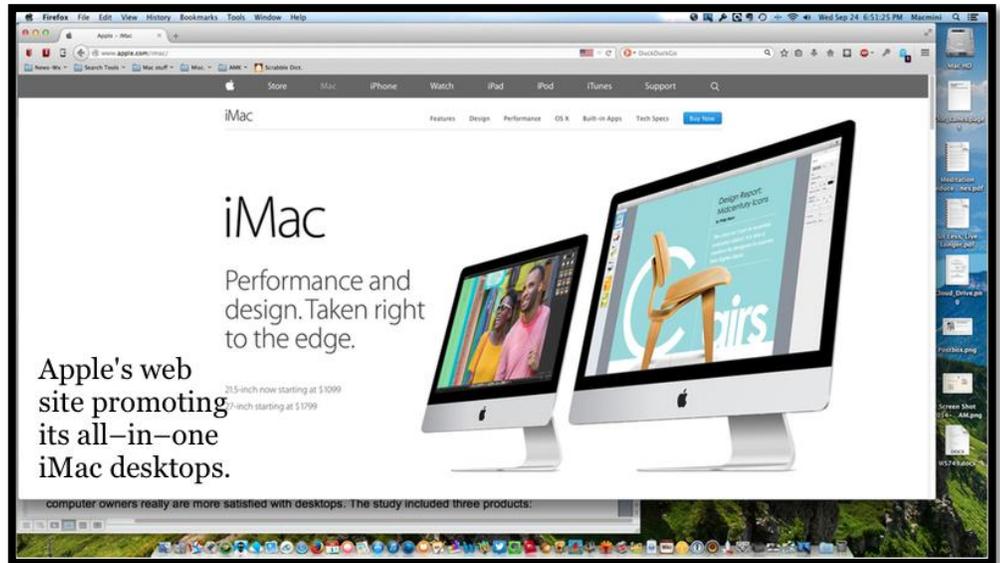
An American Customer Satisfaction Index study completed in late September revealed that, overall, computer owners really are more satisfied with desktops. The study included three products:

- Household appliances
- Personal computers (includes desktops, laptops, and tablets)
- TVs and video players

The study shows that Apple maintains a sizeable lead over its major competitors, yet its score fell three percent to 84 percent (on a 0–100 point scale.) ACSI says, "The large Windows–based manufacturers do not fare well. Dell declines 4 percent to tie Acer at 76, followed by Toshiba (which fell 4 percent to 75 percent)." HP dropped 8 percent to the bottom of the category at 74 percent.

Customer satisfaction with smaller computer makers is much higher. Samsung, Lenovo, and Acer climbed 8 percent to reach 82 percent.

Satisfaction with television sets and Blu–ray or DVD players jumped to 86%, an all–time high for that category.

Meanwhile, overall satisfaction with household appliances remains steady at 80%. Whirlpool tops the satisfaction list with a score of 81 percent. This ties LG, Samsung and Bosch. Electrolux (which recently bought GE's home appliance line) climbed to 79 percent. GE fell to an all–time low of 77 percent.

You can read the full report in PDF format:
http://theacsi.org/news-and-resources/customer-satisfaction-reports/reports-2014/acsi-household-appliance-and-electronics-report-2014
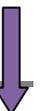
Macworld's article on the ACSI study:
http://www.macworld.com/article/2687343/desktop-pcs-arent-bad-but-americans-love-tvs-and-apple-the-most.html

**Adobe updates Photoshop Elements
and Premiere Elements software for Mac and Windows**
It was way back in 1996 when Adobe first released its photo software for the Mac that would eventually become Photoshop Elements.

Back then it was called Photoshop LE.

Now Adobe has just released version 13 of its Photoshop Elements and Premier Elements software (Premier Elements is for video editing.)

TÚAW reports, "Photoshop Elements 13 has focused on three areas that should resonate with consumers, including the ability to copy people or objects from one photo to another. In an online demo I attended, I saw how easy it was to remove one person from a photo, and plop him down in another, rescaling the person, and matching the color cast to the new photo. A new Refine Selection Brush makes it easy to get a person or object out of one photo and into another."

Photoshop Elements 13 and Premiere Elements 13 are available from Adobe for $99. Upgrade pricing is $79.99. The Elements and Premiere bundle costs $149.99, with upgrade pricing at $119.99.

Amazon is selling Photoshop Elements for Mac through an electronic download version for $99.

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