



# Central Kentucky Computer Society

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# 25 Years

That's right, the Central Kentucky Computer Society will officially celebrate the start of our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary on September 4. It was on that date in 1984 that one of the founding members, Arthur Abshire filed the articles of incorporation with the Kentucky Secretary of State in Frankfort.

CKCS was among the early organizations of this type to be formed in the United States. Twenty five years ago, personal computers were becoming a new adventure for the general public, and the development of computer programs then were an adventure as well. Additionally, there were also a number of individuals writing computer programs and often, those complicated programs did not work as well as intended. This made organizations like CKCS grow in importance to their members. In the beginning, there weren't many programs available so nonprofessionals would often write small programs to accomplish specialized tasks and then share them with other users. You need to remember this was before the Internet and emails existed, as they do today.

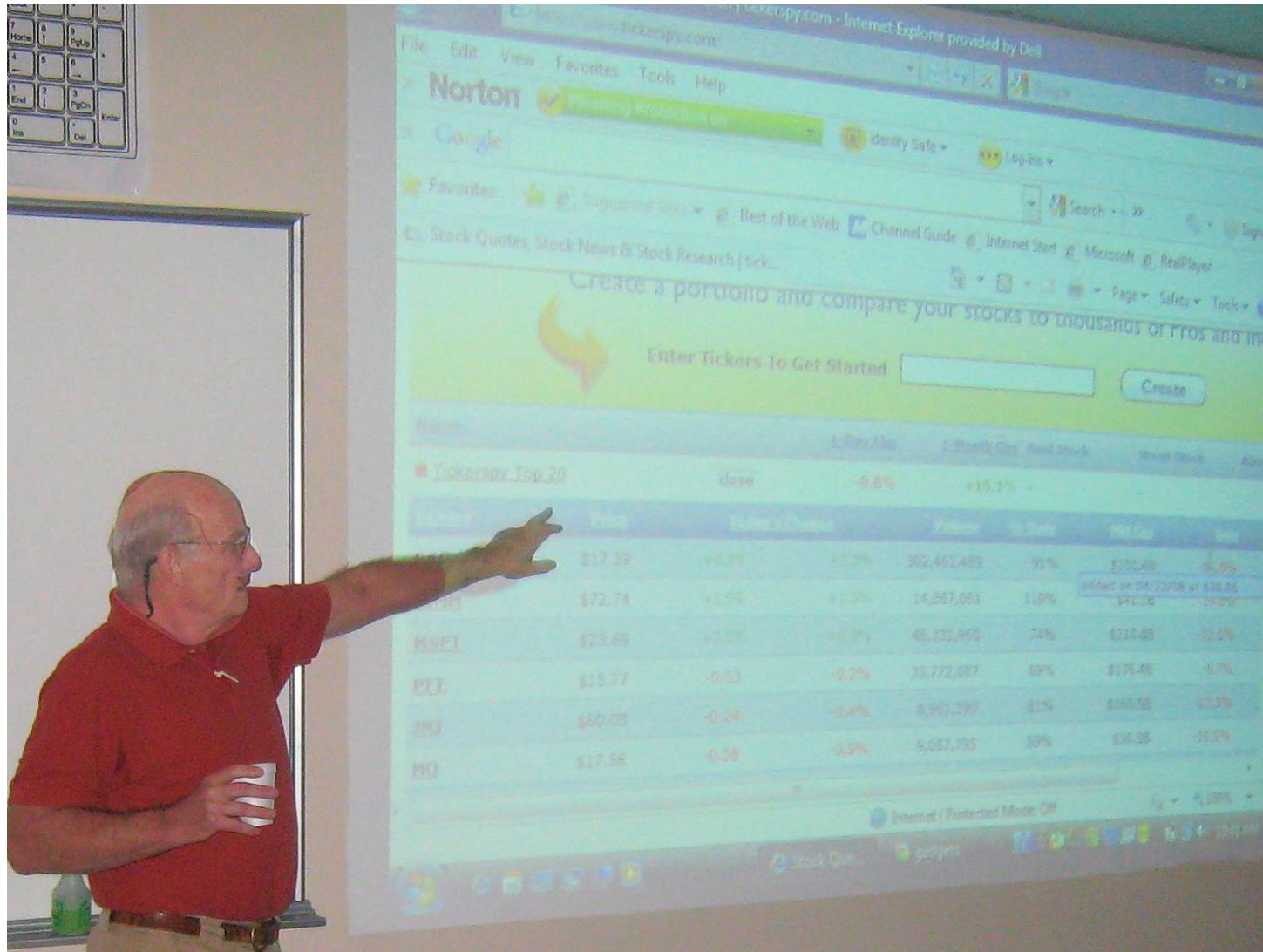
In today's environment many organizations like CKCS have closed down due to the lack of funding by membership. Fortunately for CKCS, our founders made many sound decisions in the early days. They began, and held annual computer shows, charging admission and selling booth space. Although the last show was held many years ago, even today we are still supported today by some of the reserves created by the profits made on those shows.

Unfortunately, that reserve is getting smaller every year since our expenses exceed our income. This is why your CKCS officers and board of directors are presently working diligently to grow membership. This is a must in order to keep the organization financially sound so we can continue to occupy our Resource Center on Moore Drive. Not many computer societies, nowadays, have their own facilities in which to conduct their SIG meetings and classes. In that regard, CKCS is special.

If you are not familiar with our history, we encourage you to read the brief history of CKCS which may be found on the home page on our web site. [http://www.ckcs.org/ckcs\\_history.pdf](http://www.ckcs.org/ckcs_history.pdf) Please take the time to read that history as you will likely get the same sense of pride our hardworking members

have. We thank you for your support and active participation in CKCS activities, as this allows us to continue to serve the citizens of Lexington and Central Kentucky.

President Bob Brown has indicated that several events will be held in the next few months to help celebrate this CKCS milestone.



**BOB HART** was a guest presenter at the August Investment SIG when he discussed Yahoo finance, Scot Trade and Merrill Lynch. There was good attendance for this session. The Investment SIG meets again on September 17 at 10:00 AM. (the third Saturday of each month) at the CKCS Resource Center. Art Gonty is the SIG leader. Check the MEETING SCHEDULE on the CKCS web page for more information.

# Dedicated members open the CKCS front door each weekday

Should you have a need to call the CKCS resource center you will likely receive a cheerful “hello” or should you decide to visit the center, you will be greeted by a friendly face. The folks who you find by the desk at the front door and near the phone are all CKCS members who have volunteered to be there as an “Office Supervisor”. Each of them had picked a day of the week that they are willing to donate 3 hours of their time to cover either the morning shift, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM or the afternoon shift from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

It's an important job for the organization and the volunteers learn the simple tasks needed to schedule individuals for classes or to answer basic questions or to connect visitors to the proper officer or SIG leader for the best answer.

At times, the office supervisor is busy, but there is usually time to do things you might do at home, such as handiwork, reading a newspaper or working at a computer. Should there be an occasion when a regular volunteer can't work, they always find an alternate to fill in should that happen.

Jenny Brown made an appeal for additional office volunteers. “If anyone would like to work in the office one day a week for 3 hours”, she asked that they call the office (859)-373-1000. “We will try to find the

perfect time  
for them.” She  
added.

Some of the volunteers on duty in August are pictured here. (The office was closed on Fridays during August.)

Several alternates fill in for the regulars when needed. They are Gayle Greer, Julianna



**Mike Seiler** looked over classroom computers where he will teach in September  
Monday 10 – 1



**Dottie VanWinkle** saves the Sunday paper to read on Monday afternoons  
Monday 1 – 4



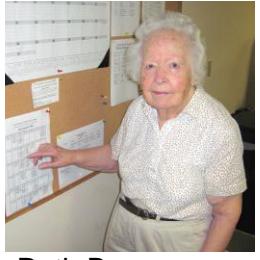
**Delores Cavins** enjoys a book when not enrolling new students  
Tuesday 10 – 1



**Jenny Brown** signs up a student for one of the CKCS September classes  
Tuesday 1 - 4



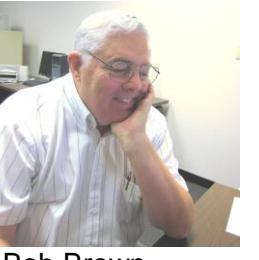
**Dwight Auvenshine** Occasionally brings his own laptop to use in his spare time  
Wednesday 10–1



**Ruth Beeman AND INEZ SHAFER** alternate on Wednesday mornings  
Wednesday 1–4



**Wendell Curtis** does computer work when not on the phone  
Thursday 10 – 1



**Bob Brown** when not helping visitors handles his presidential duties at CKCS  
Thursday 1 - 4

LaFleche, Helen Pope and Lilly Crawley. Additionally, (when there are no classes) Joe Dietz and Marci Miller may serve as alternates as well.



# Microsoft says ‘Yahoo!’

Microsoft finally persuaded Yahoo to surrender control of the Internet’s second most popular search engine and join it in a daunting battle – taking over the overwhelming dominance of Google in the

   
online advertising market. A 10-year deal announced in mid-August gives Microsoft its best shot yet to show that its new search technology, **Bing**, is as good as Google or better. Microsoft also hopes to use Yahoo to divert sales from Google, which generates more than \$20 billion a year from ads.

Gaining access to yahoo’s audience would instantly more than triple Bing’s U.S. market share to 28 percent. That’s still a far cry from the remarkable 65 percent of U.S. searches handled by Google, according to the research firm comScore Inc.



## THREE NEW COURSES HIGHLIGHT FALL CLASS SCHEDULE

The CKCS class schedule starting in late September will have three new offerings that we have not taught before – Advanced Photoshop Elements, Windows Movie Maker and Google Docs. Plus we will offer several of our old standards such as Computer Basics, Beyond Basics, Microsoft Word, Macintosh OS X and five different courses on graphics and imaging.

**Advanced Photoshop Elements** will cover more tools available in Photoshop Elements 6. Such tools as Background Eraser, Levels and Color Replacement will be used to modify digital photos. Borders, Frames and other Effects will also be used. Introduction to Photoshop Elements is a prerequisite.

**Windows Movie Maker** is a video creating and editing tool contained in Microsoft Windows. This course will demonstrate how to create a dynamic TV presentation from photos and videos and then save it on DVD. Some features of the course include music backgrounds, pan and zoom transitions, titles and credits, video importing, editing and much more.

The **Google Docs** class will be an introduction to the office software product provided on the Internet by Google. The class is designed to show the alternative to Microsoft Office and other office software products. Google Docs offers word processing, spreadsheet, presentation and forms applications. The class will demonstrate how to use this free product and how to collaborate with others in the creation of online documents. Students must be able to use the Internet and should have some experience with office software such as word processing.

We will also offer Computer Graphics, Introduction to Photoshop Elements, Beginning Digital Imaging, Advanced Imaging and Digital Independent Work. See the CKCS web site at [www.ckcs.org](http://www.ckcs.org) for further descriptions and the most recent calendar.

All classes are scheduled to begin between September 21 and 26 and will be complete by the end of October. Students may bring their own laptops if they have the course software installed.

**VIEW THE COMPLETE FALL CLASS SCHEDULE ON PAGE 5**

## CKCS FALL 2009 CLASS SCHEDULE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MORNING						
10 to 12		Beginning Digital Imaging	Advanced Digital Imaging	Computer Basics	MovieMaker	Google Docs
	Sep 22 - Oct 27	Sep 23 - Oct 28	Sep 24 - Oct 29	Sep 25-Oct 30	Sep 26 - Oct 31	
	Joe Dietz	Joe Dietz	Cathy Anderson	Fred Kendig	Kurt Jefferson	
	Larry Cox	Larry Cox	Nancy Alverson	Brooke Thomas	David Highet	
AFTERNOON		Creative Graphics	Digital Independent Works	Computer Basics		
1 to 3	Sep 21 - Oct 26	Sep 22 - Oct 27	Sep 23 - Oct 28	Sep 24 - Oct 29		
	Mike Seiler	Marcie Miller	Joe Dietz	Myra Engle		
	Harold Washburn	Lilly Crawley	Larry Cox	Nancy Dawson		
AFTERNOON				Mac OS X Basics		
4:30 to 6:30			Sep 23 - Oct 28	Sep 24 - Oct 29		
			Larry Parker	Joe Settles		
			Adrienne Saffell	David Highet		
EVENING	Photoshop Elements		Advance Photoshop Elements			
7:00-9:00	Sep 21 - Oct 26		Sep 23 - Oct 28			
	Ilse Newberry		Ilse Newberry			
	Susan Umberger		Kay Kass			

Some great new classes have been added to the schedule for the fall season of 2009. See the story on page 5.

- All classes start on the date indicated and are two hour sessions, held once a week for six weeks.
- Class size is limited to 8 members. Classes have an instructor and an assistant, so much personal attention is available for the student.
- To sign up, call the CKCS Recourse Center, (859) 373-1000. Classes are filled on a first come – first serve basis. Your space is guaranteed once your check arrives or your credit card is accepted.

**FOR QUESTIONS OR  
TO ENROLL: Call the Resource Center, (859) 373-1000**



# PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Bob Brown, CKCS President

## Join us celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary



September will be the beginning of a several month long effort to publicize CKCS' 25th anniversary. We are working to bring together several exciting events to help in the celebration. As details are finalized, news will appear here in the newsletter, in special Listserv emails or anywhere else we can use to communicate.

Also, all members can help by promptly renewing their memberships and by trying to increase our memberships by recruiting others.

You can also help publicize our classes that start in late September. We have a packed schedule of classes. Read about them at the class calendar page and in this newsletter as well (pages 4 – 5).

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**Always remember to forget  
The things that made you sad.  
But never forget to remember  
The things that made you glad.**

--Irish blessing





## DIGITAL SIG TO FEATURE HDR PHOTOS

by Joe Dietz

For September, Bruce Klobee will give a presentation on HDR photos. The photo above is an example.

**HDR is High Dynamic Range**, which according to Wikipedia, “is a set of techniques that allows a greater dynamic range of luminances between light and dark areas of a scene than normal digital imaging techniques or photographic prints. This wider dynamic range can allow HDR imaging to more accurately represent the wide range of intensity levels found in real scenes ranging from direct sunlight to deep shadows.”



**Joe Dietz**  
Digital Imaging  
SIG Leader

Bruce has used several programs to experiment with HDR and has found one that he likes better than the others. He will show several of his own images to illustrate this effect including a short discussion of the way he photographs abandoned buildings using HDR and converting to B&W with Alien Skin's Exposure 2. For attendees, Bruce has a CD with several HDR magazine articles on it, along with the usual "booklet" and a sheet showing some of the "tone mapping" settings he frequently uses.

The photo contest for September is **BIRDS**. Send your entries by September 20 to [joedietz@aol.com](mailto:joedietz@aol.com). This SIG should be both informative and interesting – **Join us on September 22 at 7 PM!**

*Digital Photography SIG meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Check the “MEETING SCHEDULE” for more information.*

# CKCS's Digital Photography SIG picks annual 'Hall Of Fame' contest winners

Continuing a photo contest begun by Ilse Newbery many years ago, the CKCS 2009 Hall Of Fame photo contest produced some impressive winners this year. There were three categories for this year's pictures; Barnes, Windows, and Clouds. Forty nine photos were submitted. Joe Dietz, Digital Photography SIG leader forwarded the winning photos, shown below.



**Barn** by Ann Landers



**Clouds** by Jerry Hubble



**Windows** by Jerry Hubble



**Grand Prize** by Robert Johnson

# THE TOP 5 FEATURES OF VISTA!

By Joe Isaac

Previously we featured:

1. Start Search
2. Snipping Tool.
3. Windows Photo Gallery, a giant step over XP's Windows Picture viewer.
4. Windows Movie Maker.

Now comes Number 5.



## #5. Windows Explorer:

Go to Start; type Windows Explorer in the Start Search Box next to the Start Button.

At the top click on Organize, Layout, then select:

**A. Details Pane:**  
Bottom of Window shows document info.

The screenshot shows the Windows Explorer interface. On the left is the Navigation pane with 'Documents' selected under 'Favorite Links'. Below it is the 'Folders' section showing a hierarchy of folders, with 'Pictures' expanded to show sub-folders like '# Computer Class photos' and various class photo folders. The main area displays a grid of thumbnail images of people in a classroom. At the bottom, the status bar provides information about the selected file: '3 13 07 Class (4).JPG', 'Date taken: 3/13/2007 7:13 PM', 'Tags: Add a tag', and a rating scale from 1 to 5 stars.

**B. Preview Pane:**  
Right Side of Window, Shows part of the actual document or picture.

**C. Navigation Pane.** Left side of Window, at the top left it shows Favorite Links. At the bottom left it shows Folders, click on the up arrow ^ and it expands the folders.

The above applies to picture and document files also.

As you put your cursor of different folders or files it will give you the additional information. You don't have to click on it files just move your cursor over them.

Use the Arrows in the upper left corner to navigate back and forth.



# VIDEOS / shows TO WATCH

To watch some of these shows, you must have a PowerPoint program on your computer. If you don't have that, you may download a free PowerPoint viewer from this Microsoft link:  
<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyID=048DC840-14E1-467D-8DCA-19D2A8FD7485&displaylang=en>

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From CKCS member, Mal Gil

Building the Space Station: Click on this link:

[http://i.usatoday.net/tech/graphics/iss\\_timeline/flash.htm](http://i.usatoday.net/tech/graphics/iss_timeline/flash.htm)

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From Harvey Shackelford, (former member from SC)

Fair Oaks Dairy Farm provides milk for 8 million people a day (Amazing)

Click this link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JJRy82i8e5Q&feature=email>

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From Tom Young

Amazing model railroad in Hamburg Germany, the largest in the world. Covers 16,146 sq ft of space with more than 10,000 train cars on 6.8 miles of HO scale track.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PN\\_oDdGmKyA&feature](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PN_oDdGmKyA&feature)

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The latest thing in bar stools

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# 12 Things Every Mac User Should Know

By Kurt Jefferson Macintosh SIG Leader

Here are answers to some of the most-often asked Mac questions. You might want to print this list for future reference.



Kurt Jefferson

1. How do I tell which Mac operating system I'm running?



Click on the black or blue apple on the upper left-hand corner of your screen. In the drop-down menu, click on "About This Mac."

You'll see whether you're running Leopard, Tiger, Panther, etc. The box to the right shows this Mac is running a variation of Mac OS X 10.5 (also called Leopard).

2. What are the various versions of Mac OS X called?

Mac OS X is *not* pronounced "x" like the letter. Rather, it's pronounced "10" like the number. OS X has been installed on all new Macs since 2002. Here's a list of the different flavors of Mac OS X and when they were made available by Apple:

Puma	Sept. 2001
Jaguar	Aug. 2002
Panther	Oct. 2003
Tiger	April 2005
Leopard	Oct. 2007
Snow Leopard	Sept. 2009 (or possibly late August)



3. I keep hearing about the Mac Finder. What exactly is the Finder?

The Finder is what makes a Mac a Mac. It's been described as a file browser providing the user quick access to various parts of the computer. The Finder is sometimes described as a starting point because it's the part of the Mac OS displayed on the screen when the computer boots up.

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#### 4. What's a Dock?

The Dock is the gray strip appearing on the bottom (or left or right-hand side) of the Mac screen. It contains icons of program applications, folders, the Trash (where items are deleted), and Dashboard, which is used to activate widgets. The Dock has been

described as a quick launcher made to be customized by the user. Widgets are small programs providing many different functions including local weather radar, forecast and temperatures, updated stock information, language translation, updated sports scores, calendars, Internet radios, and much more.

#### 5. I understand that the latest Mac operating system available is 10.5 (also called Leopard). Why are some Macs running 10.5.2 and others 10.5.8?

10.5 is the base version of Leopard. Throughout an operating system's life, Apple releases periodic operating system updates. The first Leopard update was 10.5.1 followed by 10.5.2, 10.5.3 and so forth. All of these are Leopard, just different versions.

If you're running Leopard on your Mac, check to see if you've updated to 10.5.8 (the latest update available as of August 2009). If not, click on the black apple on the upper left-hand corner of your screen (this is called the apple menu). In the drop-down menu, choose Software Update... If your Mac is connected to the Internet, you should see updates available for downloading and installation on your machine. Most likely, you'll see updates (or one big update) allowing you to install 10.5.8 on your machine.

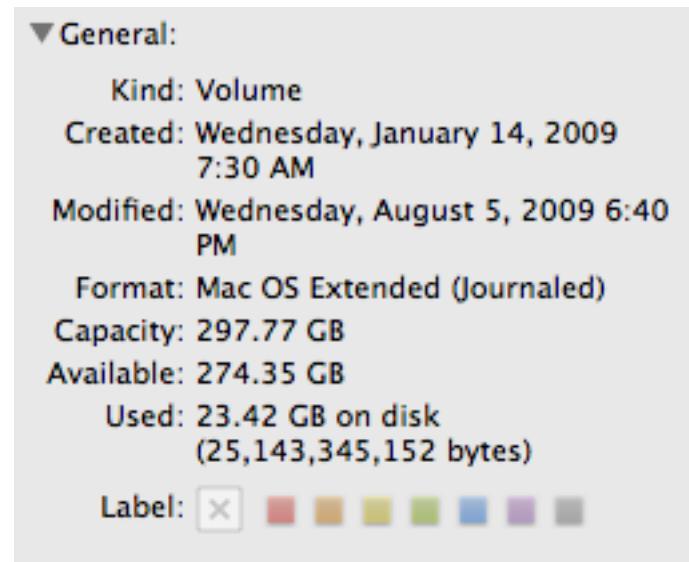
#### 6. How do I tell how full my hard drive is?

Click once on your hard drive (probably shown on the upper right-hand side of your screen). Then click on File in your menu bar. In the drop-down menu, click on "Get Info."

A box will open showing you how much memory is available on the highlighted hard drive. This also works for external hard drives, flash drives, CDs, DVDs, photo cards, and other storage devices.



A Mac weather widget



If you're like me, you prefer to use keyboard commands. If that's the case, click once on the hard drive to highlight it. Then hold down the Command key and type an "I." The same box will open.

Note: The Command key is very similar to the Control key on Windows machines for those of you who are comfortable with Windows and are trying to learn about the Mac.

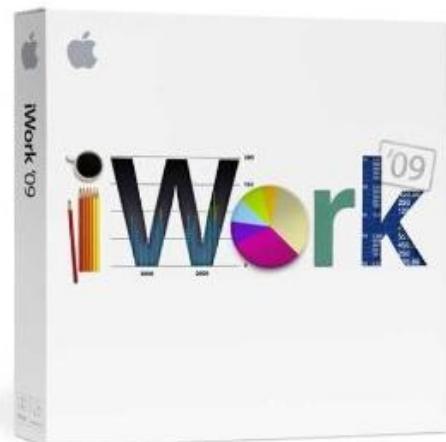
The Command key is called a modifier key because when you hold it down and touch another key, it "modifies" the result you would get if you just held down a second key.



## 7. I hear a lot about two Apple software packages—iWork and iLife. What's the difference?

iWork is an office suite sold by Apple. It contains Pages (word processor), Numbers (spreadsheet), and Keynote (presentation program similar to PowerPoint). On the day I wrote this, Amazon.com was selling iWork at a special price of \$52.49. A Family Pack (to run iWork on five Macs) sold for \$66.49.

iWork has become my favorite office suite because it's so easy to use. I often export my Pages documents into Word format so anyone using Microsoft Word on either a Mac or PC can open them. I also export Numbers documents into Excel format so folks using Excel spreadsheets on either Macs or PCs can open the files without any headaches.



iLife is a software suite by Apple containing iPhoto (manipulation of still photographs), iMovie (for the editing of movie videos), iDVD (for creation of DVDs), GarageBand (for creating music files from scratch), and iWeb (for creating Web pages). On the day I wrote this, Amazon.com was selling iLife '09 at a special price of \$58.99. A Family Pack (to run iLife '09 on five Macs) sold for \$72.99.

## 8. What's Time Machine and Time Capsule?

Time Machine is Apple's automatic back-up system that comes with the Mac OS X 10.5 (Leopard) operating system. Buy an external hard drive that's formatted in the HFS+ file system with journaling enabled. (That's jargon, but if you find an external hard drive that says "formatted for Time Machine" or "designed to work with Apple's Time Machine, it should work fine.")



Time Machine will back up everything (except for files it's been told not to copy) from the Mac's internal hard drive onto the external drive. After the initial back up, Time Machine makes incremental back-ups. If you accidentally delete files or folders that have been

backed up using Time Machine, it's easier to retrieve them. Wikipedia.org provides a pretty good overview: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Time\\_Machine\\_\(Apple\\_software\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Time_Machine_(Apple_software))

Time Capsule is Apple's hardware device containing both an external hard drive and wireless router. (If you're into jargon, the technical name is a wireless network-attached storage device). After Time Capsule is hooked up to your DSL modem or Internet cable modem, it automatically backs up your Mac's data every hour in addition to providing wireless Internet connections.

Wikipedia.org article on Time Capsule:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Time\\_Capsule\\_\(Apple\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Time_Capsule_(Apple))

9. We're in a recession and I want to get the best deal on a Mac. Where can I go to get the best price?

I'm a big fan of buying Macs through catalog outlets, but you may prefer brick and mortar stores.

Louisville and Cincy are both home to Apple Stores.

Louisville Apple Store:

<http://www.apple.com/retail/oxmoor/>

Cincy Apple Store:

<http://www.apple.com/retail/kenwood/>

Best Buy also sells Macs through its Web site and through brick and mortar stores.

Apple's Web site provides links to the online Apple Store ([www.apple.com/store](http://www.apple.com/store)) as well as its retail stores and independent stores selling Macs:

<http://www.apple.com/buy/>

Amazon.com ([www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)) is one of the largest Mac sellers in the country. Make sure you first go to [www.ckcs.org](http://www.ckcs.org) and click on the Amazon.com logo on the lower left-hand side of the screen. That way, C.K.C.S. will get a portion of your money when you make a purchase from Amazon.com.

This is one of my favorite pages for reviewing Mac prices. You'll find a giant listing of outlets selling Macs here:

<http://www.pcprices.net/mac>

10. As you mentioned before, Mac keyboard commands can nearly replace the mouse and menu click method of using your Mac. Where can I find these commands?

When you click on a menu bar item, (such as File, Edit, etc.), you'll see keyboard commands listed on the right. This is one quick way to activate commands via keyboard. (Just memorize the commands and you won't have to touch your mouse).

An alternative is to memorize Mac keyboard commands from several Web sites:

<http://support.apple.com/kb/HT1343>

<http://www.danrodney.com/mac/>

[http://guides.macrumors.com/Keyboard\\_shortcuts](http://guides.macrumors.com/Keyboard_shortcuts)

<http://homepage.mac.com/frakes/MOSXPT/content/keyboard.html>

11. Is there a way to get an overview of Apple's hardware and software? Apple has made so many different products in recent years that it's hard to keep track.

My favorite method is by utilizing a free program for both Mac and Windows called MacTracker. It's available here:

<http://mactracker.dreamhosters.com/>

MacTracker provides a giant overview of every product ranging from iMacs to iPhones to iPods to Apple TV. This giant database offers jewels such as the maximum RAM that can be installed in Macs, details about Apple's wireless routers (Airport Express, Airport Extreme, Time Capsule, etc.) and start up sounds from those old 1990-era Performas.

I learned that the iPhone was not Apple's first foray into the smart phone world. MacTracker notes in September 2005 Apple and Motorola introduced the first mobile phone to use iTunes. But Apple CEO Steve Jobs, according to the account, was not pleased. He apparently was unhappy with the compromises made and decided to create an Apple-designed device. The iPhone was born.



3. When should we expect Apple's next operating system (Mac OS X 10.6—also called Snow Leopard)?

Apple has announced that Snow Leopard will be available for purchase sometime in September 2009 (without mentioning an exact date). Some news accounts have reported that Snow Leopard will be available in late August 2009.

You can read about Snow Leopard's features from Apple's Web site:

<http://www.apple.com/macosx/>

*The Macintosh SIG meets on the second Thursday of each month. Check the "MEETING SCHEDULE" for more information.*



# JOIN CKCS NOW OR RENEW YOU MEMBERSHIP OR GIVE A CKCS MEMBERSHIP AS A GIFT

It is easy to do, just go to:

<https://www.iglou.com/ckcsweb/other/onlineap.htm> .

Fill in the blanks and use your credit card. It is that simple. Another way is to call the CKCS Office (859) 373-1000 and an office supervisor will help.

A CKCS membership is a great birthday or special occasion gift. After you complete the application, just send them a card to share the good news of your gift.

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**David J. Hight CKCS Membership Chairman**

Have you noticed that the shopping malls and parks are a bit quieter now? School has started again! Our children and grandchildren are once again being educated and trained for their future lives. Just as our children and grandchildren are being educated for their upcoming life experiences, the members of the **Central Kentucky Computer Society** are preparing for the upcoming fall computer training classes. Whether it is to help us advance in our jobs, or just as a hobby, many of us will be teaching or attending classes this fall - just like our siblings!

But wait! Just think, what if we did not have those classes to go to. How would we learn about the new advances in computer technology, or how to use the new tools to work with our hobbies? What if there were no computer classes? What if there was no Central Kentucky Computer Society? There would be no computer classes this fall (at least not the ones we are all planning to attend). Probably, we could find other computer classes to attend. But, would they be as good, convenient, affordable, at the right times? Would the classes be taught by computer professionals with the credentials that the instructors at the Central Kentucky Computer Society have? Probably not!

As members of the Central Kentucky Computer Society, we have it pretty good. Our class teachers, SIG leaders, and members of the Board of Directors are all seasoned-proven professionals. Each of them posses not only the education and life experience, but the dedication to do the very best we can to share our knowledge and experience with our fellow members. That is where true learning comes from. We are not paid to do a job, we do what we enjoy and love to do – that is to share our life knowledge and experience with our friends and fellow members.

How could there be no CKCS? Well certainly there would be no Central Kentucky Computer Society **without** members. There would be no Central Kentucky Computer Society **without** you!

However, there **is** a Central Kentucky Computer Society! And, there **will** be a Central Kentucky Computer Society – **as long** as we have members. So how long **will we** have a Central Kentucky Computer Society? The answer is up to all of us. We **are** the Central Kentucky Computer Society. As members, we are the past, present, and the future of the Central Kentucky Computer Society. If there is to be a future for the Central Kentucky computer Society, it is up to us as members to maintain it and make it grow so that we can support it.

To insure that we will have a Central Kentucky Computer Society tomorrow, we must join together to enlist our friends, neighbors, fellow workers, and family and enroll them as new members. Simply stated, we need to increase our current membership to keep the Central Kentucky Computer Society active and alive.

We are truly fortunate to be members of CKCS, let us keep a good thing going – keep the Central Kentucky Computer Society going strong! If we do the job right, we will be able to pass a Central Kentucky Computer Society along to our children and grandchildren!



# SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Furnished by CKCS Member Frances Saindon

Sign Over a Gynecologist's Office:  
**"Dr. Jones, at your cervix."**

In a Podiatrist's office:  
**"Time wounds all heels"**

On a Septic Tank Truck:  
**"Yesterday's Meals on Wheels"**

At a Proctologist's door:  
**"To expedite your visit, please back in."**

On a Plumber's truck:  
**"We repair what your husband fixed."**

On another Plumber's truck:  
**"Don't sleep with a drip.  
Call your plumber."**

On a Church's Bill board:  
**"7 days without God makes one weak."**

At a Tire Shop:  
**"Invite us to your next blowout."**

At a Towing company:  
**"We don't charge an arm and a leg.  
We want tows."**

On an Electrician's truck:  
**"Let us remove your shorts."**

In a Nonsmoking Area:  
**"If we see smoke, we will assume you are  
on fire and take appropriate action."**

On a Maternity Room door:  
**"Push. Push. Push."**

At an Optometrist's Office:  
**"If you don't see what you're looking for,  
you've come to the right place."**

On a Taxidermist's window:  
**"We really know our stuff."**

On a Fence:  
**"Salesmen welcome!  
Dog food is expensive!"**

At a Car Dealership:  
**"The best way to get back on your feet -  
miss a car payment."**

Outside a Muffler Shop:  
**"No appointment necessary.  
We hear you coming."**

In a Veterinarian's waiting room:  
**"Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!"**

At the Electric Company  
**"We would be delighted  
if you send in your payment..  
However, if you don't, you will be."**

In a Restaurant window:  
**"Don't stand there and be hungry;  
come on in and get fed up."**

In the front yard of a Funeral Home:  
**"Drive carefully. We'll wait."**

At a Propane Filling Station:  
**"Thank heaven for little grills."**

A Chicago Radiator Shop:  
**"Best place in town to take a leak."**

Sign on the back of another  
Septic Tank Truck:  
**Caution - This Truck is full  
of Political Promises**



# The most important Word document you may ever create

By Jerry Heaton, CKCS Word Processing SIG Leader

A few years ago I read a column by a newspaper reporter in Nashville who had to handle the affairs of his last, deceased parent, whom he only occasionally had the opportunity to visit. In trying to handle the final arrangements, he couldn't find any of the information or things that he needed. He couldn't find a social security number, he didn't know where important papers were stored or where the deed to the property, the auto papers, and dozens of that he needed as executor. Was there insurance in force and if so, with whom? If that information was around, he didn't know where. Some items he never found so closing out the estate became a huge problem for him.

He concluded how much he wished his last living parent had put on paper, the many details he needed to know.

This caused me to create a document which I call my **DEATH DATA DOCUMENT**. (If that is too morbid for you, call it **FAMILY DATA DOCUMENT**.) My Death Data document contains all the details that I feel my son or daughter will find helpful at the time of my death. My document was started 16 years ago and I add or change something in it most every month. The document started small but as I thought of things, it has now expanded to 30 typewritten pages long.

Since things change frequently, I do not print the document. It exists in my computer, and my kids know how to access it, passwords and such, at the time of my death, but they have not seen the document. I don't think they need to know everything in advance of my demise.

All of my efforts has resulted in my creating a format to share with anyone who is willing to create their own death (family) data document. This is a format that suits me, but likely will need modifications to suit someone elses particular situation.

I suggest you copy my format and paste it into your own word document, to use as a guide to get you started. If a heading applies to you, just highlight my suggestions and type your data in its place. The text size that follows is very small, so it won't occupy too many pages of this newsletter. So increase the text size to suit yourself. Delete headings that don't apply and add your own as needed.

Keep in mind, this document takes time to complete, as you need to locate items the location of which your kids will need to know. Do take the time to do this – someone down the road will thank you 100 times!

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Copy the next two pages and ‘grow’ the font size to 12 point for your personal document. Remember, this is just a format to help you get started with your own Death (or Family) Data Document. DO THIS, you will not be sorry!

(Document is on next page)



## ITEMS TO CONSIDER FOR A DEATH DATA DOCUMENT

TO BE VIEWED BY RELATIVES AT TIME OF DEATH ONLY

Date prepared / updated

### **NOTE TO FAMILY MEMBERS:**

You may want to start with a note to your relative as to why you have created this document. Be sure to change the date each time you update information herein.

### **VALUABLE PAPERS**

Where do you keep your valuable papers?  
Bank deposit box?  
Fireproof safe? (how do they get access?)  
File cabinet?

### **SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER**

My SSN is :-----

Needed by

- Funeral Home
- Armed Forces for benefits
  - If military where is the Form DD214 (Report of Separation from the Armed Forces of the United States)

### **BIRTH CERTIFICATE**

Location of your birth certificate official copy and photo copies. More than one copy may be needed.

### **WILL**

Where is the original copy of your will? Do you have more than one original copy? (recommended) Where are they?  
Who are your witnesses and how to locate the witnesses? (If they are all deceased or not available, you may want to do a new will)

### **OBITUARY**

Have you written your obituary?  
Location?

### **FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS**

If you have made funeral arrangements what are the details?  
Where is the information?

### **BURIAL PLOT**

Have you purchased a cemetery lot?  
Where?  
Status of it?  
Location of deed?

### **HOUSE**

Where is the deed to the house?  
How much did you pay for the house and when did you buy it?  
If renting, where is the rental agreement?  
Where are the tax assessment papers?  
Is there a mortgage? Status?

### **OTHER REAL ESTATE**

Do you own other property. If so where? Answer same questions found under house above.

### **CAR**

Where are the registration papers on the car?  
Is there a car loan?  
Where is the motor vehicle license?

### **BANK ACCOUNT(S)**

What bank accounts do you have?  
In what bank(s)  
What are the account numbers? Person to contact at the bank?  
  
Are you a treasurer for any club where you control someone else's money?  
Where do you have account balances stored? Are they in your computer? Where are the bank statements? Who should those funds go to?

### **BANK LOCK BOX**

Do you have a bank lock box and if so where is it? Where are the keys? (Some banks charge \$150 if the box is closed with no keys)

### **SAVINGS ACCOUNT**

Give information about any savings / money market account you may have.

### **DEBTS**

What debts do you have?  
To whom?  
Where are the papers on them?

### **BANK / DEBIT CARD**

List the bank card you have with a card number.  
Who should be contacted if stolen? List a phone number and contact to call.

### **CREDIT CHARGE CARDS**

List, one by one, each of the credit cards in your wallet or purse.  
List the number.  
List the phone number to call in case the card is stolen.

### **STORE CHARGE CARDS**

Give complete information about any store charge you may have or carry.  
How to cancel the card.

### **GASOLINE CREDIT CARD**

Give complete information about any store charge you may have or carry.  
How to cancel the card.

### **LOST WALLET**

If your wallet or purse isn't found with you, in addition to canceling credit cards the following agencies should be notified also.

Call the three national credit reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and SSN. This keeps someone from applying for credit via the Internet or other means in my name. The alert means any company that checks your credit knows your information was stolen and they have to contact you by phone to authorize new credit.

The numbers are:

TRANS UNION  
EQUIFAX  
EXPERIAN  
SOCIAL SECURITY FRAUD LINE

1 800 680 7289  
1 888 397-3742  
1 888 397 3742  
1 800 269 0271 10am to 4pm

#### INVESTMENTS

If you have investments, who handles them?  
What are the account numbers?  
Do you keep account of them in your computer?  
Where are the monthly reports?

#### HOUSE AND OTHER KEYS

Where do you keep extra house keys if any?  
What keys do you carry with you?  
What do they fit?

#### MORE KEYS

Do you possess keys to anyone else's house?  
Where do you keep them? Who should get them?

#### COMBINATION LOCK

What is the combination to any combination locks you have on hand.  
Do you have padlocks?  
Where are padlock keys?

#### PROPERTY SURVEY

Has your property been surveyed?  
Where is the survey?

#### INSURANCE POLICIES

List each insurance policy you have one by one.  
List the policy number  
List the company which underwrites it.  
Phone number and person to contact.  
Where are the original policies? (If you don't know, maybe you should apply to the company and ask for a duplicate policy.)

#### HIDDEN CASH MONEY.

Do you have cash hidden somewhere? (Wouldn't it be a shame if the old sofa was sold for \$100 and you had \$200 in cash hidden in it?)

#### RETIREMENT FUND

Do you receive any retirement checks?  
Will they continue to be paid to beneficiaries?  
Who pays them?  
Who do you contact?

#### POST OFFICE BOX

Do you have a PO Box?  
Number?  
Where is the key?

#### PETS

Discuss the disposition for any pets you may have.

#### TICKETS

If you have purchased season tickets to stage shows, basketball or football games, where do you keep your tickets?

#### PAPERS FOR FAMILY MEMBERS

If you have established file folders for specific family members to have -- perhaps some collectables -- where do you keep them?

OTHER ITEMS YOU THINK TO LIST -- APPLICABLE TO YOUR PARTICULAR SITUATION

If you just want to look at the full size document, it may be found by clicking here  
<http://www.ckcs.org/sigs/mswreviews/july09.pdf> and look on page 8 of the July review -- (Jerry's Word Processing Reviews on the CKCS web site)

*The Word Processing SIG meets on the first Tuesday of each month. Check the "MEETING SCHEDULE" on the CKCS home page for more information.*

# ANCESTRY.COM CHANGING LET'S TAKE A LOOK IN SEPTEMBER

By Phyllis Vannoy Spiker [pspiker27@aol.com](mailto:pspiker27@aol.com)

We grandparents have shared our summer with grandchildren, ancestors at family reunions and spent some time attending genealogy lectures and researching our families as we visit through out this nation. We have also noticed changes to the ancestry.com website. I am not sure all changes are over yet but we'll have a look at the website during the **September 15<sup>th</sup> Genealogy Special Interest Group (SIG) Meeting.**

We will search the census data base at Ancestry.com and HeritageQuestOnline.com. The U.S. Federal Censuses are heavily used to find anyone who was living when the census was taken every ten (10) years. This will be an opportunity for those of you who have been planning to research your family and would like to get started. We'll look at how to find and document your grandparents and greats using just a few databases that are available to you at home or the local library. For at home access to Lexington Public Library data bases, stop by one of the libraries and get a card or have your old library card activated. If you have a laptop, bring it and internet cable and your library card.

The search is not magic. It just seems like that when we are able to find our families in a few minutes. To facilitate the search you need to bring with you the information you know about your immediate ancestors and other greats: Full name, maiden name of females, city, state & county of residences of their family members, birth date and the approximate age of each.

While scraps of paper may seem OK for beginning; they are not! So here's a little home work. Google genealogy forms, and have a look at the various forms used by genealogical researchers. You can also go to [cyndislist.com](http://cyndislist.com) and search for genealogy forms. Print at least one Ancestry/Genealogy Chart and a Family Group Form for each family (marriage). Fill them out as best you know *and leave those scraps of paper at home.*

If you have a genealogy software program, print a Family Group Report of the family you want help with. It is, also, helpful to have with you a Descendants Outline Report starting with the earliest ancestor of the family line. You can print this report from your genealogy software program.

Come on out and find your grandparents or see if they play hide & seek with you.

*The Genealogy SIG meets on the third Tuesday of each month. Check the "MEETING SCHEDULE" on the CKCS home page for more information.*



# puzzle

See if you can figure out what these words have in common:

1. Banana
2. Dresser
3. Grammar
4. Potato
5. Revive
6. Uneven
7. Assess

AND NO, it is NOT that they all have at least 2 double letters....

Give up?

Are you sure?

Give it another try...

Look at each word carefully.

You'll kick yourself when you discover the answer.

You really give up? The answer is at the bottom of page 25



## **86 YEAR OLD WOMAN GIVES BANK A TASTE OF ITS OWN MEDICINE.**

CKCS Member Harold Washburn furnished this letter supposedly written to a bank which the bank manager sent it to the New York Times who reportedly published it.

Dear Sir:

I am writing to thank you for bouncing my check with which I endeavored to pay my plumber last month.

By my calculations, three nanoseconds must have elapsed between his presenting the check and the arrival in my account of the funds needed to honor it.

I refer, of course, to the automatic monthly deposit of my entire pension, an arrangement which, I admit, has been in place for only eight years. You are to be commended for seizing that brief window of opportunity, and also for debiting my account \$30 by way of penalty for the inconvenience caused to your bank. My thankfulness springs from the manner in which this incident has caused me to rethink my errant financial ways.

I noticed that whereas I personally answer your telephone calls and letters, -- when I try to contact you, I am confronted by the impersonal, overcharging, pre-recorded, faceless entity which your bank has become.

From now on, I, like you, choose only to deal with a flesh-and-blood person. My mortgage and loan repayments will no longer be automatic, but will arrive at your bank, by check, addressed personally and confidentially to an employee at your bank whom you must nominate.

Be aware that it is an offense under the Postal Act for any other person to open such an envelope. Please find attached an Application Contact which I require your chosen employee to complete. I am sorry it runs to eight pages, but in order that I know as much about him or her as your bank knows about me, there is no alternative. Please note that all copies of his or her medical history must be countersigned by a Notary Public, and the mandatory details of his/her financial situation (income, debts, assets and liabilities) must be accompanied by documented proof. In due course, at MY convenience, I will issue your employee with a PIN number which he/she must quote in dealings with me.

I regret that it cannot be shorter than 28 digits but, again, I have modeled it on the number of button presses required of me to access my account balance on your phone bank service. As they say, imitation is the sincerest form of flattery.

Let me level the playing field even further.

When you call me, press buttons as follows:

Immediately after dialing, press the star (\*) button for English.

- #1. To make an appointment to see me
- #2. To query a missing payment.
- #3. To transfer the call to my living room in case I am there.
- #4. To transfer the call to my bedroom in case I am sleeping
- #5. To transfer the call to my toilet in case I am attending to nature.
- #6. To transfer the call to my mobile phone if I am not at home
- #7. To leave a message on my computer, a password to access my computer is required. Password will be communicated to you at a later date to that Authorized Contact mentioned earlier .
- #8. To return to the main menu and to listen to options 1 through 7
- #9. To make a general complaint or inquiry. The contact will then be put on hold, pending the attention of my automated answering service.
- #10. This is a second reminder to press \* for English. While this may, on occasion, involve a lengthy wait, uplifting music will play for the duration of the call.

Regrettably, but again following your example, I must also levy an establishment fee to cover the setting up of this new arrangement. May I wish you a happy, if ever so slightly less prosperous New Year?

Your Humble Client

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**PUZZLE ANSWER:**

In all of the words listed, if you take the first letter, place it at the end of the word, and then spell the word backwards, it will be the same word.

Did you figure it out?

No?

Join the club!

(Puzzle is on page 23)

# My Screen Addiction

*Step 1: Realizing you spend 7.5 hours each day in front of a computer. So what's step 2? BY STEPHEN KING*

**C**AN WE TALK—calmly, and without raising our voices—about screen addiction? I put it that way because no one is quicker to fall into a defensive crouch than a junkie. This is something I know from personal experience. Accusation breeds denial. I'm a social user, the addict says. Besides, I can quit anytime I want.

But can you? Can I, for that matter?

I thought of this when I saw an article from UPI.com (yes, I read it on my computer) that claimed the average American adult spends 8.5 hours a day staring at various screens. The study was commissioned by the Nielsen Company. My initial reaction was classic addict-think: They can't be talking about *me*; I don't spend anywhere near that much time gaping at screens. At first, it seemed a reasonable conclusion. I don't Twitter, I'm not on Facebook (unless someone else put me there), I've never shopped on Craigslist, and I've made exactly one eBay purchase (someone else did it for me, because I have no grasp of the protocol). I own a cell phone but don't use it—I keep it in the car in case I break down in East Overshoe and need a tow. I think it takes pictures, but I have no idea how that function works, and I've never texted anyone in my life.

So when I started to add up my daily screen time, I did so with confidence, and—Uncle Stevie admits it—a sense of superiority. That feeling soon melted away. For me, it breaks down like this: 3.5 hours a day writing in front of my desktop Mac; one hour a day writing and answering e-mails; one hour a day visiting my favorite websites (Drudge, Huffington Post, Daily Beast, Kos, EW, The Filthy Critic, The Smoking Gun, etc.); two hours a day watching TV (mostly stuff I've downloaded from iTunes or gawped at on Hulu). I'm below the Nielsen average, but still—seven and a half hours per day of computer-related activity? That's a lot of voyeurism. Put another way, I'm spending almost half of each day's consciousness right where I am now—with my face bathed in electro-light. It's hard not to think of George Orwell's Big Brother telescreens when you realize a thing like that.

The National Institute on Media and the Family ("Find Me on Twitter!" is prominently displayed on their website) lists some key symptoms of screen addiction: Playing computer games generates roughly equal feelings of pleasure and guilt; users sometimes put off meals because of computer activity; users incur large bills for online services (thankfully iTunes and Amazon in my case, rather than porn and gambling).



"I'm spending almost half of each day with my face bathed in electro-light."

PurpleSlinky.com lists addiction symptoms that strike even closer to home: Is my entertainment center hooked up to my computer? (Uh...yes.) Have I ever taken quality time away from my family to spend quality time watching YouTube video clips? (Welllll...) Have I ever gotten computer-generated headaches? (Er...) Do I get mad when my computer malfunctions? (Are you kidding?) Does the thought of not having computer access make me nervous? (Duh.) Do I feel that checking my e-mail first thing in the morning is a priority? (Doesn't everybody?) Do I check my e-mail more than six times a day? (I take the Fifth on that one.)

You may notice that I'm talking about myself here—that's something addicts like me learn in the various Twelve Step programs. If I talk about you, then denial is going to kick in. Besides, Uncle Stevie doesn't do advice. If you need to make changes, that's pretty much between you and your Mac or PC. As for me? I'm closing in on 62. I might have 10 productive years left, 20 if I'm lucky and don't get hit by any more minivans. When I ask myself how much of that time I want to spend playing online cribbage or watching cute-kitty videos instead of visiting with my family and friends, goofing with my idiotic dog, or out riding my motorcycle, the answer is not too much.

When I read that 8.5 number, I thought about the old saying "No man on his deathbed ever said, 'I wish I'd spent more time at the office.'" (I Googled it—another compu-crutch of mine—but couldn't find the source.) I don't think any man or woman on his or her deathbed ever wished he or she had spent more time sending IMs or playing online poker, either. But hell, I could be wrong. ■

## TWO RECIPES REQUESTED AT THE JUNE CKCS PICNIC / ELECTION

Several members who attended the CKCS picnic in June requested the recipes for a couple of dishes served. Those recipes are reproduced below:

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### PEACH COBBLER Delores Cavins

One (1) cup sugar  
One (1) cup of self-rising flour  
One (1) cup of milk  
One (1) can of Thank-You peach pie filling  
One stick of butter melted

Put  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the butter in baking pan. Mix together in bowl: flour, sugar, then add the milk to this mixture.  
Stir well.

Pour this mixture into the melted butter. Place fruit mixture evenly over all. Bake in a 350° oven for 20 minutes or until golden brown. Brush top with remaining butter.

#### Options

1. Teaspoon of cinnamon with flour mixture or to taste
  2. Sprinkle a few cranraisens over peaches as desired
  3. I have used fresh peaches along with can pie filling
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### GARLIC CHEESE GRITS

Lillian Markussen

1 cup of Quaker quick grits (do not buy the  
Grits which have butter added)  
4.5 cups water  
1 teaspoon of salt  
6 oz roll of garlic cheese  
1 stick of butter  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of milk  
1 egg

Get water boiling add salt.  
Grate Garlic cheese or cut in small pieces.  
(Cuts easiest if cold)  
Turn burner down then sprinkle the grits in the  
water. Keep stirring  
Cook it until thick – about 5 minutes

Cool it for 5 minutes  
Start oven at 350 degrees  
Use part of the one stick of butter to grease  
casserole dish  
Add grated cheese to mixture  
Add balance of 1 stick of butter  
Beat egg and milk in side dish  
Let cool longer, then stir egg/milk combo slowly  
into the grits (Don't want to cook the egg)  
Pour into casserole dish  
Bake for 30 – 60 minutes at 350.  
While cooking stir every 10 minutes and check  
to see if has firmed up. If it is reasonably  
firm, remove from oven.  
Let cool for 15 minutes before covering dish to  
transport.

