Tech Night to feature COMPUTER PLUS
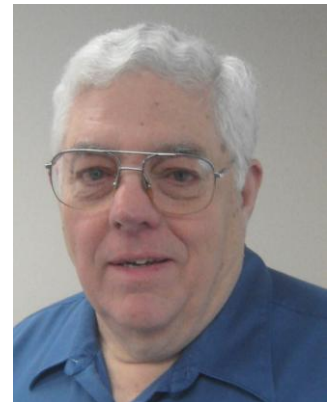
By Bob Brown, President of CKCS   *crb7@yahoo.com*

Our guest for the February 8th Tech Night will be Shane Lewis and some of his crew from Computers Plus. You probably are aware of this new store because it is just half a block from CKCS at the corner of Moore Drive and Nicholasville Road.

The presentation will help CKCS members get acquainted with the new store in town. They will bring some of their products to demonstrate and exhibit.

This meeting will be a good chance to see and hear what Computers Plus offers in products and services and to ask a lot of questions.

Computer PLUS -- 135 Moore Drive, a neighbor to CKCS

Note that all CKCS Tech Night meetings are open to the public, so invite friends, family, strangers and everybody else who may be interested in computers.

Dues Increase

Don't forget the dues increase goes into effect on March 1. You can renew during February at the old price and extend your membership by up to three years. This would be a good time to encourage others to join.

Shoppers at Kroger help pay CKCS rent

By Jerry Heaton

This message is mainly addressed to those CKCS members who regularly or even occasionally shop at Kroger stores in Kentucky.

Would you be willing to do something for CKCS that would reduce the money they have to raise for rent by perhaps 10 to 15% without costing you a penny?

If you are willing, CKCS has the plan. CKCS, as a nonprofit organization, has an agreement with Kroger that allows them to earn 4¢ for every dollar you spend while shopping there. Best of all, it doesn't cost you a cent.

Here is all you have to do – and it is simple. Next time you are at CKCS, stop by the front desk and pick up a Kroger Gift Card, just like the one pictured on this page. The card has $5 on it and you use it just like a credit card when you check out buying groceries, or when you fill your gasoline tank at the Kroger pumps. When you pick up the card, CKCS asks for $5 from you to reimburse them for the $5 on the card.

Of course $5 won't buy many groceries or much gas. What you do, the next time you visit Kroger, is take the card to the Kroger Service Desk and use your Visa or other type credit card to add more money to the gift card. Of course you may use cash or your check to add money to the card. Some members add $200 at a time, but I usually add $100 to the card at a time. That is called "**loading the card**". Then when you go to check out at the register or the gas pump you simply swipe your gift card (just like a credit card) to pay. If you buy $40 of groceries or of gas, CKCS will receive a check for $1. It is that simple.

Presently about 50 of our CKCS members are using the Kroger gift cards we distribute, and we are receiving about $100 a month from Kroger. If we could double or triple the number of card users, it would be a terrific help to your CKCS in balancing the budget – something we haven't done the last two years. The last two years, CKCS has had to draw money out of our reserves. But we can't keep doing that forever.

As stated before, it doesn't cost you a penny – just a minor inconvenience in 'loading' the gift card with your credit cards from time to time.

There are two things you need to know about loading the card. (1) When you 'load' the card at the service desk, it takes about 15 minutes for the Kroger computer to be updated, so you need to do that first, and then by the time you finish shopping the card has been updated and is ready to use. (2) However, if you want to 'load' the card at the register, it is instantaneous, **but** you must load the card first and complete that transaction, before they ring up any groceries. Your grocery receipt has the card remaining balance printed on it. I have never found it to be wrong and it is easy to use.

MAINTENANCE SOLUTIONS FOR AIRCRAFT ☺

Remember it takes a college degree to fly a plane, but only a high school diploma to fix one-- a reassurance to those of us who fly relatively frequently!

After every flight, UPS pilots fill out a form called a 'gripe sheet' which tells mechanics about problems with the aircraft. The mechanics correct the problems; document their repairs on the form, and then pilots review the gripe sheets before the next flight.

Never let it be said that ground crews lack a sense of humor. Here are some actual maintenance complaints submitted by UPS pilots (marked with a P) and the solutions recorded (marked with an S) by maintenance engineers.

By the way, UPS is the only major airline that has never had a major accident.

P: Left inside main tire almost needs replacement.
S: Almost replaced left inside main tire.

P: Test flight OK, except auto-land very rough.
S: Auto-land not installed on this aircraft.

P: Something loose in cockpit
S: Something tightened in cockpit

P: Dead bugs on windshield.
S: Live bugs on back-order.

P: Autopilot in altitude-hold mode produces a 200 feet per minute descent
S: Cannot reproduce problem on ground.

P: Evidence of leak on right main landing gear.
S: Evidence removed.

P: DME volume unbelievably loud.
S: DME volume set to more believable level.

P: Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick.
S: That's what friction locks are for.

P: IFF inoperative in OFF mode.
S: IFF always inoperative in OFF mode.

P: Suspected crack in windshield.
S: Suspect you're right.

P: Number 3 engine missing.
S: Engine found on right wing after brief search

P: Aircraft handles funny.
S: Aircraft warned to straighten up, fly right and be serious.

P: Target radar hums.
S: Reprogrammed target radar with lyrics.
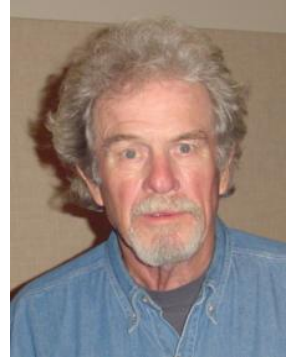
P: Mouse in cockpit.
S: Cat installed.

P: Noise coming from under instrument panel. Sounds like a midget pounding on something with a hammer.
S: Took hammer away from midget

MEMBERSHIP CORNER
By David Highet

The New Year came in with a fury, the weather confining most of us to the house for a few days. I used to think of this as bad, I hate to be confined anywhere. However the older I get, the more that I seem to appreciate life. I have been using my 'caged in' time to reflect on my life and to be thankful for the friends and things that I have. A good many of my friends were provided to me by my membership in CKCS. Many of the things I am thankful for are my computers and computer toys. Both of these serve to fill these lonely days with something to do, and a certain peace of mind.

The friends that I have made as a result of my CKCS membership are always there when I have a problem (not only with my computer), and my computers provide me with a way to pass the hours. It is always a pleasure to meet my fellow CKCS member's whether it be at classes or meetings, or on the street. Friendship and fellowship with my fellow members always makes me feel warm inside. Working with my computer always gives me pleasure whether I am using it for writing, managing my photographs, serf the Internet, or just to relax and play games.

If I were not a member in the Central Kentucky Computer Society, I would not have as many friends (especially ones with the same interests as I do, or who are not so good in what they do) or have a place to learn new computer skills – something that I really enjoy using. When I stop to think about it, my membership in the Central Kentucky Computer Society is not only a big part of my life, but also an important part of my life.

Now just stop and think about what I have said for a minute. Isn't any or all of what I have said true for you as well? Where would you be without your membership in CKCS? How many good friends would you not have? What computer skills would you be lacking in, if not for your membership in CKCS? Just how valuable is your CKCS membership – much more that the annual dues you pay! As a member of CKCS, you have access to all of the newest computer technologies, and the finest people in the world to convey them to you. They are no less your fellow members in the Central Kentucky Computer Society!

Your membership in CKCS is a thing to be proud of, to maintain, to participate in the activities of, and to tell others about. Do not be selfish about CKCS. Spread the word about the benefits of membership to all of your friends and neighbors. Your membership in CKCS makes you a professional. As a professional, you have a responsibility to help others with their interests in computers. Stop and think of all the things that your membership in CKCS means to you, and tell others about it.

We all have good friends in our fellow members at the Central Kentucky Computer Society, and we all have other good friends and neighbors. Let us work together this year and make all of them one! ∎

Larry Trivette will lead February Word Processing SIG

Long time, active, CKCS member Larry Trivette, has agreed to lead the Word Processing SIG for February in the absence of Jerry Heaton, who normally leads that special interest group.

Due to the conflict with the UK-Ole Miss basketball game at 7 pm, Larry will only be conducting the **1:30 pm afternoon session on Tuesday, February 2nd**.

"During the February SIG, I will review some Word tools which I use frequently, Larry said.

These may include:

- Read-only file protection
- Using the Clipboard
- Headers and Footers
- Using Hanging Indents for numbered instructions
- Inserting Page, Column and Section Breaks
- Vertically Centering Text for title pages and short memos

Any advance questions which anyone may want to bring up at the Word SIG can be emailed to Larry using lktrivette@hotmail.com.

Larry has been an instructor for several classes at CKCS, including Genealogy/Family Tree Maker, MS Works Spreadsheets & Databases and MS Word. He has been an instructor's assistant for the Internet/Email, MS Excel, MS Access classes and the current Beyond Basics class. At one time he was a CKCS volunteer for an annual KET telethon drive. Larry is currently serving as a member of the board of CKCS, a position he has held for the past four years. He is a regular attendee of numerous SIG's since joining CKCS in 2000. Much of his "spare" time now is spent in researching family history.

Currently, Larry works as a Computer Aide at the Lexington Public Library, Central (downtown) location. His duties include monitoring the usage of 52 public computers; assisting patrons in; making reservations for the computers, in printing and saving their document files and in using the installed MS Office, Internet and accessory application programs He also is charged with answering patron questions; and fixing PC and printer/copier equipment problems or else communicate any unresolved problems to IT.

The regular word processing SIG leader, Jerry Heaton will be back on duty on March 2nd with two sessions at 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. as is the normal routine. ∎

Using Word 2007 or Office 2007 sometimes may cause a problem

By Jerry Heaton, Word Processing SIG leader

Recently a CKCS member received a resume attached to an Email and he could not open it and called me wondering – why? The document was titled RESUME.DOCX.

Before I answer that question, first let me say that Word 2007 and Office 2007 works just fine, in fact, I enjoy using these new programs with the many improvements they have made and I like the way the new 'Ribbon Bar' works. Once you learn the program – it is great – actually outstanding!
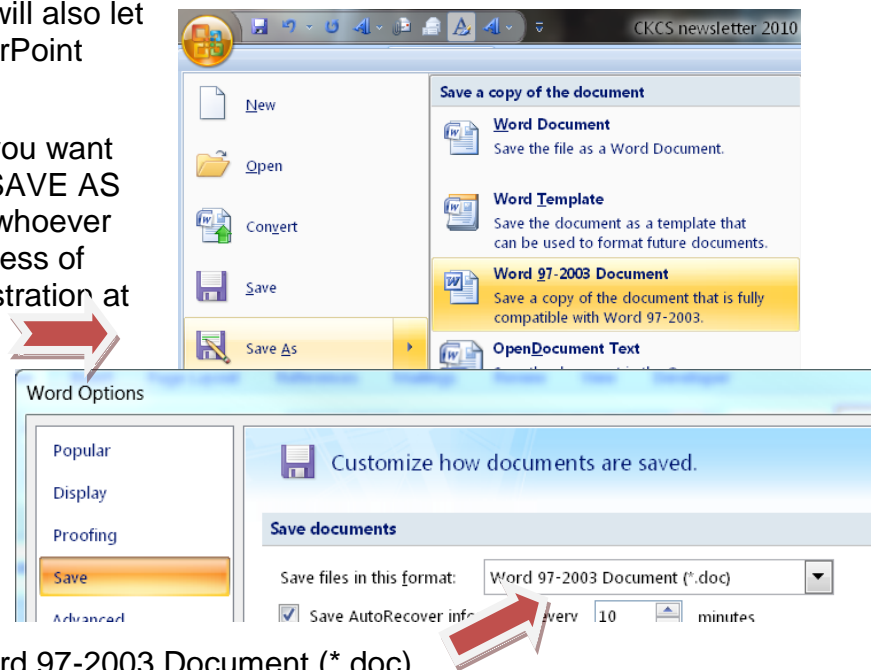
The problem with the new WORD program occurs when you send a Word 2007 document to someone who uses an older version of Word, such as Word 2003 or before. Those older programs create documents with a file extension of **.DOC** therefore they cannot read or open the new file extension **.DOCX** file extension. **The .DOCX is a new file type format used by the Microsoft Corporation in the 2007 edition of the Microsoft Office Suite. It has replaced the previous .DOC file extension. This new file format is an efficient, compressed and secured XML file.**

There are two solutions to this problem.

1. If you are the user using an older version of Microsoft Office (2003 or before) then I recommend that you install a "compatibility pack" in order to edit and open the .DOCX file format. Go to Microsoft for this download http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyId=941B3470-3AE9-4AEE-8F43-C6BB74CD1466&displaylang=en and this allows you to view, edit all 2007 Word documents. That same compatibility pack will also let you view, and edit all 2007 Excel and PowerPoint documents as well.

2. If **you are the user of Word 2007** and you want send a document to someone else, select SAVE AS and click on Word 97-2003 Document and whoever you send it to will be able to open it, regardless of which version of Word they have. (See illustration at right)

In fact, for the time being, I save ALL of my documents in the older version until most users upgrade to the new Word 2007 (or 2010 which is to be introduced in June). When the majority upgrades, then I will use the better format (.docx) . To set the older format as your default in Word 2007, click on the MICROSOFT BUTTON > WORD OPTIONS > SAVE and select Word 97-2003 Document (*.doc)

Actually, all Microsoft Office 2007 documents have all been changed to different file extensions. Word is **.DOCX** instead of .doc; Excel documents are now **.XLSX** instead of .xls, PowerPoint

documents are now .**PPTX** instead of .ppt. There is not compatibility pack of the database program Access which in 2007 is now .**MDBX** . ■

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Welcome new members

The Central Kentucky Computer Society welcomes the following new member who joined in January 2010

GOMEZ, MARK E
HALL, RICHARD A
HARDEN, JUDY .
KING, JAMES C JR
MURPHY, ESTHER A
RAYMOND, CLOYD D.
WINKLER, JAMES D.

A special thank you to the following members who renewed their membership in January 2010

BLUMER, LINDA	MARION, ROGER D
CAMPBELL, ANNE	PEPPERL, JAMES L
DAVIDSON, PAUL AND TOMMYE	REYNOLDS, RUSS
DE SHIELDS JR, MARSHALL	RIDDLE, ANN
EISEMANN, WESLEY	SAVARESE, BETH
FAWCETT, NANCY	SHELTON, W N
GAJARDO, GERTRUDE	SHENK, JOANN & MIKE
GUDGELL, CHARLES E	SWICKARD, SHAWN
HAN, MARIA	URIE, BOB
HARPER, DOUGLAS A	WILLIAMS, GEORGE T
HICKMAN, PEGGY	WILSON, CLARA
	WOODS, JUDY

Information provided by CKCS Secretary Ben Rice ■

No February Windows SIG

Joe Isaac is taking off this month. He will be back on March 9.

JOE'S COMPUTER TIPS AND SUGGESTIONS

1. BUYING A NEW COMPUTER.

SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR NEW Windows 7 LAPTOP:

Dual Core or Quad Core Processor of at least 2 GHz.

Memory at least 4 GB

250 GB and up Hard Drive

15.4" LCD Monitor. For a Desktop at least a 20" monitor.

DVD-RW Drive To burn CD's or DVD's.

Digital Media Reader for your Digital Camera memory card.

Windows 7 Premium Options:
Microsoft's Firewall and Antispyware program Windows Defender)
Microsoft's new antivirus program.
http://www.microsoft.com/security_essentials/?info=EXLINK

Also Download Windows Live; Mail, Photo Gallery, Movie Maker, etc.
http://download.live.com/?mkt=en-us

Treat yourself to a new Windows 7 computer, life is short.

2. EASY DOES IT.

SHUTDOWN your computer with a SINGLE CLICK.
Right-click the desktop and select NEW then click on Shortcut. In WINDOWS XP: copy and paste this line:

C:\WINDOWS\SYSTEM32\SHUTDOWN.EXE -s -t 00

This puts the Shortcut on your Desktop, to put it into Quick Launch, just drag it down to that part of the Taskbar.

For the 1 click shutdown in Vista or Windows 7.
Right click on your desktop and then select New.
Click on Shortcut. In the textbox, copy and paste this in:
shutdown -s -t 01
Click on Next when done.

SINGLE CLICK. (Why double click !!!!)
(This Is Really Great !!!!)
In Window XP, Vista, and Windows 7:
Go to Start > Settings > Control Panel (On the left side click on Classic View), then click on Folders Options and in the bottom section select Single Click. Also click on Underlined icon titles only when I point at them. Then click OK.

SCREEN SAVER vs POWER OPTIONS:
Go to Start > Control Panel (classic view), click on Power Options

The best choice is Power Options: Set your: Turn off monitor: in 10 minutes. Turn off your hard disks: in 15 minutes.

Please do not use a screen saver it wears out your monitor, increases you electric bill, and pulls lint through your computer.

A well-equipped PC running at full steam will burn from 200 to 300 watts.

You'll conserve most by using Power Options.
This is much better than running a screen saver.

WORD TIP: Editing a Document.

Shift F5 will take you back to the previous 3 points of editing.

Shift F3 highlighted words will change from lower case to upper case and back again.

3. SYSTEM RESTORE:

Reboot your PC and see if the problem goes away, if not use:

SYSTEM RESTORE: Go to Start, Programs, Accessories, System Tools, and Click on System Restore. Click on Restore my computer to an earlier time, click on Next and the Restore Points will appear on the calendar in BOLD numbers. Click one of the BOLD dates and click on Next.

Using a Restore Point will not cause you to lose recent work, such as saved photos, documents, email, etc.

4. Remove unwanted icons from your Taskbar tray.

That is the space on the right side of the Taskbar near the clock.

All the icons in your tray are running and using your Ram and Processor, making your computer run slower.

These icons are put there by the programs when you install them.

Go START, RUN and type in msconfig **and hit OK.**

Now click on the Startup tab and check those programs you want

to start up when you turn your computer on, like Symantec, McAfee, Spy Sweeper, uncheck all other programs. If you uncheck something you want to start up, you can always go back and check it, then click OK.

(You can always go to Start, Programs and open any program you want.

This only concerns programs you want to open automatically on Startup.)

It will ask you if you want to Restart or Exit without Restart.
The next time you boot up you will get a screen, don't pay any attention to the screen, just select: Don't show this message....... and click OK.

5. RAM AND HARD DRIVE

How much free space do you have?
DOUBLE Click on MY COMPUTER, RIGHT click the C drive. click on Properties

How much RAM, type of chip, and version of Windows do you have?
RIGHT CLICK on MY COMPUTER, then click on PROPERTIES. ∎

The Windows XP / Vista / 7 SIG meets on the second Tuesday of each month.
Check the "MEETING SCHEDULE" on the CKCS home page for more information.
The exception, no meeting during the month of February

Open Discussion
Digital imaging tools

By Joe Dietz   *joedietz@aol.com*

Joe Dietz
Digital Imaging
SIG Leader

At 7:00 PM on February 23rd at the Digital Imaging Special Interest Group, we are going to talk about some of the different tools that we use in our digital imaging programs with some emphasis on text. Putting a few words on your picture can help explain a lot – what is happening, why it is happening or just a reference to whom the person might be or where the scene might be.

Text can be very simple or dressed up. You can fill your text with gradients or with other images. You can add drop shadows. In about the same way you change the font, the size or the color in your word processing program, you can change them in your digital imaging program. You can create text on a curve. Change the spacing between the letters or the lines. It goes on and on. Here are a few examples.

Then we will discuss whatever anyone wants to talk about.

The topic for the photography contest has not been determined at this time – stay tuned! ∎

> *The Digital Imaging SIG meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month.*
> *Check the "MEETING SCHEDULE" on the CKCS home page for more information.*

VIDEO'S / SHOWS TO WATCH

To watch some of 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

Unique Staircases (click on one and scroll down)
http://images.google.com/images?hl=en&source=hp&q=unique+staircases&rlz=1W1GGLD_en&um=1&ie=UTF-8&ei=qN9ES6D-EIPQIAf259yZBw&sa=X&oi=image_result_group&ct=title&resnum=1&ved=0CCQQsAQwAA

Furnished by CKCS member Jo Stratton

Thirst
http://www.authorstream.com/Presentation/Demian-76245-thirst-education-ppt-powerpoint/

Furnished by CKCS Member Carl Peter

Click on a dot on this US map and view today's newspaper from that city
http://www.newseum.org/todaysfrontpages/flash/

Furnished by CKCS Member Carl Peter

Putting on the Dog
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7psfk5CWxK8

Furnished by CKCS Member Kay Stivers

You may have heard about Patrick Henry Hughes, of Louisville
www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=9xwCG0Ey2Mg

Furnished by former CKCS Member Harvey Shackelford

Computer Clinic SIG provides food as well as information.

Those attending the Saturday morning COMPUTER CLINIC SIG usually get an extra treat when they attend. SIG leader Bob Brown typically offers well researched information on a variety of computer subjects designed to keep CKCS members abreast of the latest events, changes and happening in the computer world. Additionally, thanks to Martha, Miller, left and Jennie Brown, attendees can enjoy cakes, salsa and a variety of snacks along with a fresh cup of coffee during the break. The Computer Clinic SIG which meets on the fourth Saturday of each month and is the only CKCS one that regularly offers food as well as information.

Apple Store Coming?

It would appear that Kentucky's second largest city will land an Apple Store by summer.

That's the word from a Web site called ifoAppleStore <www.ifoapplestore.com>.

Here's what ifoAppleStore says on its Web site:

Second Kentucky Store Identified

December 29th, 2009

Apple is racing down the stretch to complete its second retail store in Kentucky, with a summer grand opening in the Fayette Mall in Lexington, considered the "Horse Capital of the World."

An Apple Store in Miami Beach, Fla.

The mall is located on the city's southwest side, just two miles from the University of Kentucky campus, and close to offices for several international corporations.

The developer recently completed a 140,000 square-foot expansion, although the exact location of the future store isn't known.

The closest other Apple store is 78 miles away in Louisville (Ken.).

Here's the ad that Apple apparently posted on Monster.com:
<http://tinyurl.com/yg5ckam>

Here's some of what you'll find in that ad:

Apple Retail - New Store Opening - Lexington, KY

Changing the world is all in a day's work at Apple. If you love innovation, here's your chance to make a career of it. You'll work hard.

But the job comes with more than a few perks. If fulfillment, inspiration, adventure and advancement are your kind of perks, we'd love to hear from you.

Like to be around people who love technology? Like to be around technology that loves people? Apple offers a work environment unike any other.

Apple Inc.
Full Time, Part Time, Employee

Lexington, KY
Sales/Retail/Business Development

ifoAppleStore's Web site continually updates a Google map predicting the location of future Apple Stores.

If you check out the map <www.ifoapplestore.com/stores/store_map_future.html>, you'll find a blue push pin on Lexington's location.

I suspect Apple tracks customers' zip codes at its various stores.

My hunch is that many, many folks who buy Macs, iPhones, iPods, software, printers and other items, as well as the Genius Bar, at Apple Stores in Louisville and Cincinnati come from Fayette County and surrounding counties in the Kentucky Bluegrass.

That, in addition to Lexington being home to the University of Kentucky, probably prompted Apple to open a store here.

Here's what you'll read on ifoAppleStore's Web site which it says confirms the store opening in Lexington possibly sometime this summer:

Fayette Mall - Fayette/Lexington (Ken.) – In late Dec. 2009 a job listing appeared for this 1.2 million square foot "super regional" mall with 150 shops southwest of this dual city with a trade population of 758,000.

The area benefits from its horse racing industry ("Horse Capital of the World"), Univ. of Kentucky (2 miles north), and large corporate

offices and factories.

The mall just completed a 140,000 expansion, but the exact location of the Apple store within the single-level mall is unknown. The store could open in July 2010.

The area benefits from its horse racing industry ("Horse Capital of the World"), Univ. of Kentucky (2 miles north), and large corporate offices and factories.

Computers Plus Opens

Another computer store that specializes in Macs and Apple products came to Lexington in late 2009. Computers Plus opened just off Nicholasville Road, down the block and across the street from the CKCS offices.

Computers Plus opened in Evansville, Ind. in 1998. Since then, it's grown into a multi–state, multi–store operation with outlets in:

Kentucky
Lexington, Louisville, Bowling Green and Owensboro.

Indiana
Evansville, Clarksville, Terre Haute.

Tennessee
Chattanooga, Murfreesboro, Nashville, Cool Springs.

How do you back–up?

I always tell students that a hard drive death is a matter of time if they keep their Mac long enough. The hard drive will eventually die and all the data on it will disappear. Sure, you could pay a huge bill to a company which specializes in salvaging your data from a hard drive that died. But there's no guarantee they could save your files.

That's why it's up to you to back–up.

The Mac makes it easy with an automatic back–up program called Time Machine. You need an external hard drive formatted in "Mac OS Extended (Journaled)."

Other possibilities include backing up your data "on the cloud." This means using an online back up system to safeguard your most valuable data by storing them on computers that could be thousands of miles from your home.

Many different options are available including:

2.   iBackup
http://www.grapefruit.ch/iBackup/

3.   iDrive for Mac
http://www.idrive.com/idrive-for-mac.htm

4.   Mozy for Mac
http://mozy.com/home

5.   Crashplan Central
http://b7.crashplan.com/landing/index.html

6.   Jungle Disk
http://www.jungledisk.com/

7.   Carbonite
http://www.carbonite.com/

8.   Backblaze
http://www.backblaze.com/

9.   SpiderOak
https://spideroak.com/

Read *Macworld's* review of online backup services from Sept. 2009 here:
http://www.macworld.com/article/142606/2009/09/online_backup.html

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Tips for Every Day Mac Users

Here are some tips to jog your memory, help you remember steps you can take to get everything working as you like it, and to improve your overall Mac experience:

3. Remember "Do." I use that abbreviation to remember "Dock Once." In other words, whenever I click on an icon located on my Mac's dock, I only need to click once. To open a file or folder located elsewhere on the machine, I need to click twice. But remember the simple word, "Do." That's your cue to only click an icon on the dock once.

4. You've tossed away a file and yet the Trash won't delete it. Try this. After throwing away a file, try closing the program you were using to view it. For example, if I trash a TextEdit file but my I keep getting a message telling me that the file is in use, I simply quit TextEdit and I should be able to empty the Trash. Once in a blue moon you may have to restart your machine if the technique mentioned above fails to work.

5. There are multiple ways to quit a program. You can hold down the Command button and then type a "q." You can click on the program's name up on the left-hand side of the menu bar. In the drop-down menu, click on Quit (name of program). You can hold your left mouse button down on an icon on the dock and in the small menu, click Quit.

6. Say you've got a JPEG or GIF (photo or graphic) that you want to save as an Adobe Acrobat Reader file (with the suffix .pdf). Open the JPEG or GIF in the program, Preview, located in your Applications folder. Then click on File--> Save As. Look down below in the box that opens and you'll be able to change the JPEG or GIF to a .pdf file or a number of other file types.

7. Do I need to buy Microsoft Office 2008 for Mac? I get asked that question a lot. Most people can get buy using Neo Office (free), Open Office (free), IBM Lotus Symphony (free), or Pages ($79 from Apple's online store, but less expensive if purchased from Amazon.com or other sources. Pages is the word processor that's part of Apple's iWork suite. All of these programs allow you to save (sometimes called "Export") word processing documents as Word files. Now there are exceptions. If you do extremely elaborate Word documents with multiple tables and templates, you probably should use Microsoft Word. If you need Excel or PowerPoint, all of the programs mentioned provide comparable applications.

8. My Web pages load slowly. How can I speed them up? One of the easiest ways to speed up Web pages is to use OpenDNS or the new Google DNS announced in December 2009. OpenDNS is found here: www.opendns.com.
Google Public DNS is found here: http://code.google.com/speed/public-dns/.

DNS stands for domain name server. Every time you visit a Web site, your computer browser looks up the site's DNS (sort of like the Internet's phone book). Your Internet Service Provider (the company that provides your Internet service) may not offer the fastest DNS capability.

So switching to OpenDNS or Google's DNS might speed things up. Instructions for configuring your Mac to work with OpenDNS are here:
https://store.opendns.com/setup/device/apple-osx-leopard/
(Instructions for Mac OS X Leopard can be used to configure Snow Leopard).

Instructions for configuring your Mac to work with Google's DNS are here:
http://code.google.com/speed/public-dns/docs/using.html

If you've got a wireless router, it might make sense to set up the router so it uses OpenDNS or GoogleDSN. That way, any time your Mac connects to the Internet using a wireless signal, it will use one of those two services to load Web pages.

If you use an Apple Airport, here's the OpenDNS page with details on how to set it up so you connect to OpenDNS rather than your ISP when viewing the Web:
https://store.opendns.com/setup/device/apple-airport

Bigger than Microsoft?

Finally, a writer at Low End Mac predicts Apple will become bigger than Microsoft later this year.
http://tinyurl.com/ycvjcac
Tim Nash cites a number of factors in his prediction and says "the writing is on the wall." All I know is that Apple is selling a plenty of Macs, iPods, iPhones, software, and other goodies. Nash says in 19 of the past 20 quarters, Mac sales outgrew PC sales. He says increases are also seen in sales of iPod Touches, iPhones, and the iTunes Store. ■

With a mouse click, find DAR Patriots; Proof of Patriot Service and Descendants

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Genealogical researchers use so many type records that each researcher can develop a multipage list of resources. We seek records which identify the lineal relationship between generations by identifying husband/wife, father/children, mother/children and locality generations by finding records which identify the same person left one locality and arrived in another. Included on the list of resources can be various lineage societies, each offering membership to descendants of various and differing historical and patriotic notability. One of the largest of these is the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

At their website http://www.DAR.org can be found the history of the DAR. "The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was founded on October 11, 1890, during a time that was marked by a revival in patriotism and intense interest in the beginnings of the United States of America. Women felt the desire to express their patriotic feelings and were frustrated by their exclusion from men's organizations formed to perpetuate the memory of ancestors who fought to make this country free and independent. As a result, a group of pioneering women in the nation's capital formed their own organization and the Daughters of the American Revolution has carried the torch of patriotism ever since.

"The objectives laid forth in the first meeting of the DAR have remained the same in over 100 years of active service to the nation. Those objectives are: **Historical** - to perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved American Independence; **Educational** - to carry out the injunction of Washington in his farewell address to the American people, "to promote, as an object of primary importance, institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge, thus developing an enlightened public opinion…"; and **Patriotic** - to cherish, maintain, and extend the institutions of American freedom, to foster true patriotism and love of country, and to aid in securing for mankind all the blessings of liberty.

"Since its founding in 1890, DAR has admitted more than 800,000 members" with an identified Patriot ancestor.

"Any woman is eligible for membership who is no less than eighteen years of age and can prove lineal, blood line descent from an ancestor who aided in achieving American independence. She must provide documentation for each statement of birth, marriage, and death. Admission to membership in the NSDAR is by invitation through a Chapter in your State Organization or Unit Overseas. No Chapter may discriminate against an applicant on the basis of race or creed.

"The National Society reserves the right to determine the acceptability of all service and proof thereof. The National Society accepts service, with some exceptions, for the period between 19 April 1775 (Battle of Lexington) and 26 November 1783 (withdrawal of British Troops from New York)." Here is the list of acceptable services from their website http://www.DAR.org.

★ **Signers of the Declaration of Independence**

Military Service, such as participation in:
Army and Navy of the Continental Establishment
State Navy
State and Local Militia
Privateers
Military or Naval Service performed by French nationals in the American theater of war

★ **Civil Service,** under authority of Provisional or new State Governments:
State Officials
County and Town Officials (Town Clerk, Selectman, Juror, Town Treasurer, Judge, Sheriff, Constable, Jailer, Surveyor of Highways, Justice of the Peace, etc.)

★ **Patriotic Service**, which includes:
Members of the Continental Congress, State Conventions, and Assemblies
Membership in committees made necessary by the War, including service on committees which furthered the cause of the Colonies from April 1774, such as Committees of Correspondence, Inspection, and Safety, committees to care for soldier's families, etc.
Signer of Oath of Fidelity and Support, Oath of Allegiance, etc.
Members of the Boston Tea Party
Defenders of Forts and Frontiers, and Signers of petitions addressed to and recognizing the authority of the Provisional and new State Governments
Doctors, nurses, and others rendering aid to the wounded (other than their immediate families)
Ministers who gave patriotic sermons and encouraged patriotic activity
Furnishing a substitute for military service
Prisoners of war or refugees from occupying forces
Prisoners on the British ship *Old Jersey* or other prison ships
Service in the Spanish Troops under Galvez or the Louisiana Militia after 24 December 1776
Service performed by French nationals within the colonies or in Europe in support of the American cause
Those who rendered material aid, in Spanish America, by supplying cattle for Galvez's forces after 24 December 1776
Those who applied in Virginia for Certificates of Rights to land for settlement and those who were entitled to and were granted preemption rights
Those who took the Oath of Fidelity to the Commonwealth of Virginia from October 1779 to 26 November 1783
Those who rendered material aid such as furnishing supplies with or without remuneration, lending money to the Colonies, munitions makers, gunsmiths, etc.

As membership applications have been received, files of paper full of genealogical relevant data were created. For years researchers traveled to DAR National Office, Washington DC to get a copy of a relative's application and the supporting papers. Others ordered them through a registrar of a DAR chapter to which membership was desired. Some were interested in an ancestor's patriotic documentation; others, only for genealogical information. Besides the application files, DAR library in Washington, DC has one of the largest genealogical libraries in America. It was a library I visited many times while living in Northern Virginia looking for "paper trails" of my ancestors.

The library with its vast library and microfilm collection; also, shelves the DAR's *Genealogical Records Committee Reports* (GRC) which began in 1913 and continue to arrive every year. The

information in these 20,000 typescript volumes is predominately Bible record and cemetery record transcriptions along with many other types of transcribed or abstracted genealogical sources.

In 1990 the DAR began digitizing applicant information and the GRC, Membership applications and supporting papers. DAR members, who had a need to use it, have had online access to the application databases for some time. During a visit to the DAR Library during August last, I found the digitized applications and supporting papers available on their computers and spent most of two days using them. I had two big finds!

The first was the source of a document which had no citation that I had gotten from a DAR applicant's supporting papers a few years ago. I had spent much time at North Carolina State Archives in Raleigh hunting the source, only to be told, finally, it was most likely from a private manuscript collection at one of several NC repositories. After checking this evidential paper in several applications, the source was noted on one application and not written on the supporting paper. The other find was that copies of several county records of the marriages, etc of one of my ancestors, whose papers I had yet to collect, were in the supporting papers and all available with a mouse click and sent to the a printer for a minimal cost. This saved traveling to the West Virginia county or spending time at another archive searching and copying the county recording books.

In the early winter of 2009 some of the long awaited databases entered cyber space and we all have access to several kinds of searches. You can discover what is available online by clicking around at http://www.Dar.org for the "The DAR Genealogical Research System (GRS)" or go directly to http://www.dar.org/library/online_research.cfm. The supporting papers are not yet online. A link instructs online researchers how to order paper copies of the applications and the supporting papers.

Better still - attend the February 16 Genealogy Special Interest Group and see it demonstrated! Maybe find your DAR
Patriot(s)! A new cousin! Their locality! Or the source of something you need! Review and bring your family files and collateral names to help identify grandparents and cousins, whom you do not yet know. Bring your laptop and a cable to connect to the Internet and spend some time using the website.   ■
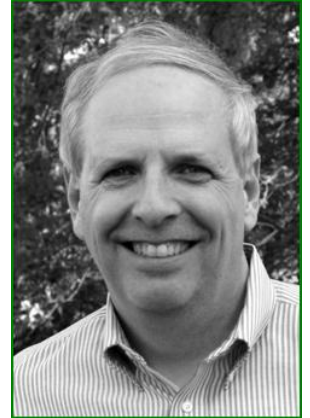
An Important message from CKCS Treasurer Jim McCormick

How are we doing?

We are just completing our review of the past year. The critical questions we asked ourselves in that review were:
(1) did we have fun,
(2) did we provide quality classes and activities for our members,
(3) did we live up to our mission of "demystifying computers for our membership".

By the measure of those questions, the past year was a wonderful year for which we are very grateful. We enjoy what we do and with whom we do it. Note that not one of these questions asked, relates to financial performance. The hope is that if we consistently find that if we have good answers to these questions, the dollars take care of themselves.

Unfortunately, that is not always the case. Our funding comes from three major sources; membership dues, class fees and donations.

For the fiscal year that ended in June, 2009. Our income was $28,109.93 with expenses of $29,705. This left us with a net loss of $1,595 for the year. We look to save money wherever possible, but our major expense are rent and utilities, and there is only so much you can cut there. This year is also trending for us to experience a loss of about the same amount. That brings me to the point of this message. If in 2009, each member had donated just $5 we would have not experienced a financial loss.

While we have announced a dues increase for the upcoming year, we have also been faced with an increase in our monthly rent. We can still use your help. With year coming to an end, there is still time for you, our members to help CKCS.

Please ask yourself the questions above. If you agree that we did have fun, provided quality classes and activities and, helped you understand how to use your computer, than please take the time to make your donation. We are an IRS-501(c)3 charity and your donation is fully tax deductible. You may either send a check or donate on line. Either way, we all win.

Checks should be made to Central Kentucky Computer Society, Inc. and should be dated in the year for which you wish to claim your donation for tax purposes.

Thanks and have a wonderful new year.

Jim McCormick