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Party and useful Information combine for December Tech Night

The Tech Night presentation scheduled for December 13 at 7 PM, will be in two parts. The first part will be a presentation about anti-virus software and the second part will be a holiday celebration party.

THE FIRST PART



To start, Joey Police (photo at left) and Craig Mayfield will focus on Anti-Virus software and the differences between viruses and other various malicious software called “malware”. Topics will include:

- What is a virus? Trojan? Worms? Spy-Ware? Etc.
- Free Anti-Virus Programs
- Pay for Anti-Virus Programs
- Differences of Free versus Pay Programs
- Best safeguards to protect your computer



During and following the presentation, questions will be answered so all are free to ask these experts.

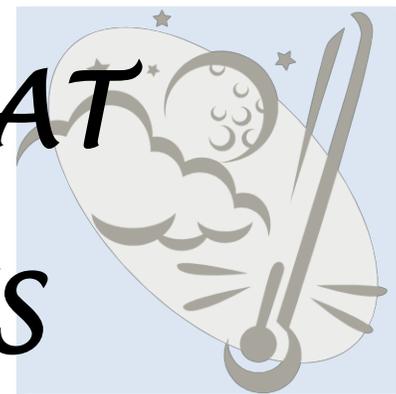
Joey is the Chief Technology Officer of Greer Companies based in Lexington, while Craig is an Independent Technology Consultant for various businesses in the Central Kentucky Area. Both are members of CKCS.

THE SECOND PART — A PARTY

For the **Holiday celebration party**, we would like to ask those attending to bring a treat to share, either sweet or savory. CKCS will provide coffee and soft drinks.

All members are encouraged to attend and bring a guest who may be interested in learning more about those viruses that are lurking out there waiting for a chance to attack and then join in the levity one we understand and hopefully know the solutions to that problem. 

WINTER IS A GREAT TIME FOR CLASSES



WHEN THE WEATHER IS BAD AND TRAVEL IS NOT CONVENIENT, WHAT BETTER TIME IS THERE TO BONE UP ON YOUR COMPUTER SKILLS? OUR CKCS INSTRUCTORS ARE READY AND ABLE TO PROVIDE YOU QUALITY INSTRUCTION AT ONE OF THE BEST BARGAINS IN THE CITY!

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS CALL THE OFFICE. CALL (859) 373-1000 AND A FRIENDLY OFFICE SUPERVISOR WILL BE THERE TO HELP.

CLASSES ARE TAUGHT IN THE CKCS COMPUTER LAB, THEY ARE TWO HOURS LONG AND HELD ONCE A WEEK OVER A SIX WEEK PERIOD. COST IS \$60 FOR NON-MEMBERS AND \$48 FOR MEMBERS. CALL TODAY TO SIGN UP.

CKCS CLASSES – WINTER 2011 SESSION						
Click on class title for description						
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Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MORN 10-12	Creative Graphics Jan 24 - Feb 28 Lilly Crawley Marci Miller	Beg. Dig. Imaging Jan 25 - Mar 1 Joe Dietz Larry Cox	DVD Movie Maker Jan 26 -Mar 2 Brooke Thomas Pennie Redmond Boon Baldwin	Computer Basics Jan 27 - Mar 3 Wendell Curtis Nancy Alverson	Photo Principles for Point & Shooters Jan 28-Mar 4 Larry Cox et al	Hidden Secrets of Mac Browsers Safari & Firefox Jan 29-Mar 5 Kurt Jefferson Debbie Settles Joe Settles
AFT 1-3	Beyond Basics Jan 24-Feb 28 Mike Seiler Larry Trivette	Digital Imaging Independent Work Jan 25 - Mar 1 Joe Deitz Larry Cox	Audio/Video Workshop Jan 26-Mar 2 Fred Kendig Brooke Thomas			
AFT 4:30-6:30	MS Excel Jan 24-Feb 28 Larry Trivette David Highet					
EVENING 7:00-9:00			Advanced Photoshop Elements Jan 26 - Mar 2 Anne Campbell Susan Umberger			



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CKCS always
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help is needed for
important jobs that
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How about you?

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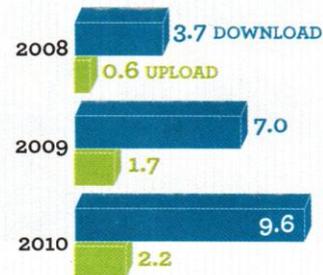
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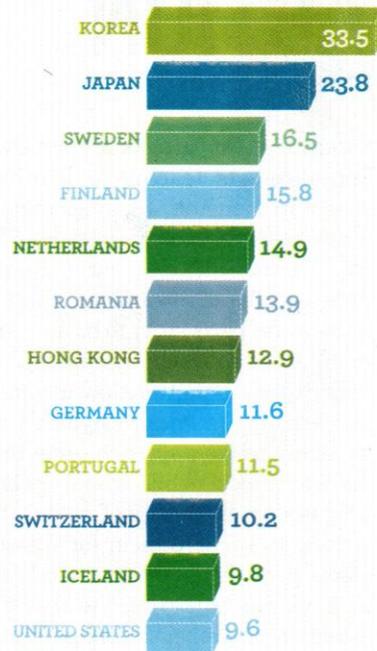
ON THE FAST TRACK

Internet speeds are steadily increasing in the United States, according to an annual study by Oxford University—but still lag behind the next-generation networks of Korea and Japan.

U.S. INTERNET SPEED (MBps)*



GLOBAL DOWNLOAD SPEED (MBps)*



* NUMBERS HAVE BEEN ROUNDED

SOURCES: OXFORD UNIVERSITY, CISCO

Appeared in Newsweek Nov 8, 2010

What members lose when a Computer Society dies?



Photo illustration by Joe Dietz

By CKCS member Larry Mitchum

I received a message from Lou Vitale, President of Macon Users Group in Macon, GA, telling the members that their Board of Directors had decided it was no longer logical to keep the group alive. It must have taken him a while to put that final letter together, in which he inferred that they no longer have anything to offer the members. As usual, only a few people were willing to do the work and they probably got tired of working while others simply enjoyed the benefits.

However, I disagree that they no longer have anything to offer the members. Perhaps, they may have almost nothing new to present that they haven't already done, but nothing can replace a member coming in with his machine in hand that has a problem, or stating his problem during the Q & A session, and after a short discussion, his problem is most likely diagnosed. The Internet might have the answers, but who is going to explain it to you, except, perhaps, your grand kids. In the meantime, some malware or key-loggers might stop by, and God help you if that happens.

The Internet can only help if you understand what you're reading and know what you're doing, and that's where a users group / computer society comes in. Their members that were not active in the group's work will be the real losers.

A MESSAGE TO CKCS MEMBERS

Without your vigilance, the above could easily happen to CKCS. We, fortunately, have several members who stay on the cutting edge of new technology and share their wealth of information with us. They are the pioneers who are always the people we go to when we have questions about how to make changes to our computers or software when things go horribly wrong. They are the volunteers who perform the many tasks that keep our resource center open and alive. The above-mentioned people know who you are and so do many of our members. For that, we thank you.

The constant challenges that are at the forefront of your Board of Directors' minds are keeping our resource center up-to-date with current technology and attracting new members. That means that new PCs, Macs, and software must be purchased when our current equipment becomes obsolete. It also means paying the bills such as rent, water, and phone.



We need to increase our membership. I know we don't like to admit this, but we are all getting older. We could use some new members who will provide fresh ideas and growth. So, invite those you meet to come to a meeting. Tell others about CKCS and how the user group has helped you.

Free evaluation software and visiting software/hardware representatives are no longer available to user groups, so we need fresh ideas for topics of interest to you and other which we can feature on Tech Night. That is where your ideas of topics would be helpful. Is there a new gadget, piece of software, or new device that interacts with a computer, smart-phone that you would like to know more about? Is there a profession that uses computing to enrich our lives that you would like to see presented at Tech Night? Computers are used everywhere, but how are they used and what is the benefit to you?

Our members can help with small things to keep CKCS alive. We have distributed several Kroger Gift Cards that return a percentage of your grocery bill to CKCS without any cost to our members. We also have a link on our web home page to Amazon.com. When you access Amazon.com through this link, you also help CKCS with a percentage of your purchases. Both Kroger and Amazon.com make this available without any additional cost to you while helping our user group. We also have members who give annual tax deductible donations. All of these ways have helped CKCS continue with day-to-day operations.

How about a helping hand? 

– Larry Mitchum is a long time member of the CKCS Board of Directors

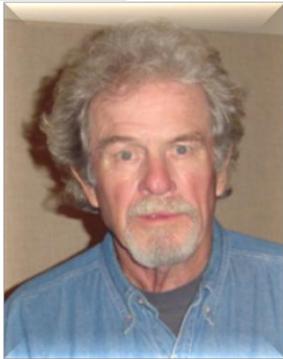
Not a member ? We invite you to join CKCS.

(Now a member – be sure to renew.)
Here is how: It is simple as 1 – 2 – 3

1. Click on this link <http://www.ckcs.org/join/> and fill out the form. (if that doesn't work, go to www.ckcs.org and click on JOIN NOW) - - **or**
2. Call (859) 373-1000 and a friendly office supervisor will be glad to help you - - **or**
3. Stop by the CKCS Resource Center at 160 Moore Drive, Lexington, 40503
.....Office hours Monday through Friday, 10 AM to 4 PM.....

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

By David Hight



The membership for the Central Kentucky Computer Society is now at an all time low! We have been losing members at a rate of nine per month – that is not good! Last month alone, our membership was reduced by 9, even though we acquired 3 new members and had 11 renewals by current members. It is time for each of us as members of CKCS to rise to the problem at hand and seek out new members.

I should not have to remind you that without member dues, we cannot pay our bills. Just like a family, there needs to be a wage earner! In the case of CKCS, that wage earner is its members.

The Board of Directors has designated January of 2011 as Membership month. It will be the kick off for a membership drive to last all of the year of 2011. The ultimate goal being to strengthen our membership, first to guarantee our very survival; secondly to help us to improve CKCS overall (improve on our facilities, equipment, software) thus allowing us to do and offer even more to our members and our community.

The thrust for January is to “spread the word” about CKCS, tell the people of the Bluegrass about Central Kentucky Computer Society. We need to let our neighbors know about our facilities, our offerings – SIGS and classes, the excellent computer expertise of our members. We need to let them know what is available to them; get their attention; then sign them up as members. Let them know that becoming a member is only the beginning. Once a member, they too can enjoy all of the fine benefits that each of us enjoy every day.

Even though CKCS is dedicating the year 2011 as Membership year, we must always remember that membership is an ongoing task. The job of recruiting and maintaining our current membership never stops, because if it does stop – so does CKCS!

I am asking each of you as a member of CKCS to take on the task of helping to increase the membership very seriously. No one person or committee can successfully increase our membership. It is the individual member – you – who is better positioned to increase our membership. It is you, the member, who can save CKCS and insure its very survival as an organization.

I will bet you know some person who can benefit from membership. It may be your next-door neighbor, who may be struggling with their computer and constantly asking you for help; a co-worker who is struggling to use the computer to perform the tasks necessary to keep their job; a golf or bowling partner who is constantly getting viruses on their home computer; a friend who is taking higher education classes on their home computer and is constantly having problems; anyone you know or come in contact with daily who would benefit from the offerings of CKCS membership. The



truth is, almost everyone today uses a computer, not only uses one, but *relies* on the computer for one or more tasks daily that is vital to that person.

Bottom line; the list of candidates for membership in CKCS is endless! The potential members that can insure the very existence of CKCS is out there waiting to hear from you about us.

The January Tech Night meeting will be replaced with a meeting intended to introduce the benefits of membership to potential members, as well as to remind current members of what CKCS does offer for them as well. I am asking that each of you attend this meeting, and to not only attend but to bring along the next door neighbor who has constant computer problems, the co-worker struggling with their computer at work, the golf or bowling partner with computer viruses, the neighbor working at nights to improve their education. You will be doing them a big favor as well as helping to insure the future of the Central Kentucky Computer Society.

Membership Hints and Tips **By David Highet, Membership Chairman**

Are you a CKCS *one member household*? Wouldn't you rather attend meetings and functions with your spouse? Attending CKCS functions with your spouse is a great way to get a 'night out' together. Not only will you be together for the evening, but also in the event of a prize drawing at one of these events you will both be eligible to win the door prizes!

Becoming a CKCS *multi-member household* not only benefits the Central Kentucky Computer Society, but also your family. You and your spouse will now have something more in common to share together – the knowledge you obtained at the CKCS event.

Have a child with an interest in computers? Consider bringing that child to CKCS events. Become a real CKCS *multi-member household* family!

Do you have a friend who is constantly asking you computer questions, or who asks you to look at their sick computer just because they know that you are a CKCS member? Help them with their problem, but invite them to the next CKCS function you attend. Tell them that they soon will be able to fix a good many of their own computer problems from the knowledge they obtain from becoming a CKCS member.

Does one of your co-workers or employees have problems using a computer while performing their office assignments? Tell them about the computers classes and SIGS offered by CKCS. Explain the benefits of becoming a CKCS member. Doing so will not only help that employee to become a better one, but strengthen the membership of CKCS.

Ask yourself this question, "Why did I join the Central Kentucky Computer Society?" The answer to **your own** question will tell you why you should be recruiting your friends, neighbors and co-workers to join CKCS!

I asked myself the same question "Why did *Dave Highet* join the Central Kentucky Computer Society?"

My answer came back, because I believe in being associated with persons who share the same interests that I do; who can help me when I have problems with the one thing (my computer) that I rely on and use the most in life; a place where I can go to learn more about my favorite hobby and to



keep up to date with the most current changes in its technology; and most important – insurance that I can always find friends who are willing to share with me their computer experiences and to help me keep my computers going.

The most important word in that last sentence was ‘friends’. CKCS is composed of members who not only care about their computers, but about each other. The longer a person stays a member, the more friends they make, and the more experiences they share together.

Another benefit I receive being a member of CKCS is the opportunity to be a *teacher*. Yes, a teacher. All of us have one or more things we would like to have done in life, but did not have time to do so. One of my missed opportunities was to teach. CKCS has provided me with that opportunity. That and other opportunities await to anyone who becomes a member of the Central Kentucky Computer Society.

So once again, I am asking you as members of the Central Kentucky Computer Society to go out and spread the ‘Good News’ about CKCS ! 

WHAT HAPPENED?

After World War II, in the 1950’s, America had \$26 billion of factories that had been making tanks, battleships and airplanes and all they had to do is convert to making automobiles, refrigerators and washers instead. And boy did they do that!

By 1951, almost 90% of Americans had refrigerators and maybe 75% had telephones, washing machines, vacuum cleaners and gas or electric stoves – things that most of the rest of the world could only fantasize about. Americans owned 80% of electrical goods and owned two thirds of the world’s productive capacity. America produced over 40% of the world’s electricity, 60% of its oil, and 66% of its steel.

Five percent of the people on earth were Americans and had more wealth than the other 95% combined. Remarkably most all of this American wealth was made here. Of the 7.5 million cars sold in the US in 1954, 99.93% were made in America by Americans.

In 1951 *LIFE* magazine featured a blue-collar family from Cleveland Ohio; a husband, wife and two children surrounded by the 2 ½ tons of food they consumed in one year. Among the items they were shown with, were 450 lbs of flour, 72 lbs of shortening, 56 lbs of butter, 31 chickens, 300 lbs of beef, 25 lbs of carp, 144 lbs of ham, 39 lbs of coffee, 690 lbs of potatoes, 698 quarts of milk, 131 dozen eggs, 180 loafs of bread and 8 ½ gallons of ice cream. All of this was done on a salary of \$25 a week. *

My how times have changed! 

*An excerpt from *The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid* by Bill Bryson



President's Comments

By Mike Seiler, CKCS President

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December Holiday Celebration and Tech Night

I hope that each of you will join with your fellow members at our annual **Holiday Celebration** at your Resource Center on Monday, December 13. This is a great opportunity to visit with your fellow members and ask questions with many of your SIG leaders and Class instructors who will be present. We ask those attending to bring a small snack or favorite treat to share with other. CKCS will provide coffee and soft drinks.

All this is in conjunction with our monthly **Tech Night**. Our topic will be "Antivirus and Malware" conducted by two CKCS members, Craig Mayfield and Joe Police. There will be a question and answer session afterwards; however, they will welcome questions during the presentation. More information about this session is on page 1 of this newsletter.

Joey Police works for Greer Companies and is their Chief Technology Officer. Craig Mayfield is an independent Information Technology Consultant.

Please take advantage of this evening by inviting your friends to attend. Hopefully, everyone should find our Tech Night topic interesting and our Holiday celebration would be a good way to introduce your friends to CKCS. See you on December 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Donations

If you are planning on making any charitable donations during the holiday season, please consider donating to CKCS. Since CKCS is a IRS 501 (c) 3 organization, all donations are tax deductible (as long as you don't exceed the limits IRS allowed for donations during a given year). Any amount will be appreciated. Thank you, to everyone who donated last year.

Recycle box

We now have a recycle box at CKCS. It is blue and is in the mail room and is to be used for cans and paper. Please rinse out any pop cans before placing them in the recycle box. CKCS wants to work toward a greener environment.

New Short Course planned for January

Joe Dietz has a new short course on digital imaging planned for Saturday, January 8, 2011. The cost is \$30.00 for non-members and \$24.00 for members. See the details about this course elsewhere in this newsletter.





Let's get personal: You wanna do this

By Joe Isaac, Windows SIG Leader

Joe.isaac@ckcs.org

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1. Facebook, www.facebook.com *sign up and start the fun.* Once you get on this free program you do not have to post anything but you can see what your children and grandchildren are doing and see the photos they post on facebook but do not send to you.



2. My Yahoo: <http://www.yahoo.com/> sign up here, configure it and keep up with Kentucky Wildcats, the weather, your stocks, special news articles that just you are interested in.



3. Yahoo News: <http://news.yahoo.com/> this is a fantastic online newspaper it covers Business, Entertainment, Sports, Tech, Politics, Science, Health, etc. and under each of these headings there are up to 12 subheadings.



4. USATODAY: On line newspaper <http://www.usatoday.com/> It covers Home, News, Travel, Money, Sports, Life, Tech and Weather.



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Digital Imaging short course set for January



Joe Dietz
Digital Imaging
SIG Leader

Joe Dietz is offering an unusual abbreviated course on Digital Imaging at the CKCS Resource Center on Moore Drive in early January. “At times I have heard some folks are unable to take our regular digital imaging classes since they have to work or have other obligations during the times we hold classes,” Joe said. This offering is Joe’s solution for those who have scheduling conflicts. The unusual part, this course will be taught all on one day and on a weekend. This is what will be happening. “Spread the word about this so we will have a full class. If more than 8 sign up we will give another class later on” Joe said.

The session will be a four-hour, hands-on introduction to fixing up your digital images using Corel’s Paint Shop Pro X3. Class size will be limited to eight students (or up to 10 if two can bring laptops with the program installed). Earlier versions of Paint Shop Pro (X, X2, X3) will have most of the tools we will be using. Cost of the course will be \$30.00

Class will be held on Saturday, January 8, 2011 and will run from 10AM to 12, lunch break on your own and then continue from 1-3 PM. Members and guests are urged to sign up and join the fun.

Students will concentrate on a variety of different techniques to improve their pictures. Some of the important features you will learn will be how to lighten or darken your images, remove something from a picture that you don’t want to be there such as a utility pole, add something to a picture that actually wasn’t there, crop your image to a specific size, sharpen the image, and much, much more.

If you have questions about the class, the program being used, or how to get a discount on the program, give Joe Dietz a call at 859-533-7814. To sign up, call a helpful office supervisor on duty at the Resource Center during normal hours of 10 AM to 4 PM Monday through Friday. 

VIDEOS / SHOWS TO WATCH

Just click on link below or paste the link into your web browser

No comment on intelligence of some Texans, caution, better turn the sound OFF due to language

<http://valtenbergs.com/archives/951>

-- Furnished by CKCS member Mal Gill

CAR OF THE FUTURE?

<http://www.fliixy.com/gm-hy-wire-concept-car.htm>

Furnished by CKCS member Carl Peter

Hallelujah Chorus flash event

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wp_RHnQ-igU

Furnished by former CKCS member Harvey Shackelford

Don't send a man to the grocery

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-YFRUSTiFU>

Furnished by CKCS member Ann Riddle

Flying a cub across America

<http://www.vintageflying.com/page24.html>

Furnished by CKCS member Ted Mellinger

Call to 911 involves a 5 year old

<http://www.maniacworld.com/stay-calm-dad.html>

Furnished by CKCS member Carl Peter

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 Why do we have those shapes for our numerals?

<http://www.slideshare.net/ghael0625/origin-of-numbers>

Furnished by former CKCS member John Heaton

VJ Day in Honolulu Hawaii, August 14, 1945 (As we approach the 69th anniversary of Dec 7, 1941

<http://vimeo.com/5645171>

Astounding sample of what the human brain might be able to do

<http://video.stumbleupon.com/#p=0k4lsl1dql>

Furnished by former CKCS member John Heaton

A song for the holidays --- Johnny Mathas

<http://www.evtv1.com/player.aspx?itemnum=15532>

Furnished by CKCS member Carl Peter 



Is a new computer on your Christmas list?

Or the list of your friends and relatives?

This would be the perfect time to turn to the 'elves' at CKCS to become more familiar with the new software that is on all new computers.

Those elves at the Society have plenty of tips and ideas which should make every computer user SMILE !

Call the office (859)373-1000 to buy a gift card announcing your CKCS gift membership this Christmas.



Google can track your airline flight

By Jerry Heaton

Meeting someone at the airport or taking someone there? Google can help you track your flight providing you know the flight number you seek. You don't have to worry about finding a particular airline site, or phoning a particular airline flight information line. With Google, this works for any airline.

As an example in the Google search bar, I typed **Delta Flight # 6371**. This flight daily travels from Atlanta to Lexington in the afternoon.

Flight Status for OH 6371 [Modify Search](#)

OH 6371 Flight Status

Flight: (OH) Comair 6371
Departure Date: Fri 19-Nov-2010
Status: **Flight is currently En route**
● On-time
Last change to status 0 minutes ago
Arrival Estimate: **Estimated Gate Arrival at 14:50**

See below for [departure and arrival details](#) including Flight Notes.

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Map Satellite Hybrid

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OH 6371 Flight Information

Route: From (ATL) Atlanta, GA, US to (LEX) Lexington
Duration: 1h 12m
Equipment: Canadair Regional Jet (Scheduled)
Equipment: Canadair Regional Jet (Actual)
On-Time Rating: ★★★★★ 1 of 5 [What's this?](#)
Codeshares: This flight marketed as a [codeshare](#) flight by the

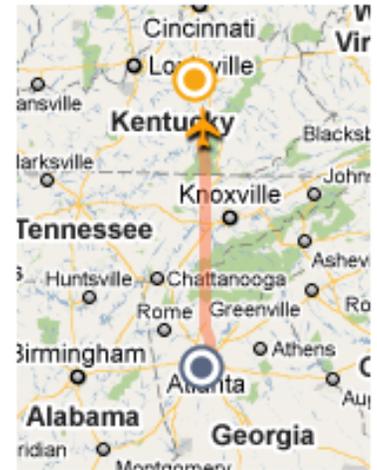
The above step produced an image like below left: (In the map below, you will note the aircraft has passed Cleveland TN and is approaching Knoxville.)

FOR THE BEST AND UPDATED INFORMATION:

On the map like that at left, click on **TRACK THIS FLIGHT IN REAL-TIME**. Choosing that option will provide you the original scheduled departure and arrival times (plus adjusted times in case the flight is early or late).

The map will enlarge and show you live updates on the location of the aircraft while on its course. You can watch the image fly (move) past Knoxville (left image) and cross the Kentucky border, etc. The snapshot at right shows the course of the same aircraft on the map as it neared Lexington.

The map toggles through several sizes every minute or so – one showing the entire US map to a 'zoom-in' view like the one above right. So don't let the changing view bother you. Being a live image, the aircraft moves as you watch it.



Try it, you will like it.

★ **Welcome New Members** ★

The Central Kentucky Computer Society welcomes the following new members whose applications were processed from October 25th to November 26th 2010.

Q F Zhang

A special 'thank you' to the following members who renewed their membership during this reporting period.

**Joseph P. Bark, M.D.
Herman B. Butler
Lynda Closson
Larry A. & Joyce A. Cox
Dr. John D. Helton
Charles W. Meade
Beverly Norris
Audenna B. Phillips
Patricia Scheidt
Marian Selke
Adrian Sparks
Barbara C. Sparks
Patty Witt
Gregory T. Yancey**

Information provided by CKCS Secretary Ben Rice



News to use

Holiday CKCS office hours

Due to Christmas and New Year's holidays. The CKCS office will be closed from December 24 thru January 3, 2011. Just the same, messages left on the phone answering system will be monitored daily in case a member or visitor has a question. The Office will open on January 3 at 10 AM. Normal CKCS office hours are Monday thru Friday from 10 AM to 4 PM.

An exception – anytime the Fayette County Schools close for bad weather, the CKCS office will also be closed. The Office Supervisors, who greet visitors and answer the phone are all volunteers.

Two SIGS on vacation in December

The **Digital Imaging SIG**, (SIG leader Joe Dietz) and the **Computer Clinic SIG** (SIG leader Bob Brown) which normally meets during the fourth week of each month will not meet in December to allow all members plenty of time to enjoy the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Only one session for Word Processing SIG

In December, there will only one session for the Word Processing SIG. That session will be on **Tuesday, December 7 at 1:30 PM**. In recent months, two sessions have been offered to members and guests, an afternoon session and an evening session on the same day. The problem? ☺ There is a UK basketball game on the evening of December 7.

Recent newsletters are still available to view

Thanks to **CKCS Webmaster John Newsom**, he established a place on our website where you may review copies of recent issue of your CKCS newsletter anytime. If you recall an article you read and need to check it again, you can do it. The plan is to keep the last 12 issues on line. Just go to our website www.ckcs.org and click on PRIOR ISSUES OF NEWSLETTER. While reading this article, you may choose to use this shortcut: <http://www.ckcs.org/newsletter/old-nl1.htm> . 

Security cameras featured when Kentucky Trade visited CKCS

The November tech night program (Nov 8) involved an excellent presentation by Freddy Peralta, (pictured at left) James Aristizabal and Hesam Hagnazar (behind monitor) from Kentucky Trade Computers showing the capabilities of a digital surveillance System that is ideal for home or business installation. The equipment they offer is reasonably priced and KT offers installation service if desired.



As part of the demonstration, they had four cameras monitoring several views of the CKCS resource center. The equipment monitors and records activities through your computer. You may monitor your home or business,

as you travel, from a visiting computer or your portable smart phone.

At left David Blondell and Jan Landers-Lyman studies CCD infrared (IR) surveillance camera which can be



used days or nights, and it is weatherproof so may be used in or outdoors. They demonstrated the IR camera capabilities by turning off the lights of the SIG room and even in the dark the pictures were clear and good.

Members seemed pleasantly surprised with the quality of the images from the regular cameras. They asked if they were real, (which they were) since it was a live



demonstration of the actual working system in town. Most TV viewers have become use to the images by surveillance cameras seen on TV – grainy and poor focus and general low quality). According to Freddy, those TV images correspond to the old type of cameras.



The main emphasis in the presentation was about the merging of the Digital Video Recorder (DVR) technology and the home computer networking. The DVR itself is a computer which inside, has inside a electronic board, a hard drive, connectors to the cameras, standard VGA, mouse, remote, with Ethernet video ports, and the software to handle the video processing, recording, and replaying. It connects to the local network and to the internet.
At left is a sample 4 camera surveillance kit.

At the end of the presentation KT door prizes included coupons for about 15 memory flash drive and one lucky winner, received a free installation service of a surveillance system (value \$450).



Above, Freddy Peralta, of Kentucky Trade holds the Digital Video Recorder unit, the brains of a surveillance system.

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Fab Four Finally Arrive on iTunes



By Kurt Jefferson,
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Almost ten years after Apple first introduced iTunes, the Beatles finally arrived. The group first arrived on American soil back in 1964 to appear on CBS-TV's Ed Sullivan Show. 46 years later, the Beatle's music arrived on iTunes, available for millions of fans to download and play on their Macs, PCs, iPods and iPads.



News stories detailing the ongoing negotiations indicate that it took years to reach an agreement.

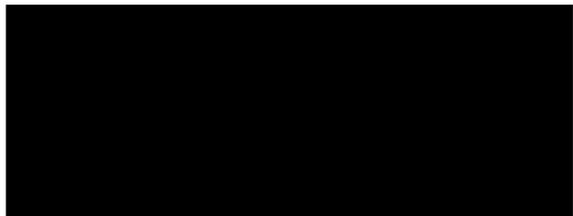
Even the Beatles joked about how long it took to complete a deal. Ringo Starr was pleased. "I am particularly glad to no longer be asked when the Beatles are coming to iTunes," he said.

What this means for the average Mac user is the ability for the first time to download electronic versions of albums such as "Hard Day's Night" and "Please Please Me" as well as individual singles such as "Love Me Do," "I Want to Hold Your Hand," and "Do You Want to Know a Secret."



Beatles iTunes Music Prices

- \$ 1.29 – Individual songs
- \$ 12.99 – Individual albums
- \$ 19.99 – Double albums
- \$149.99 – Box set

The graphic features a small image of a vinyl record on the left and a list of prices on the right. The entire graphic is enclosed in a blue border with a folded corner effect at the bottom right.

The new downloads are provided in what's called iTunes Plus format. That means the files are unlocked (in jargon, DRM-free), using 256 kilobits per second AAC encoding and a 44.1 kilohertz sampling rate.

In other words, the audio quality is much better than standard MP3 audio files and equal to the remastered Beatles CDs released last year.

Top 10 Beatles iTunes singles

(as of late Nov.)

- Here Comes the Sun (#22)
- Let It Be (#27)
- In My Life (#31)
- Blackbird (#32)
- Come Together (#38)
- With a Little Help From My Friends (#53)
- Hey Jude (#55)
- While My Guitar Gently Weeps (#69)
- Let It Be (#71)
- Eleanor Rigby (#75)

Top 10 Beatles iTunes albums

(as of late Nov.)

- Abbey Road (#7)
- The Beatles (White Album) (#8)
- Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Band (#9)
- The Beatles Box Set (#11)
- The Beatles 1967—1970 (The Blue Album) (#13)
- The Beatles 1962—1966 (The Red Album) (#17)
- Rubber Soul (#18)
- Revolver (#20)
- Magical Mystery Tour (#21)

Beatles Singles Sales Top Two Million

More than two-million individual Beatles songs were sold on iTunes worldwide since the Beatles catalog was made available on the service November 16, according to the Billboard music Web site.

More than 450,000 Beatles albums were sold through iTunes during the same period. The best-selling album in the U.S. was "Abbey Road" and the best-selling song was "Here Comes the Sun."

Sometime in 2011, Apple's exclusive contract to sell Beatles tunes on iTunes will run out and other music download retailers like Amazon, Napster, MP3, and eMusic are also expected to begin selling songs by the Fab Four.

Billboard reported that the iTunes debut of the Beatles compared favorably to those of other musical groups that for years resisted joining the digital music download revolution.

Let It Be (#22)

This is a MacBook Air displaying an ad promoting the Fab Four in mid-November when Beatles music first became available through the iTunes Music Store. It was the first time Beatles music was available for purchase online in a digital format.

Sales reveal there is strong demand for digital versions of the Beatles music despite availability on compact discs.

Some experts call the Beatles the *most* influential musical group of any decade.

With their songs available on the world's largest online music store, the Beatle's influence may grow even larger.



New iPads Just Around the Corner?

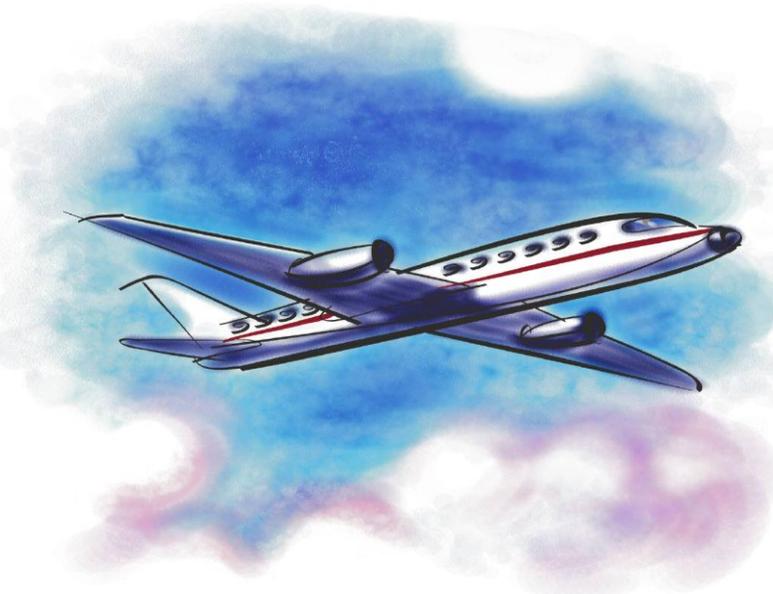
If some tech writers are correct, a second-generation iPad might be available as soon as February of next year. A slew of news outlets, including ZDNet, Mac News Network, Digi Times and SlashGear all cite sources confirming that a new iPad is due in the first quarter of 2011.

Some are saying February is the month to look for a new version of Apple's hot selling tablet computer. Others say we should expect a new iPad sometime during the first three months of 2011, but probably late in that time period (February or March?)

ZDNet's "The Apple Core column" reports one research firm is claiming that the new iPad will sport two cameras—a rear facing five-megapixel camera and a front facing VGA camera.

Some news sources are saying the iPad2 would have worldwide 3G wireless support. Those of you who are cell phone-savvy know there are several major systems that cell phone operators use.

The most popular ones are GSM and CDMA. Almost all countries outside the U.S. and Canada use GSM technology. A.T. & T and T-Mobile in the states primarily use GSM. Verizon and Sprint use CDMA.



restaurants at JFK installed the tablet computers partly to convince passengers to order food utilizing the menu apps on the iPads. While they're eating, passengers may use the free Internet access provided on the iPads.



This is geek talk, but the bottom line is if reports are true, the iPad2 could connect wirelessly to the Internet all over the world without any hardware changes. That would be great for the user.

Travelers from all over the world will get a chance to use an iPad at New York City's JFK Airport. A recent story in *USA Today* reported that Delta Airline passengers are invited to use 135 iPads installed at its gates.

Read the *USA Today* story: "Delta gates at JFK have free iPad access for food, fun"
<http://usat.ly/aK4609>

OTG Management, operator of three



The company says the service is free and there are no time limits on customers using the iPads. New York's LaGuardia Airport will also get iPads.

Time now for a multiple-choice quiz.

We all know that the iPad from Apple is a big hit with consumers (those are folks like you and me who buy computer products and then use them at home, school, C.K.C.S., etc.) But Apple's hit tablet has also been very popular in corporate America.

Name the business sector that so far has purchased more iPads than any other:

- A) Financial Services
- B) Healthcare
- C) Utilities
- D) Legal

The correct answer is ? (Read below.)

Good Technology surveyed 4,000 business customers and discovered the financial sector was adopting the iPad faster than any other business market.

High-tech and health care firms were close behind.

CRN's Steven Burke wrote an interesting article <http://bit.ly/aKe8pY> back in April titled, "Why the iPad Changes Everything For Business Computing."

Burke brought up several interesting points. He quotes Tarken Maner (the CEO and president of WYSE) as saying: "Business customers will buy it because they love the user interface. It's a great user experience. Now they can connect to their virtual desktop from a Tablet. This brings the iPad to the enterprise."

Apple is directing potential business customers to this Web site:
<http://www.apple.com/ipad/business/>

Another Web site <http://www.apple.com/ipad/business/profiles/> profiles a number of iPad-using companies including Hyatt Hotels & Resorts, a New York-based dental firm, and a company that brings clean, safe drinking water to countries who don't have it.

If you are curious about the iPad, thinking about buying one for yourself or for someone else over the holidays, check out Wikipedia's iPad entry: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ipad>

I learned plenty from that Web site and you might too.



New Trackball On The Way From Kensington

If you're a trackball fan as I am, you'll be glad to know that the folks at Kensington are designing a new, wireless portable, two-button trackball.

Kensington Trackballs



SlimBlade™ Trackball



Expert Mouse®



Orbit® Trackball with Scroll Ring



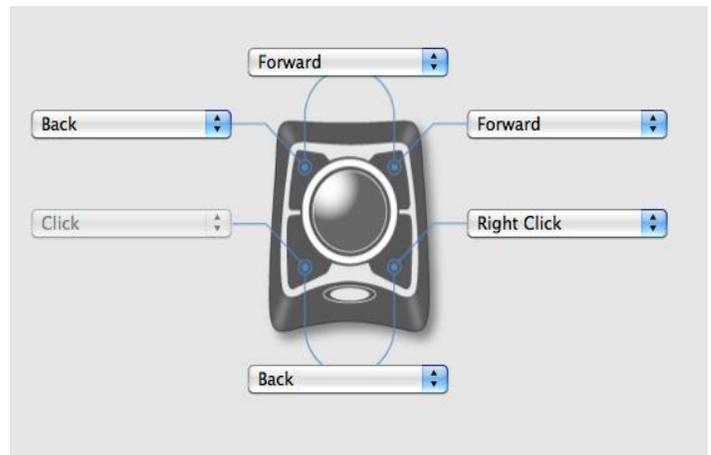
Orbit® Optical Trackball

Kensington will be adding another yet trackball to its line-up, which now includes the SlimBlade™ Trackball, Expert Mouse®, Orbit® Trackball with Scroll Ring and Orbit® Optical Trackball. Bill Rathbone of the company's Trackball User Group says the new device will be a wireless, two-button, portable unit. If you currently use trackballs or are interested in joining Kensington's Trackball User Group, visit: <http://bit.ly/ezV9I4>.

If you're currently using a Kensington trackball and need to download the latest version of its TrackballWorks software, visit <http://bit.ly/byxfKx>. Rathbone says a new version of TrackballWorks should be available in early 2011.

Bill Rathbone from the firm's Trackball User Group confirms that Kensington is producing the new device and seeking beta testers for it.

Visit Kensington's trackball Web site here: <http://us.kensington.com/html/1436.html>



In addition, Rathbone writes that TrackballWorks software will be updated and a finalized version is expected in early 2011.

TrackballWorks is the software, which allows a Kensington trackball user to customize his or her device by altering the scrolling speed, button usage, and other features.

I've mentioned in this column before that I stumbled upon trackballs when a friend who's a CKCS



member loaned me hers for a week.

Having used mice since I bought my first Mac in 1992, I was surprised that I had never really given the trackball a try.

You've heard the phrase, "love at first sight." That pretty much sums up my experience with trackballs. I asked myself, why haven't I been using these all along?

If you're interested in visiting a firm that sells trackballs from various manufacturers, check out Trackball World: (You'll find this message on their Web site.)

<http://www.trackballworld.com>

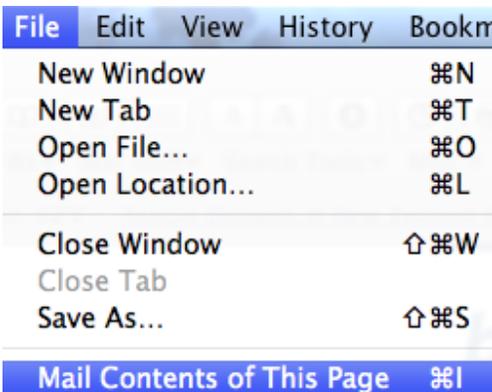


Web Archive Files Are Great, But Can Your Recipient Open Them?

Apple's Web browser, Safari, offers a neat way to send folks Web pages. It's called Web archive. And to use it, simply use Safari version 4 or 5 (the latest version is 5.0.3) to find the pages you want to send.



Safari Web browser icon



Click on "File" in the menu bar and in the drop down menu, click on "Mail Contents of This Page."

This is the instruction for folks

using any variation of Mac OS X 10.6 called Snow Leopard.

If you're using any variation of 10.5 called Leopard, visit this Web site for instructions:
<http://bit.ly/9Pc38F>

If you're a keyboard person like me, you can just hold down the Command key and type "I."

Your default e-mail program should open and automatically attach the Web archive, ready for you to fill in the body of the message.



It all sounds so easy. But can your recipient open Web archive attachments?

Every few months, someone using a Windows machine writes



me and says he or she cannot open a Web archive file.

The majority of Windows users view Web pages through Internet Explorer and Firefox. And that's a problem if they want to view a Web archive e-mail attachment.

The simple solution is to make sure your recipient is using the Apple Safari browser (version 4 or 5) for Windows. Then he or she should be able to view the attachment without problems.

If that's not an option because the recipient doesn't want to or cannot download the Safari browser for Windows, then another solution is for the Mac user to utilize the "Mail PDF" option instead.

Instead of printing the document, click on "Mail PDF" and the file should automatically open Apple Mail and attach the .pdf document.

I primarily use a Mac program called Mailplane to read messages in my Gmail account, so that's also an option in the drop-down list shown here.

Here's how Windows users can open a Web archive by utilizing the Safari browser:

1. Download and install Safari 5 for Microsoft Windows.
2. Select Ctrl-O or File, Open from the Safari browser menu bar.
3. Browse and open the Web archive file.



Web Sites Providing Answers to Web Archive Questions

- Wikipedia: Webarchive
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Webarchive>
- Raw Computing: Save web pages and content in Safari
<http://www.rawcomputing.co.uk/mactips43.html>
- AOL Answers
http://aolanswers.com/questions/microsoft_windows_mac_9515495618541/page2
- File Info
<http://www.fileinfo.com/extension/webarchive>
- File-Extension.org
<http://www.file-extensions.org/webarchive-file->

Update: I sent my sister a Web archive attachment to see if she could open it. Here's her reply:

I am using Explorer 7.0 on a machine running Vista. None of the suggestions you stated would allow the file to open.



So if you regularly send Web items to someone using a Windows machine, I would choose the .pdf option to insure he or she can open your attachment.

In addition, you might want to use Readability <http://bit.ly/Dpnsv> or a similar device providing clutter-free Web pages. Safari offers its own device. Go to a Web site, click on a link and look for the “Reader” icon in the white box showing your Web page address.

Click on “Reader,” the icon becomes purple and the page becomes clutter-free. When you’re done reading, printing, or e-mailing the page, click a second time on the purple “Reader” icon and the Web page returns to normal.



From the Mac SIG: Who’s Tracking You Online?

In early November, the *New York Times*’s Riva Richmond wrote an interesting article titled, “Resisting the Online Tracking Programs.”

Read it here: <http://nyti.ms/aBSK69>

Her story revealed how you are followed online. Richmond told how advertisers are using powerful software to record what you view on the Web, what ads drew you, and whether you bought anything.

Everyone has heard of traditional cookies, which are text files that track your Web searching efforts. But Flash cookies (also called LSOs or Local Shared Object) and document object model (DOM) cookies work even harder to follow your tracks.

Read about LSOs on Wikipedia: <http://bit.ly/SRLGK>

Because I thought Richmond’s article was such a compelling piece, we spent the entire November Mac SIG (special interest group) meeting discussing it and showing folks how to get rid of those persistent trackers. The challenge is the folks who want to track your Web visits keep on returning and returning and returning...



Here’s how Richmond put it in her story:

Keeping your computer free of tracking programs is not easy because of the ad industry’s aggressive and sophisticated efforts, says Jeff Chester, executive director of the Center for Digital Democracy. “It’s like trying to get the room of your teenager clean,” he said. “You have to do it all again the next day.”

The main reason companies track Web users is to collect information for marketing. You search the Web for details about the Subaru Forester? Everyone from Google to third-party firms such as

Read the September 2010 *New York Times*’ article: “Code That Tracks Users’ Browsing Prompts Lawsuits” <http://nyti.ms/bZ0eqd>



DoubleClick and Dynamic Logic, along with 100 other companies, are tracking your Web visits.

What can you do about it? You should visit Adobe's online Website Storage Settings Panel and click on the "Web Storage Settings" button. Then remove the files in the list. You can then use Adobe's "Global Storage Settings" button to block or restrict future third-party Flash cookies.

You can also add Safari extensions and Firefox add-ons to block companies from following you, restrict advertisers from tracking your Web searches and block advertising on Web sites.

My favorite Safari extension and Firefox add-on is Ghostery.

Visit Ghostery: <http://www.ghostery.com/>

After you install it, you're directed to a Web site where you can block cookies from dozens of third party firms hired by major companies to spy on your Web visits.



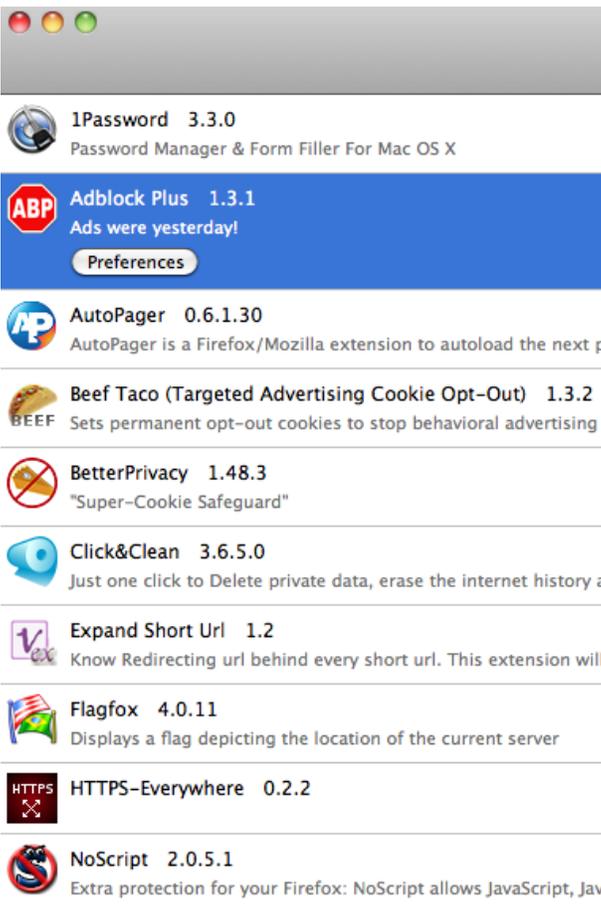
When you visit Web sites, a small purple window appears with a line drawn through the name of the companies that are tracking your Internet activity. Ghostery allows you to block scripts from these companies, delete LSOs and blocks

images.

Other extensions I use in Safari are:

- Javascript Blacklist (blocks all incoming Javascript from blacklisted domains.)

Read about it here: <http://homepage.mac.com/drewthaler/jsblacklist/>



AdBlock (blocks annoying ads);

and Plugin Customs (blocks plugins such as Flash and Java from loading components onto page automatically.)



AdBlock for Safari: <http://safariadblock.com/>

Plugin Customs for Safari: <http://bit.ly/bVEntv>

In Firefox, I use several add-ons (including Ghostery, Flashblock, HTTPS-Everywhere, and PrivacyChoice Tracker Watch) but one of the most important is Better Privacy.



All of the Firefox add-ons can be installed through the browser. Open Firefox on your Mac, click on Tools in your menu bar.

In the drop-down menu, choose Add-ons. In the panel that opens, click on “Get Add-ons” on the upper left-hand side of the window.

Then type what you’re looking for in the search blank (Search All Add-ons). When you find what you’re looking for in the list, click on the silver “Add to Firefox…” button. You’ll be prompted to restart your browser.

BetterPrivacy (protects against non-detectable, long-term cookies which most folks don't even know about.) These are non-expiring cookies that cannot be deleted from a browser in the traditional way.

Here's a Wired article about LSOs: <http://tinyurl.com/l2gqaz>

An alternative to using Adobe’s Website Storage Settings panel (shown below) is to download the Flush application for Mac OS X. It will delete these Flash cookies.

Flush for Mac OS X: <http://bit.ly/kuWtH>

From the Flush.app Web site (Flush is the Mac OS X Flash cookie removal tool):

For those who do not know about Flash cookies, more properly referred to as Local Shared Objects (LSO), they operate in a similar way to regular browser cookies but are stored outside the purview of your browser, meaning you cannot delete them from within your browser, whether Safari, Firefox, Opera or any other.

Typically they are issued from Web sites or 3rd party sites that contain Adobe Flash content. Since virtually all Internet advertising is delivered in Flash, Google/DoubleClick and all other Internet advertising companies are sure to be tracking your browsing behavior with Flash cookies. These companies can see you traverse the Internet as you come upon the plethora of sites that contain their embedded advertising.



Flush, a Mac app for removing Flash cookies.



Website Storage Settings panel



Note: The Settings Manager that you see above is not an image; it is the actual Settings Manager. Click the tabs to see different panels, and click the options in the panels to change your Adobe Flash Player settings.

This is Adobe's Flash cookie settings page where you can block, reject and browse through the Flash cookies deposited on your Mac. Most Web users probably don't know their computer contains dozens of Flash cookies which never expire and are designed to track their Internet usage patterns.

What's amazing to me is that there's no regulation regarding these LSO's. Huge databases exist on millions of computer users and yet they are unaware of it.

In addition, companies such as AOL have accidentally released information about their subscribers:
<http://bit.ly/9jHJwi>
<http://bit.ly/bO3XLx>

The *New York Times* article indicates that both Yahoo! and Microsoft use your Web search history to deliver you specific advertising.

Startingpage: www.startingpage.com
Scroogle: www.scroogle.org

One option Richmond cites is to use a search engine that doesn't track your activity. She adds that Startpage allows you to anonymously search several search tools simultaneously while Scroogle.org lets you search Google without being followed.

Which Mac Should You Buy?

Macworld has several very good articles describing how to tell which Mac you should pursue when it comes time to upgrade, or if you're a new Mac fan, how to determine which model fits your needs.

"Macintosh Buying Guide 2010" from *Macworld* is here: <http://bit.ly/fTOb0e>
The lowdown on Apple's offerings to help you decide which May to buy.



The article provides an overview of every Macintosh computer that Apple makes. Read about desktop machines and laptops to determine which type might best serve your needs. You get to review Macworld's mouse ratings for each model. Then read personal reviews from individual Macworld employees about why they selected a specific model.

"Mac buying guide: Which Mac is right for you?" <http://bit.ly/cbwXh3>
When it comes to choosing a Mac, one size definitely doesn't fit all.

You'll get to read why Kirk McElhearn chose a Mac mini, why Dan Frakes decided upon an iMac, and why Blair Hanley Frank picked a MacBook.

You'll also read about the MacBook Pro and why Roman Loyola prefers it, why Jason Snell prefers the very thin MacBook Air, and why Rob Griffiths prefers the desktop for professionals, the Mac Pro.

With the holidays upon us, this is a very timely piece designed to help you make the right decision.

Microsoft Office: Mac 2011

The newest version of the best-selling Mac productivity software is out and the reviews are in. Some folks absolutely love the new Microsoft Office: Mac 2011.

Others are not so fond of the latest software designed by Microsoft's Macintosh Business Unit.

Read the reviews for yourself and then decide whether the newest Office for Mac is worth the price:



Macworld

From Jeffery Battersby: After years of lamenting what Word for Mac lacks, I find myself in the odd yet enviable position of announcing that Word 2011 is great. It is a solid word processing application that is powerful and well designed, and makes it easy to find all the features you need. But what's most important is that it's designed to move your Mac into your office with no regrets, no compromises, and no excuses for why your Mac can't play well with the Windows version of the same application.

<http://bit.ly/bOQn1A>

Gizmodo

Office for Mac has long been the ugly stepsister that Redmond (and Mac users) pretended didn't exist. Is the latest Office the same deal? No, says Macworld. They say Office for Mac 2011 is actually good.

<http://gizmo.do/bH8LWR>

Walt Mossberg's Personal Technology column from The Wall Street Journal

Microsoft's new Mac Office is by far the best Mac version of the suite I've used, and I can recommend it.

<http://bit.ly/dc0IRb>

David Pogue's blog in The New York Times

Now, it could be that I'm a power user, and that my expectations are way out of the mainstream. (It could also be that *everybody* has favorite nooks and crannies, and will find broken features of their own.) In the meantime, it's sad to see



such unpolished work from Microsoft's Mac team. Looks like they had their eye on the big-ticket items—and simply left the smaller cookies to crumble.

<http://nyti.ms/9C0j8v>

Microsoft Office: mac is one of the more expensive pieces of software that you're bound to buy (Adobe Photoshop is even pricier.)

Microsoft Office: mac 2011 Pricing

- Home and Student versions (\$119 single license, \$149 for Family License for use on 3 Macs) include Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Messenger.
- Home and Business versions (\$199 single license, \$279 for up to two Macs) offer all of the application programs available in Home and Student in addition to Outlook.

I need to mention for the first time, Microsoft is bringing product activation to its Mac version of Office. That means a specific key is assigned to the Macintosh computer on which the software is installed. Microsoft says this is to reduce counterfeit software. The user has 15 days to activate the product. If he fails to do so, Office Mac will shut down and fail to launch.

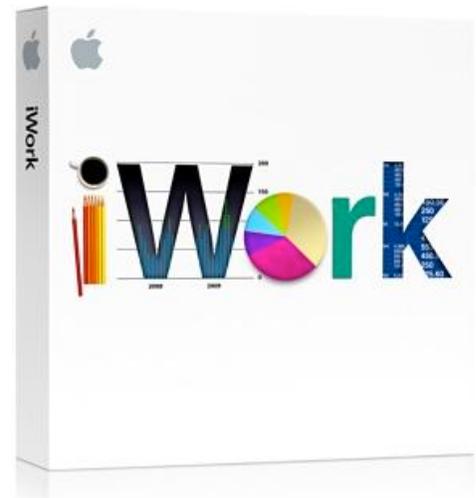
Office Mac Activation Info: <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/2391941>

I do use Microsoft Office Mac 2008. But if you ask my opinion, I would tell you that I prefer a program called iWork. It's made by Apple. And it feels quite svelte compared to Microsoft Office. It's far less expensive, it saves my files in Microsoft Office format, and iWork is downright snappy compared to its competition from Microsoft.

I realize some Mac users *need* Microsoft Office. They have very particular needs only met by that package.

But many, many others can get by using iWork or some other alternative that could save them plenty of money.

A quick price check on Amazon.com shows that in late November, iWork '09 costs just under \$63 while a Family License for up to five Macs costs just under \$57. (These are the lowest prices as of late November when buying via the Amazon.com Web site.)



Unless you do extremely heavy lifting with multiple tables, dozens of graphics, and more, all of iWork's programs will export to a Microsoft Office version that anyone use Microsoft Office (on a Mac or Windows machine) can read.

In other words, if you're creating a document in Pages, you can export it into a Word file and a person running Word will be able to open, alter, and update the document you send him or her. The same holds true for Numbers (spreadsheet) and Keynote (PowerPoint-like slideshow program.)

And don't forget the free Mac office suite options:

Google Docs – Offers a Web-based word processor, spreadsheet, presentation program and more.

Learn about Google Docs: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Google_docs



NeoOffice – Offers a word processor, spreadsheet, presentation program, and graphics program built on the Open Office standard.

Learn about NeoOffice: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neooffice>

IBM Lotus Symphony – Offers a word processor, spreadsheet, and presentation suite.

Learn about Symphony: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/IBM_Lotus_Symphony

Another option is **ThinkFree Office**: <http://bit.ly/rItS> which is a popular office suite written in Java that works on the Mac as well as Windows and Linux. ThinkFree provides one gigabyte of online storage for users to keep their documents once they create them using a Web browser. (Cost \$50)

Learn about ThinkFree here: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thinkfree>

Wikipedia has a page showing office suites for Mac OS X

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Office_suite#Office_suites_for_Mac_OS_X

which includes many different options.

MacBook Mania?

As I was typing this column I spotted an interesting item from the iPod News Network. The story had nothing to do with the popular iPod MP3 player. Instead, it focused on the MacBook, and especially the new MacBook Air.

ChangeWave Research surveyed 2,812 Americans and learned that ten percent of them intended to buy a laptop within 90 days. This was the highest level in three years.

But I was quite surprised by this item: *Of those folks planning on buying a laptop, 36 percent said they were getting a MacBook.*

ChangeWave noted this was a “huge” eleven percent jump from October and was most likely attributable to the new MacBook Air, which Apple CEO Steve Jobs introduced on October 20.

I spotted another story in late November with the headline, “MacBook Air actually eating into iPad sales?”

The gist of the story was that anecdotal evidence indicated there was so much interest in the newly announced laptop that it could actually be cannabilizing some sales of iPads.

Apple makes three categories of MacBook laptops:

- **MacBook:**
<http://www.apple.com/macbook/>



Read why *Macworld* intern Blair Hanley Frank prefers the MacBook over other Mac models. (Blair loves his MacBook and takes it to college in Washington State.)

<http://bit.ly/hKsRea>

- **MacBook Pro:**

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

Learn why *Macworld*'s Roman Loyola chose a MacBook Pro over an iMac or Mac mini. (She says the MacBook Pro provides the processing power she needs while out and about.)

<http://bit.ly/cvjJQX>

- **MacBook Air:**

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

Macworld's Jason Snell prefers Apple's tiny, light laptop over all other Mac models. (The eleven-inch Air is the smallest Mac laptop money can buy.)

<http://bit.ly/fMXJW9>

✓ Check out the complete **Macintosh buying guide 2010** from *Macworld*:

<http://bit.ly/fTOB0e>



Is This Seat Taken? 😊

When the usher noticed a man stretched across three seats in the theater, he walked over and whispered, "Sorry, sir, but you are allowed only one seat."

The man moaned but didn't budge.

"Sir, if you don't move, I'll have to call the manager," said the usher more loudly. The man moaned again but stayed where he was.

The usher left and returned with the manager, who, after several attempts at dislodging the fellow, called the police.

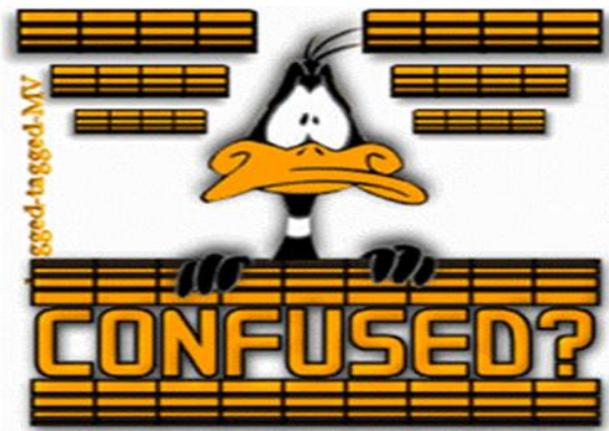
The cop looked at the reclining man and said, "All right, what's your name, joker?"

"Joe," he mumbled.

"And where are you from, Joe?"

"The balcony."

Furnished by CKCS Member Carl Peter



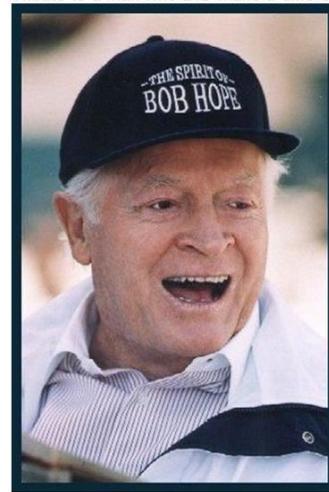
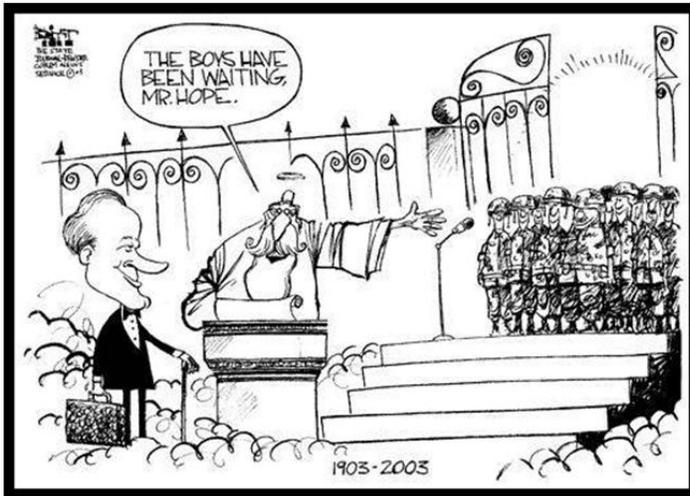
1. Is it good if a vacuum really sucks?
2. Why is the third hand on the watch called the second hand?
3. If a word is misspelled in the dictionary, how would we ever know?
4. If Webster wrote the first dictionary, where did he find the words?
5. Why do we say something is out of whack? What is a whack?
6. Why does "slow down" and "slow up" mean the same thing?
7. Why does "fat chance" and "slim chance" mean the same thing?
8. Why do "tug" boats push their barges?
9. Why do we sing "Take me out to the ball game"
when we are already there?
10. Why are they called "stands" when they are made for sitting?
11. Why is it called "after dark" when it really is "after light"?
12. Doesn't "expecting the unexpected" make the unexpected expected?
13. Why are a "wise man" and a "wise guy" opposites?
14. Why do "overlook" and "oversee" mean opposite things?
15. Why is "phonics" not spelled the way it sounds?

Furnished by CKCS member Bruce Klobeke

BOB HOPE IN HEAVEN



For those of you too young to remember Bob Hope, ask your Grandparents .
And thanks for the memories. THIS MIGHT PUT A SMILE ON YOUR FACE.



ON TURNING 70

'You still chase women, but only downhill.'

ON TURNING 80

'That's the time of your life when even your birthday suit needs pressing.'

ON TURNING 90

'You know you're getting old when the candles cost more than the cake.'

ON TURNING 100

'I don't feel old. In fact , I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap.'

ON GIVING UP HIS EARLY CAREER,
BOXING

'I ruined my hands in the ring. The referee kept stepping on them.'

ON NEVER WINNING AN OSCAR

'Welcome to the Academy Awards or, as it's called at my home, 'Passover'.

ON GOLF

'Golf is my profession. Show business is just to pay the green fees.'

ON PRESIDENTS

'I have performed for 12 presidents and entertained only six.'

ON WHY HE CHOSE SHOWBIZ FOR HIS CAREER

'When I was born, the doctor said to my mother, Congratulations, you have an eight pound ham.'

ON RECEIVING THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL

'I feel very humble, but I think I have the strength of character to fight it.'

ON HIS FAMILY'S EARLY POVERTY

'Four of us slept in the one bed. When it got cold, mother threw on another brother.'

ON HIS SIX BROTHERS

'That's how I learned to dance. Waiting for the bathroom.'

ON HIS EARLY FAILURES

'I would not have had anything to eat if it wasn't for the stuff the audience threw at me.'

ON GOING TO HEAVEN

'I've done benefits for ALL religions. I'd hate to blow the hereafter on a technicality.'

INNOCENCE IS PRICELESS



One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Alex standing in the foyer of the church staring up at a large plaque. It was covered with names and small American flags mounted on either side of it. The six-year old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up, stood beside the little boy, and said quietly, "Good morning Alex." "Good morning Pastor," he replied, still focused on the plaque. "Pastor, what is this?" The pastor said, "Well son, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service."



Soberly, they just stood together, staring at the large plaque. Finally, little Alex's voice, barely audible and trembling with fear asked, "Which service, the 8:15 or the 10:30 ?"

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CKCS Special Interest Groups

Check us out!

Each month the Central Kentucky Computer Society offers 13 SIGs which may be attended by members and their guests. Below is a summary of what takes place at each SIG. Information is provided by the SIG leader. Visitors are cordially invited to become active CKCS members.

NOTE; Always check the “Monthly Schedule” and the “Newsletter” link on the CKCS home page for any schedule changes. www.ckcs.org

COMPUTER CLINIC SIG

Meets monthly on the fourth Saturday – Leader Bob Brown

This group meets every 4th Saturday morning at 10am. Topics are anything in the field of personal computers and Internet sites. Typically we talk about newsworthy events such as new products or new developments on the Internet. Sometimes guest speakers are invited to demonstrate a particular software product of general interest.

Some recent topics include Google Apps, Twitter, Podcasting, and Buying a New Computer.

DATABASE SIG

Meets monthly on the fourth Thursday – Leader Garland Smith

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY SIG

Meets monthly on the fourth Tuesday – Leader Joe Dietz

The Digital Imaging Special Interest Group is a forum to provide and share information about digital imaging. The SIG frequently has guest speakers to cover a wide range of topics that are related to digital imaging. Some of our past topics have been on digital archiving (AKA Backup), getting the best out of your point and shoot

camera, effective lighting when taking pictures, restoring old photos and many others. The goal of this SIG is to help attendees to better understand digital imaging, learning how to get the best out of their cameras and how to improve their images with digital imaging software such as Corel's Paint Shop Pro, Photoshop CS/Elements, Gimp or other program. Each meeting starts off with a photo contest with a variety of different categories.

DR. FIXIT SIG

Meets monthly on the first Saturday – Leader Norm Funk

GENEALOGY SIG

Meets monthly on the third Tuesday – Leader Phyllis Spiker

Attendees have an opportunity to ask questions, share new ancestors, record discoveries or websites.

Programs are not a course of classes, but topics of interest, such as new online databases, interpreting evidences, genealogy softwares or getting acquainted with repositories' websites. Opportunities for onsite research may be suggested. Wanna know, “who's your granddaddy?”; or “Where're the records?” We'll try to help you succeed. Join us 7 P.M, the 3rd Tuesday of the most months, except June, July and August.

INVESTMENT SIG

Meets monthly on the third Saturday – Leader Art Gonty

The Investment SIG meets on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 10 am at CKCS.

The main theme of the SIG is to discuss stocks, exchange traded funds and mutual funds. We try to guess the direction of the stock market so one's portfolio can be managed to prevent heavy losses. We discuss multiple online stock sites that can be helpful in managing or developing a stock portfolio. We discuss technical analysis and fundamental analysis. Members often present a stock that they think has potential to gain in price. There is often witty exchanges and there is excellent rapport amongst the members. We do not contribute any funds to buy or sell stocks at the SIG. It is an informational meeting only. We invite anyone that has no, little or great experience to join us.

LEX MUG SIG

Meets monthly on the second Wednesday – Leader Joey Police

The Lexington Microsoft Users Group (LexMUG -- www.lexmug.com) meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (brown-bag lunch meeting) with networking until noon and then announcements and a 45-minute presentation starting at around 12:10. We keep a tight schedule and start and stop punctually to allow people to get back to work, but we have the venue all afternoon and



many people stay up to an hour or so afterwards to talk in smaller groups. Our venue is Central Kentucky Computer Society (CKCS -- www.ckcs.org) here in Lexington.

Online we have about 150 users, and in person we draw about 15-30 users per month to meetings. LexMUG is - not- a Small Business

Specialist/Server group, but does draw heavily and have a large part of its constituents from an SBS background. We focus on all types of technology ranging from Hard drive recovery, Virus protection, to all Microsoft technology and products. Our online forum and social media is a great way to discuss topics more in depth. Our next meeting can be found on our web site at www.lexmug.com where we will be discussing which Antivirus solution is best for you?

MACINTOSH SIG

Meets monthly on the second Thursday – Leader Kurt Jefferson

The Mac SIG is designed to be fun, informative, and an overview of everything "Mac" for new users and old. We talk about everything ranging from how to get more out of the features built into OS X (pronounced "ten," not "x.") to iWork (Apple's replacement for AppleWorks) to using the Internet. The Macintosh is one of the easiest to use computers on the planet. But hidden features abound. The more you know, the more you can do. We try to share tips at every meeting and provide insight to empower users to get more out of their machines. We see all kinds of visitors at the Mac SIG including new users, Windows users, and folks who are new

to computers. We welcome you and hope to see you at the next Mac SIG— held the second Thursday of the month.

MICROSOFT ACCESS SIG

Meets monthly on the third Thursday – Leader Stuart Zahalka

OPEN SOURCE SIG

Meets monthly on the first Wednesday – Leader Bob Brown

This group meets every 1st Wednesday at 7pm. Topics are usually demonstrations of open source software products or web-based applications for Windows and/or Linux systems. We usually have a Linux distribution of the month and a Windows software product of the month.

Some recent topics include Firefox, OpenOffice, Project Management Tools and PDF Editing.

WINDOWS SIG

Meets monthly on the second Tuesday – Leader Joe Isaac

The Windows SIG or workshop meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 pm. Topics covered may be: Windows 7, Windows Live Mail, Internet Explorer, Windows Media Player, System Restore, Defrag, Desktop, Taskbar, Windows Live Photo Gallery, Windows Live Movie Maker, Basics, Files and Folders, Control Panel, YouTube, Disk Cleanup, etc.

To see which topic will be covered next go to:

<http://computertips2009.blogspot.com/>

To see a years' worth of email Tips and Reviews go to:

<http://www.ckcs.org/joetips.pdf>

WORD PROCESSING SIG

Meets monthly on the first Tuesday – Leader Jerry Heaton

The Word Processing SIG starts with questions from classmates where the SIG leader and all attending help provide solutions and answers. In fact many of the topics presented during each session, come from questions received by Email during the month. Topics are presented so that new as well as advanced computer users will benefit by attending. This workshop uses several Microsoft Word versions during the SIG. Presently three versions are available for instructional purposes; Word 2003, Word 2007 and Word 2010, however the version used by the majority of the attendees usually is the one used most prevalently.

UNIX / LINUX SIG

Meets monthly on the fourth Thursday – Leader Lewis Gardner

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

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