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Central Kentucky Computer Society

President's Comments

By Mike Seiler, CKCS President

Annual Picnic and Business Meeting set for Monday, June 13 at 6:00 p.m.

Put Monday, June 13, on your calendar. This is the date of CKCS's annual picnic. We will elect new officers and board members, and honor all the volunteers that gave of their time to make CKCS an excellent organization this past year.

All members and guests are welcome to attend the 2011 CKCS Picnic. It will be held at Shelter #5 in Shillito Park at 300 W. Reynolds Road. (See map below.) We will start at 6:00 p.m. CKCS will furnish fried chicken and soft drinks. Members are asked to bring a salad, vegetable, dessert, etc. to go with the chicken. Also, if you have a lawn chair, please bring it just in case we need extra chairs at the shelter.

Plan to attend this annual event. It is always a great time to meet and socialize with other members of CKCS. I hope to see all of you at the picnic.

PLEASE RSVP (as soon as possible) . Call the CKCS office (859-373-1000) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., any week day, so we will know how much chicken to buy. The office supervisor needs to know how many will attend and if any of those are children.
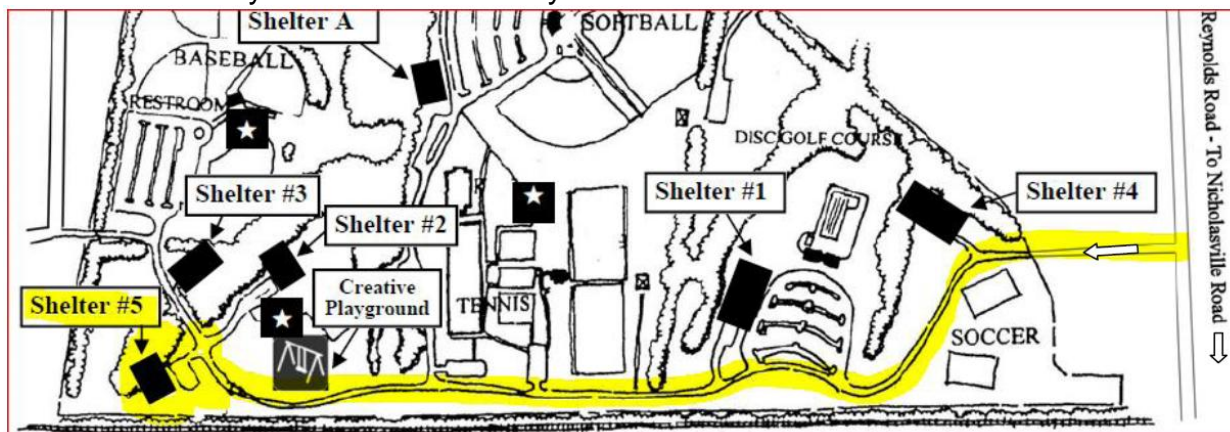
Printer Costs

If you have used the Lexmark Pro 905 printer at CKCS, you have experienced how nice this printer works. Since we installed this printer, we are replacing a cartridge in it at least once every two weeks. This is starting to become expensive. We are going to ask everyone using this printer to help us cover the cost of these cartridges. You will find a container on top of the printer and are asking you to put in ten cents for each sheet of paper printed using the black ink cartridge and fifty cents for each sheet of paper printed when you use the color ink cartridges. Note: When you use this printer, the color cartridges are used by default. To use the black ink you must go into the printer properties and choose to use only black ink.

Summer Tech Nights

Tech Night will be taking a vacation during the months of July and August.   CKCS

We need more information

In order for CKCS to communicate easily with our members, we need an email address for everyone. If you name is on this list, please call the office (859) 373-1000 any weekday 10 to 4 to help us update our information. We thank you.

John M Alcorn	Josephine C Gandone	Louise Ledbetter
Merl Baker	Evelyn Gilbert	Ada L Linville
Ruth C Beeman	Dr Arthur A Gonty	Maxine Littrell
Herman B. Butler	Norman Green	Hope Ann Lowe
Richard C Byrom	Charles E Gudgell	Bernice Masters
Roseanna Carmickle	Flora L. Guter	Robert McCarty
Kathleen M Caudill	John And Joyce Hahn	Robert McKee
Don Cloyd	Kenneth J Henry	Mohamed H Nasser
Edith H Conyers	Mary M Isaacs	Larry Neuzel
Nancy Dawson	Mary L Jennings	Mark H Neville
Clifford M Denny	Bonnie Baker Johnson	Pat Nickell
Robert M Fain	Marshall E Kays	Billy Nikitovitch-Winer
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Guest speaker Charles Bertram, staff photographer for the Lexington Herald Leader, showed dozens of his recent favorite photos. The program had added interest in that he took time to describe the circumstances surrounding most photos.

The following pages show just a few of the striking photos he projected on the SIG room screen.
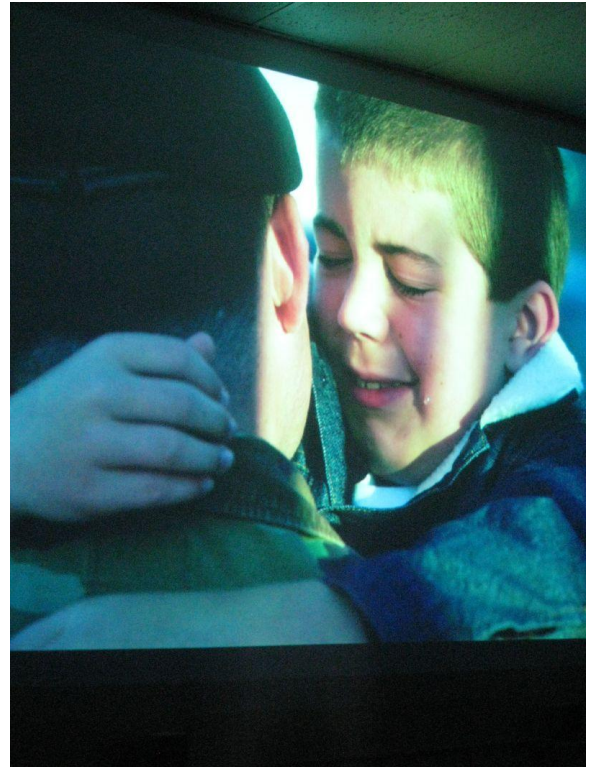
Bertram's presentation occurred at the May 24 Digital Imaging SIG at the Resource Center.
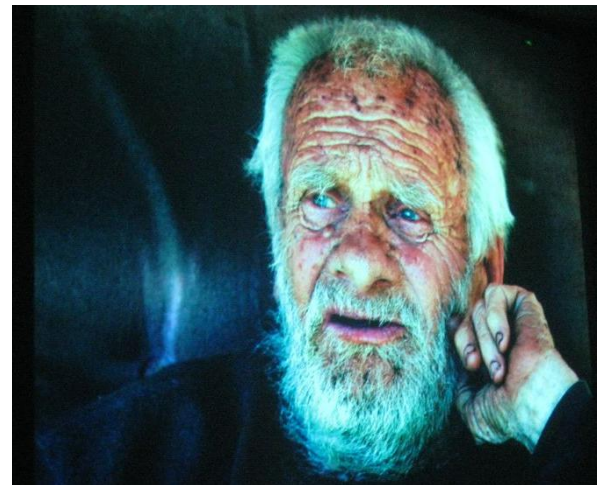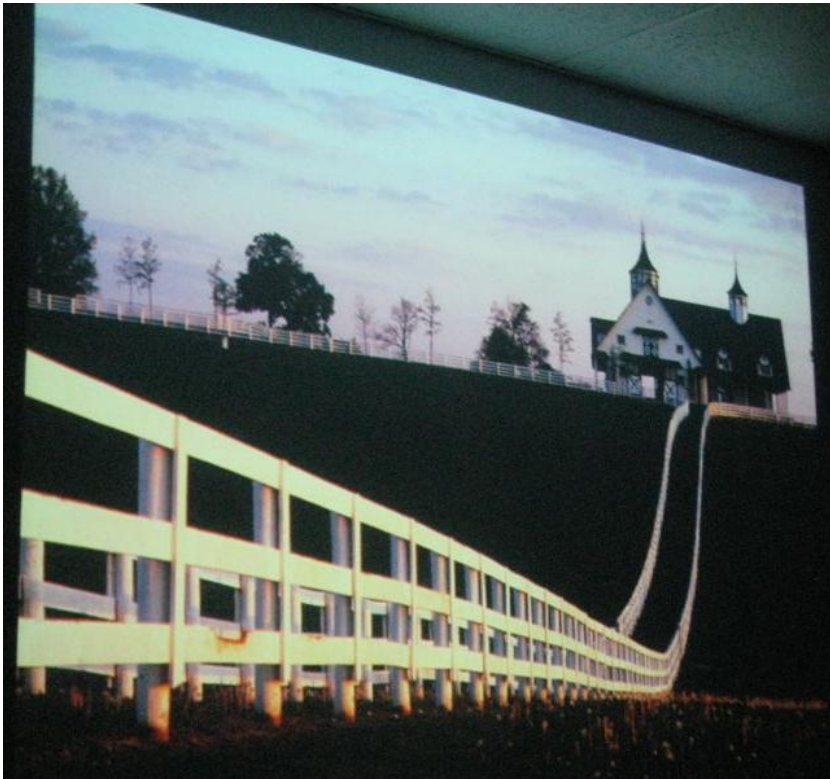
Charles Bertram is a prize winning photographer who has been named **"Kentucky Photographer of the Year"** seven times by the News Photographer's Association.

Bertram's Photos on this and the next page are pictures taken of the projected images on the SIG room screen
They are not the original digital images, therefore colors and shapes shown are not true to the originals.

Charles Bertram, above, is a staff photographer for the Lexington Herald Leader. His presentation occurred at the CKCS Digital imaging SIG. May 24.
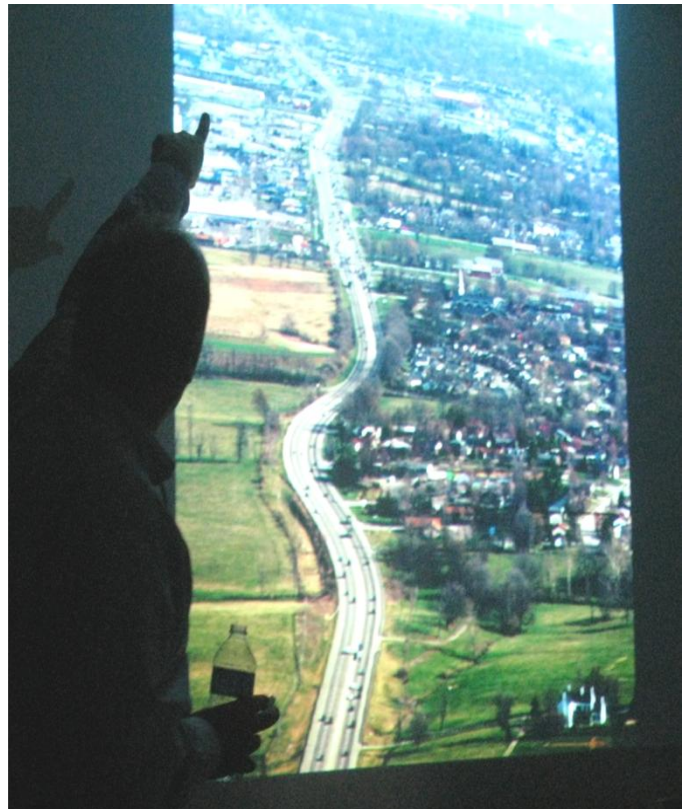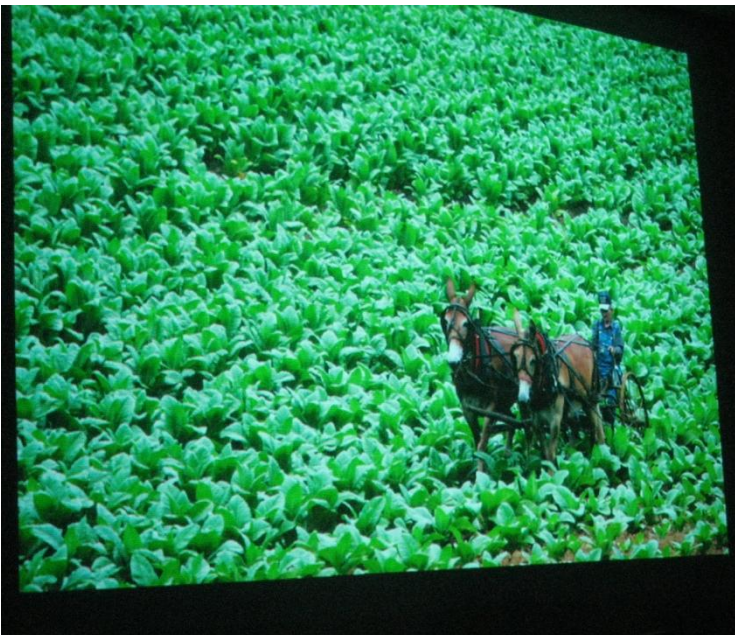
In photo at right, he points to something on Nicholasville Road

TECH TALK

By Joe Isaac

WINDOWS LIVE MAIL CALENDAR (just BASICS)

When in the Windows Live Mail program, at the lower left, click on Calendar. At the top select Month.

After you double click a date on the calendar, you get a window like shown on the next page.
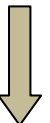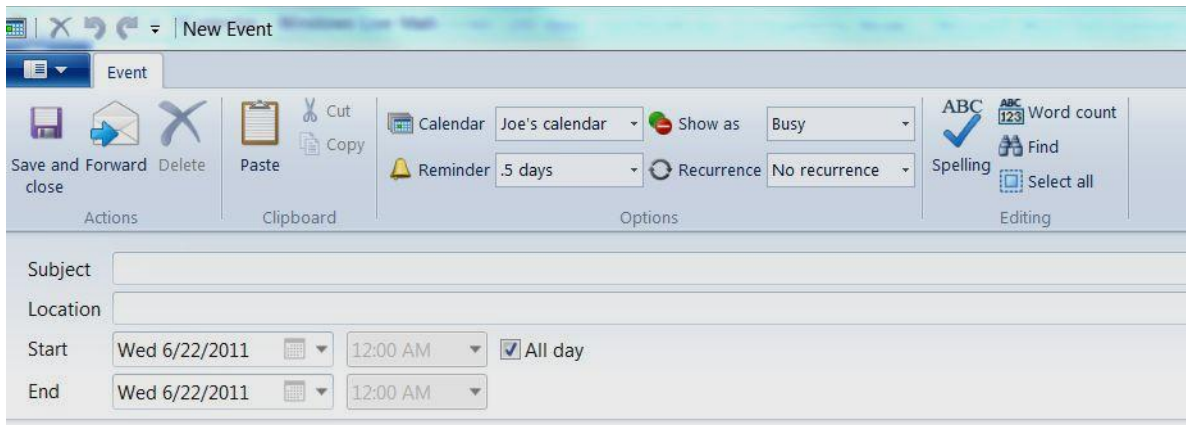
Fill in the Subject, then on the right, click on the No recurrence down arrow and select one of a variety of options, including no recurrence.

You may enter a birthday, anniversary, etc.. and have it come up automatically every year.

If you want to list the Windows Class for the 2nd Tuesday every month you have to click on Custom to do this, and it will appear on the appropriate date every month.

This saves time and memory. CKCS

Schedule change for Word Processing SIG this month

There will be only one session of the Word Processing SIG in June and that will be an afternoon session. Larry Trivette has agreed to lead the discussion on that first Tuesday, June 7, and the session will start promptly at 1:30 p.m. at the CKCS Resource Center. The afternoon session has proved to be the most popular session. Members are encouraged to make every effort to attend this afternoon session.

Next month Jerry Heaton will be back on the job and presently plans to have two sessions in July, one in the afternoon and one at night. Check the next newsletter to confirm this plan, date and times. CKCS

Larry Trivette

KENTUCKY TRADE IS A CORPORATE PARTNER OF CKCS

MEMBERSHIP CORNER
By David Highet

It seems this year that spring and summer have forgotten the Bluegrass area. Let us not be like the weather and forget about the Central Kentucky Computer Society! Last month we lost more members than the few new members we gained. Our membership went down; not what we need if we are to maintain a healthy organization to share our computer experiences and to learn and keep up to date on all of the latest news in technology!

Every time we lose a member, we not only lose a friend and fellow computer user but our bank account suffers. That may seem cold to some of you, but without a healthy bank account, the Central Kentucky Computer Society will eventually cease to exist. That is to say that it will die, no longer be there for us when we need it. When this happens, where will you go to learn the latest innovations in the field of personal computing, photography, etc.?

The answer, of course, is that your opportunities will be sharply limited to tuition expensive classes that will cover only one subject, be over within a matter of a few weeks at the most, and filled with students whom are completely unfamiliar to you - strangers. Upon completion of the class, whom will *you* have to pick up the telephone and ask even the simplest of technical questions?

Have you even stopped to realize the advantages you personally have as a member of the Central Kentucky Computer Society; advantages that you will lose unless we as members take the initiative for insuring that our organization stays healthy and viable. Let us take a minute and examine a few of these advantages:

> ***New software releases for the operating systems or software application packages we use daily.***

As members, we do not even have to know that these new software packages are coming or available. Somebody else (one of our fine professional members) does that for us! Our fellow members inform us of their existence, teach us how to use them, answer our questions in class, and are available virtually 24 hours a day, seven days a week to assist us with the new products.

> ***Formal classes on our personal hobbies and computer subjects we need to use in our daily lives.***

Again our fellow members hold monthly SIGs and quarterly formal classes in the technology subjects that each of us use daily either in our work or play (often both). These are meetings and classes that we can attend with the people who have become our friends as the result of membership in the

Central Kentucky Computer Society. Once again, we have these excellent qualified instructors to answer our technical questions at any time they pop into our heads.

Up to date computer equipment and classroom space.

Our fine organization has the most modern computer equipment and software available housed inside its walls (that is as long as there are sufficient members to pay for the rent, utilities and equipment). The classroom space is always available for members.

Members

The members of the Central Kentucky Computer Society are like a family. We all share common interests and are eager to share with one another. Are you going to find that camaraderie in a formal class that you pay (probably overpay) for?

Take a few minutes and digest my words. Think about all the experiences that you personally have had at the Central Kentucky Computer Society. Maybe it was during a classroom session, a SIG, the annual picnic, or during a grueling board of directors meeting. Would you really like to lose the opportunity to continue having these experiences?

I am very serious about membership. I am serious about membership in the Central Kentucky Computer Society because I believe in CKCS. I believe in it because it is good for me personally. It (and the members) are always there for me when I need them. Believe me, even though I have spent my life as a computer professional, I need the Central Kentucky Computer Society!

I also believe that you need the Central Kentucky Computer Society in your life as well. Otherwise you would not have joined in the first place. If it was (and still is) good enough for you, don't you think that it is good enough for all of your friends and co-workers? Don't be selfish. Tell your friends and co-workers about the Central Kentucky Computer Society. Bring them to the next CKCS function you attend. Let us sign them up as members.

Help us to share the wealth of CKCS! Keep the Central Kentucky Computer Society alive and healthy!

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News to use

Election of Officers and Directors

Your nominations committee has proposed the following candidates for officers and directors:

Officers
President - Mike Seiler
Vice President - Bob Brown
Treasurer - Jim McCormick
Secretary - Ben Rice

Directors
Debbie Settles
Julia Steanson
Larry Mitchum
Larry Trivette
Brooke Thomas

The election will take place at the conclusion of the annual CKCS picnic on Monday, June 13. Nominations may be made at the picnic for any officer or director position. There will be secret ballots at the picnic which will be counted by members of the nominations committee. This year's nominations committee was chaired by Joe Dietz with Wendell Curtis, Jerry Heaton, David Highet and Paul Stackhouse as members.

Tech Night is on vacation until September

Tech Night will be replaced by the annual CKCS picnic in June and then on September 12, we have invited Insight Communications to make a presentation about their latest features, which they have upgraded. They will also be available to answer your questions that evening. Tech Night will be taking a vacation during the months of July and August.

Change in the CKCS Bylaws

A change to the CKCS Bylaws was proposed in April and approved by vote of your Board of Directors in May. The change eliminated two classes of membership. Eliminated were the student membership class and the senior membership class. All dues paying members are now combined into the 'Regular Membership' class and this makes all the dues the same. Now all members have a vote at business meetings. Originally, the 'Student' members did not have voting privileges.

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Reports: Mac OS X Lion to be Unleashed through Mac App Store

By Kurt Jefferson, SIG Leader and Instructor for Mac topics

When Apple's next major Mac operating system update called Lion becomes available, millions of Mac users could get it through the Mac App Store.

Reports from AppleInsider, Mashable, cnet, Geek.com, and others indicate Mac users might be able to simply click and download the major update to their Macintosh computers.

Mac OS X 10.7, commonly called Lion, would be the first ever Mac OS X update to be delivered in that manner.

Kurt Jefferson

What about Mac users who have slow Internet connections, prefer a DVD installation disk or cannot upgrade their Macs through the Mac App Store because they're not running Snow Leopard (the latest version of Mac OS X)?

Lion would also be available on DVD for purchase through numerous outlets according to news reports.

In the past, Apple has made its major Mac operating system updates (think Snow Leopard, Leopard, Tiger, Panther, and Jaguar) available through its own Apple Stores (online, and brick and mortar stores such as the one in Lexington's Fayette Mall), through major online sellers (Amazon.com, MacConnection, MacMall), through independent computer chains (Computers Plus) and via chain stores such as Best Buy (online and brick and mortar stores.)

In addition, Apple in the past has provided two versions of the software. One was intended for installation on a single Mac. The other, called a Family Pack, was for installation on up to five home machines used for personal use.

Several reports indicate that making the major Mac update available through the Mac App Store is a good move for MacBook Air owners since that machine doesn't have a DVD drive built into it. Others have indicated that the day of buying boxed retail software for the Mac may be numbered. Since Apple introduced its Mac App Store, buying and installing software as well as future updates just got much simpler.

Sales of Mac software through the Mac App Store hit the one–million mark on January 6, the first day of operation. Stories on Web sites as diverse as Macworld, Business Insider, and the United Kingdom's Independent, reported how much of an impact the Mac App Store was making.

If the Mac news sites were accurate, Apple would announce its plans in June at the Worldwide Developer's Conference about its intentions to begin selling Lion, probably this summer. The WWDC is a major event for Mac software developers. It will be held in San Francisco from June 6—10.

Old apps may not run under Mac OS X Lion

Long–time Mac users are probably aware that all modern Macs have Intel processors inside. In fact, the last Mac to contain a PowerPC processor was the PowerMac G5 tower, which was discontinued in August 2006.

Despite the switch to Intel, many Mac users are still running a few pieces of software written for the PowerPC. They're able to do that because of something called an emulator.

That emulator is known as Rosetta. A good example is the solitaire program, "Solitaire Till Dawn." This very popular program is two decades old! That's right. Developer Rick Holzgrafe created this gem when George H.W. Bush was in office; most Macs were running the operating system called System 7, and the Dow Jones climbed above 3,000 for the first time.

 Holzgrafe has composed a blog about the future of what he calls STD. He writes, "But now OS X 10.7 "Lion" is on the horizon. And although it's not released yet and there's time for changes, it seems almost certain that Lion will not support Rosetta at all. If so, the current–yet–antique STDX (the latest Solitaire Till Dawn version) simply won't run on Lion. For the first time in 20 years, an up–to–date Mac user won't be able to play "Solitaire Till Dawn."

Holzgrafe writes that he is planning to create a fully modern and Intel native version of "Solitaire Till Dawn". But he says it most certainly won't be available by this summer when Apple is expected to release Mac OS X 10.7 ("Lion.")

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Unplanned Obsolescence

My software product Solitaire Till Dawn (STD) has had a long history. It is now 20 years old! During that two-decade history, I have had two processors (the Motorola 68000 and the PowerPC), one development environment (Metrowerks CodeWarrior) and one operating system (classic Mac OS, versions 7.0 through 9.whatever), all shot out from under me.

"It will happen someday, if I can make it happen. In the meantime, your patience and understanding is appreciated," writes the guy who created one of the most popular Mac card games in history.

But wait! There's more. Holzgrafe has not only heard from Mac users. iPad, iPhone and iPod users have been clamoring for a version of Solitaire Till Dawn to run on their devices.

What's a solitaire junkie to do? In the meantime if you've just got to have a fix, there are plenty of options.

Mac Column by Kurt Jefferson CONTINUED

Two New Gadgets

Furnished by Larry Mitchum, a member of the CKCS Board of Directors

Here are a couple of new gadgets that have integrated several functions into one device. Both are from Escort, the radar detector manufacturing company from West Chester, OH.

First is the Passport iQ. This device is both a GPS and a radar/laser detector in one unit. Winding Road magazine says: "Two common pitfalls that afflict those on the road are getting lost and getting a speeding ticket". Both are avoidable with the Passport iQ. The GPS may not be one of the best available, but with the combined feature of detecting radar/laser speed enforcement devices and notifications for known red light cameras and speed cameras, this may be a road warrior's best friend. Retail: $650

http://www.escortradar.com/iq/

The second gadget is SmartMirror. Escort's SmartMirror offers a rear view mirror with back-up camera, navigation, and hands-free bluetooth phone function. Price: **$799.95**

Professional install: $99

http://www.escortradar.com/smartmirror.php

How Old Is George Now?

By Jerry Heaton

Keeping track of the ages of your family and relatives can be a challenge, but it doesn't have to be. In fact, it is easy if you use an Excel spreadsheet, which in my case I saved under the title of FAMILY BIRTHDATES AUTO COMPUTE.

By putting a special formula where you want the age computed, each time you open your spreadsheet, the ages shown will be updated automatically to the CURRENT ages, based on the date and time setting in your computer.

In the example spreadsheet below: here is the formula to be placed in the cell: **C2** it must be exact including all quotes. Don't leave anything out.

$$=IF(B2<>"",INT((NOW()-B2)/365.24),"")$$

When you accept that formula in C2, that person's current age will show in C2.
Fill that formula down in Column C for all the names and birthdates you enter in column A and B.

	A	B	C
1	Name	Birth date	Current Age
2	George Jones	7/29/1939	69
3	Martha Jones	8/1/1952	56
4	Debbie T. Buford	1/18/1977	32
5	Alex H. Brown	9/12/1959	49
6	Patricia Cuda	3/10/1973	36
7	Linda Buford	1/3/1983	26
8	Nick Brown	1/28/1981	28
9	Roy Cuda	5/2/1998	11
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WHAT ABOUT A DEATH?

When a relative becomes deceased, simply remove the formula after his/her name (column C) and type in the age at the time of death.

You may want to put the date of death in column D and then in Column E type the above same formula (above) except based on the date in column D. (You need to change the letter B in the formula to D.) Then column E in the table will show how many years since the person died.

TRACK MARRIAGES, TOO

You may want to create a separate section to track the wedding anniversary numbers on the bottom of your spreadsheet. Just place the date of the wedding in column B. Column C will list the number of years the couple has been married.

Try it. You will find the little spreadsheet to be most useful, and maybe you might be able to use a few of your brain cells for some other purpose.

Note the chart above is not based on a current date and is only an illustration.

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Who has front row seats in Rupp Arena?

Ever wonder who all those people are who sit on or near the sidelines in Rupp Arena?

Go to the first link below to see a photo of the UK bench, then with your mouse, hover over the people in the photo on the bench and their names and job title will appear.

Go to: http://www.kentucky.com/static/flash/110223bench/index.html
Mouse over UK bench and the names will appear.

How about those who sit on the TV / Radio side of the court?
Go to: http://www.kentucky.com/static/flash/110223bench/uktvradio.html
Mouse over Radio and TV table and the names will appear.

Check out those who sit at the official scorer's table.
Go to: http://www.kentucky.com/static/flash/110223bench/ukscorerstable.html
Mouse over scorers' table and the names will appear:

These pictures were taken on January 29 during the Kentucky vs. Georgia game.

Thanks to Joe Isaac for this information ----CKCS

Have you checked the current schedule
of our Special Interest Groups?

A five-week calendar is always available for you to check what is planned for each SIG each month.
Go to www.ckcs.org and click on *Meeting Schedule*.

GERALD B. WELLS
1937 - 2011

Long time member and CKCS volunteer Gerald B. Wells, of Lexington, died on May 24, 2011. He was one of only a handful of members given an 'Honorary Life Membership' in CKCS. For years, he managed the membership base for CKCS tracking over 1000 members and sending out renewal notices. He volunteered regularly for all types of jobs for CKCS. Bob Brown noted that, "Gerald helped with the preparation of our first office on Richmond Road and all subsequent offices. He was a strong proponent of Linux and especially Xandros for which he was a certified beta tester."

David Reed, a founder of CKCS and first president, now living in Santa Teresa, NM, commented, "I am really saddened to hear of Gerald's death. A real shock. Gerald was one of the hardest workers for CKCS over the years, serving in several official positions. . . . He was a tireless supporter of CKCS and all it stood for. He was one of the original computer show workers and one who could be counted on whenever he was needed.

I really don't know of anyone else who worked as hard as Gerald in providing the kind of service to others that CKCS became known for over the years. He will be missed," Reed said.

Gerald Wells was a graduate of Morehead State University and a retired researcher for the UK Medical Center.   **The picture above was taken at a CKCS CompuLex show at Rupp Arena**

Have you downloaded Internet Explorer 9?

Here are some keyboard shortcuts for IE9

Internet Explorer 9 is the latest of Microsoft's Internet access programs. MS touts it to have lots of new and improved features . It will not work with Windows XP. If you wish to upgrade, go to this site and pick your Windows program. http://www.beautyoftheweb.com/#/download

One feature you may enjoy, the F4 key allows you to view all the previously typed addresses in the search bar. **A few other shortcuts use the control key:**

Ctrl + +(plus sign) – Zoom in a webpage
Ctrl + – (minus sign) – Zoom out in a webpage
Ctrl + S – Save a web page for offline viewing.
Ctrl + Shift + Tab – Move back through tabs
Ctrl + Tab – Move forward through tabs.
Ctrl + T – Opens a new browser tab
Ctrl + w – Closes the current browser tab.
Ctrl + N – Opens a new Internet Explorer window.
Ctrl + L – Select the address bar so that you can type in a new address.
**Ctrl + B** – organize your Internet Explorer favorites.

Source: World Start and How to Geek columns

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How do I determine if I have a 32 or 64 bit operating system?

It's good to know what kind of operating system (OS) you have on your computer. That way you'll be able to download the appropriate kinds of drivers and programs that work best with your configuration. So, how about a tip within a tip for this one? Not only are you going to find out which type of operating system you currently have, but I'll even show you a quick way to get there!

For Windows XP users – Hold the **Windows Key**, and then press the **Pause Key**, which is located two keys to the right of the Print Screen key. As if by some form of electronic magic, the system properties window springs to life! I know, I went a little loopy right there, but I just discovered this trick myself, so I'm giddy! This window shows all of the basic info about your computer like how much RAM you have and what-not, but it also can tell you what OS you're running. If it doesn't specifically say **Windows XP x64 Edition**, then you're running a **32 bit** operating system.
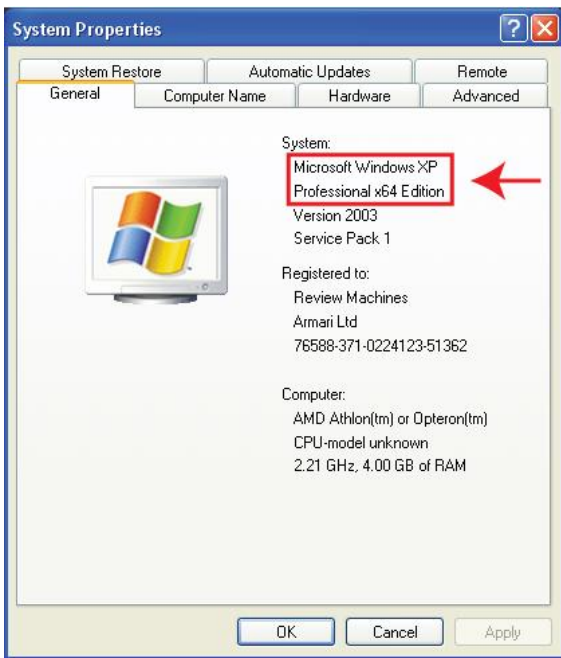
For Windows Vista users – Same drill here: press and hold the **Windows Ke**y and then hit the **Pause Key**. Up comes the system properties window and you'll notice a specific field that says "System Type", which has your OS type listed after it. Vista will actually tell you 32 bit or 64 bit.

And there you have it!

Digital Scrapbooking
Topic for June Digital Imaging SIG

By Joe Dietz

**Joe Dietz**
Digital Imaging
SIG Leader

One of our members, Anne Campbell, will show our group the ins and outs of digital scrapbooking as part of the Digital Imaging SIG on June 28 at 7:00 p.m.

Here is her story!

About 10 years ago I tried paper scrapbooking after years and years of putting photos (my husband actually did this!) in albums. Although the results were pretty, there was a significant cost involved for the papers, fancy scissors, shaped paper punches, stickers, glue, and so on to make the pages attractive. Then I bought a digital camera, and although I took lots more pictures, I actually printed off fewer photos than with the camera film. In 2007 I took Ilse's beginner Photoshop Elements class and started reading a little bit about digital scrapbooking. Not until after taking Ilse's advanced PSE class later on did I begin to experiment with digital scrapbooking. I started to spend some time learning techniques online and used the PSE program initially to do 8 x 10 photo collages. I did my first 12x12 scrapbook page in early 2009, and feel like I improve with most every page as I learn new techniques.

One of the best things about digital scrapbooking is that you can use and reuse your photos, papers and the elements (embellishments) over and over, and you can change the colors and sizes of your "supplies" so there is very little cost – you can spend as little or as much money as you like on digital scrapbook kits, or you can use what your software program already has available.

This should be an interesting program for our members. Invite your friends to come join our group this month.
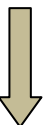
May Photo Contest Winner

The photo at left was the Winner of the May Digital Imaging photo contest – the category: **'Mechanical Transportation'**.

The winning photographer, Bruce Klobeke.

The June photo contest category will be **'Downtown'**. Check your photos or head downtown and take some more. Send your entry to joedietz@aol.com no later than Monday night June 27, 2011.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Summer 2011

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
			Photo Principles	
MORN 10 - 12		**Beg. Dig. Imaging** *Jul 12 – Aug 16* Joe Dietz Larry Cox	**Point & Shooters** *Jul 13 – Aug 16* Larry Cox et al	**Computer Basics** *Jul 14 – Aug 18* Wendell Curtis Nancy Alverson
		Adv Digital Imaging/		**Introduction to**
AFT 1 - 3	**Beyond Basics** *Jul 11 – Aug 15* Mike Seiler Larry Trivette	**Independent Work** *Jul 12 – Aug 16* Joe Dietz Larry Cox		**All Things MAC** *Jul 14 – Aug 18* Frankie Harvener Joe Settles Debbie Settles
AFT 4:30-6:30	**Excel** *Jul 11 – Aug 15* Larry Trivette			
NO SUMMER CLASSES ARE SCHEDULED ON FRIDAY OR SATURDAY				

For more information or to enroll, call the CKCS office (859) 373-1000 weekdays 10 to 4p.m.

See the story on the next page about the new class on ALL THINGS MAC

Brand New Class about Apple's Old & New Products

By Frankie Harvener

Are you curious about all those new gadgets out there? Even if you are a seasoned computer user, you may not have bought a smart phone yet, nor considered you might enjoy an iPod or an iPad. Well whether you are curious, dreaming of owning, or already proud owners of new (or even old) Apple Mac products, this new class is probably the one for you!

It is called "Introduction to All Things Mac." This course will introduce you to Apple's Mac computers and their operating system OS X, Apple's iPods, iPhones, iPads and their operating system iOS. The teachers will be introducing you to all these marvelous machines, teaching you how they work--so simply and well-- and what you can do with them--just about anything and everything. You do not need a computer or iPhone to take this class. However, if you have a laptop, iPhone, iPad, or iPod, you may bring it to class to learn more about it. If you do not have a computer, the first five students can use the classroom computers.

We plan to gear this course to the needs of the students as much as possible. We will give you information you can use to further study your Mac gadgets and help with using them.
If you have not yet purchased what you want, we can advise you on what to buy considering your needs and wants. And after this class you can take more in depth classes on using your new marvels at CKCS!

And one last bit, here: people who have never owned an Apple always ask "Why buy those machines? They are more expensive, aren't they?"
My answer is simple: "They are worth every penny more you might pay, because they just work! Mac's are very intuitive and simple to use. And they are so very reliable and they offer wonderful customer service and many other perks that I have never found in any other computer I have ever owned, and I have owned several."

So come and find out why Apple products have so many loyal customers and you will meet some in person among your fellow students.   **CKCS**

We Tweeted and Skyped on Tech Night in May
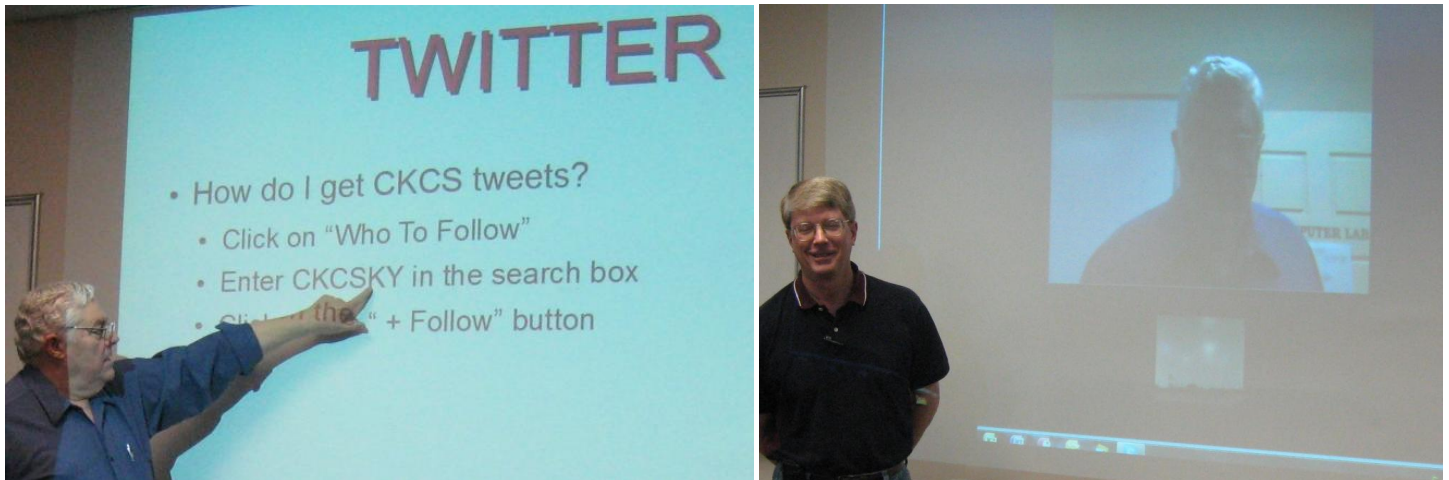
During Tech Night on May 9, CKCS VP Bob Brown (left photo) outlined how to access CKCS's Twitter account and told how it could be used. Twitter is a social network that has ballooned in popularity since its creation in March 2006. The Twitter website allows users to send and read messages called *tweets*. Tweets are text only posts of up to 140 characters which are displayed on the user's profile page. Interested persons may 'follow' any or several profiles the choose. Bob said Lady Ga Ga had the most followers. Coach Calipari is maybe number 20 on the list of followers.

CKCS President Mike Sieler (right photo) demonstrated the features of Skype using an internet connection with Bob Brown in the computer lab. Bob's voice was clear but the lighting was poor for this photo. Skype is a way of using the internet to communicate with family and friends with text, voice, and video even when you are miles or even continents apart. Best yet, the call and video is free and unlimited in time. To use Skype, both you and your friend must have a video camera and microphone connected to each computer. Most laptops sold today have video and a microphone built in. To add a camera/mike combo to your desktop is usually $50 or less.

Both presenters had a detail handout as to how to 'tweet' or 'skype'. Those two handouts are reproduced below:

Installing a Skype Account

- Go to www.skype.com.

- In the horizontal menu bar on this web page point your mouse to "Get Skype".

- A drop down window will appear. In the first column under the "Computer" heading point and click on your type of computer. (For me this is Windows)

- In the next window find the rectangle box labeled "Skype Free". Click on the button here called "Download Skype".

- After a few seconds the "Create an account on sign in" window appears.
- All fields with an * must be filled in. When I fill in these forms I never give them any information that is not necessary. The Skype user name has to be unique and will be used to log into Skype.

- There is a square with the check mark in it labeled "By Email" . Click on this to remove the check mark, unless you want to start receiving email advertisement from Skype.

- After you are finished with this page click on "I agree – Continue"

- The next window should start your download. With IE (Internet Explorer) a line will appear above the view window frame stating "To help protect your security…Click here for options…" Click on this line and choose the option "Download File...

- The "File Download – Security Warning" window will open. The easiest way to install the program is click on the "Run" button. A second window will open and ask you are you sure you want to run this program. Click on the "Run" button on this window. A third window will open and ask, "Do you want to allow…?" Here click on the "Yes" button.

- The "Skype – Install" window opens. Click on "I agree – install" button. A second install window appears with options. Uncheck the "Install the free Google Toolbar along with Skype", then click on "Continue Installing Skype". This will take several minutes.   On the last window click on the "Finish" button.

- The Skype Sign-In window appears. You may need to X out of the IE window to see the Sign-In window. I remove the check marks in the two squares for "Sign me in when Skype starts" and "start Skype when computer starts". Enter your password and click on "Sign In".

- Before you use skype, you need to have a Webcam installed on your computer.

Using Skype

1. You need to test Skype by clicking on "Skype Test Call"

2. To add a contact click on "Contacts" in the menu, then click on "Add a Contact" ("Add a Contact" is also at the bottom of the left column.) The "Add a Contact" window appears with different ways of looking up a contact: Email, Phone Number, Full Name, or Skype Name. You choose only one of these, enter who you want to find, and Skype will search for a list of people to choose from.

3. Once you have found the person you want to add to your list, click on the "+Add" button. This will open a window with the title "Send Contact request". Here you click on the "Send Request" button and the "Contact request sent to", then you are asked "Want to call them now?..."   X out of this window.

4. Notice the person you added is now in the left column under the "Contact" tab. To call them: they have to confirm on their end it is OK to call them before you can link up on a video call.

5. Making a video call:
a. Make sure the person you want to talk with is online. They are online if the symbol between their "picture" and name is green with a check mark in it.

b. Highlight their name (click on their name).

c. Click on the "Video Call" button.

d. A window will pop up on the receiving computer "Jordon Seiler calling". They must accept the "call"   or you will not be able to talk with them.
e. When you are finished with the call, click on "End call."

6. Security in Skype: With Skype open Click on "Tools" in the menu bar and choose "Options". This opens the "Skype – Options" window. The left column has several different choices of settings you can change in Skype. Click on "Privacy". On the right you can choose your privacy settings. I have set mine to "people in my Contact list", "no history" and I unchecked the two squares at the bottom. Once you have chosen you privacy settings you need to click on the "Save" button to accept your choices.

7. Quitting Skype: To exit Skype completely you need to sign out. X-ing out does not do this.

8. With Skype open click on Skype in the menu bar and choose "Sign Out". When you do this the Skype sign in window appears. You can X out of this.

If the Skype button still appears in your Taskbar, right click on it and click on "Quit Skype".

Twitter Sign Up Instructions to follow CKCS on Twitter

- Think of a good UserID for people to know you by

    o You may want to disguise yourself by using a nickname or gimmick name

- Go to www.twitter.com

    o Enter name (Twitter asks for full name but you can make up something)

    o Enter an email address for them to use if you forget your password

    o Enter a password for your Twitter account (not to use anywhere else)

- Press enter

- All the information will be displayed for your inspection
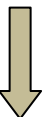
- If everything is OK, then click the "Create My Account" button

- Your account will be created in moments; an e-mail will be sent for you to approve

- Go to the email account and read the Twitter acceptance e-mail

    o There will be a line for you to click to activate your account

- Go back to Twitter and get started

- First, click the Who To Follow item and start following CKCSKY

    o Several of the most recent tweets will be displayed

- Be careful:
    o Never reveal your password. You may receive follow up requests from suspicious people.

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THIS MONTH'S BEST VIDEOS / SHOWS

Train hit by a tornado (rear mounted camera view, from last engine)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a-smEEHYdGQ

Furnished by Bruce Klobeke

Hummingbird raised by teenager

http://www.wimp.com/babyhummingbird/

Furnished by John Heaton

Memories, V-J day, Honolulu,1945

http://vimeo.com/5645171

Furnished by Joe Isaac

Robin with eggs, hatching and feeding youngD

http://vimeo.com/moogaloop.swf?clip_id=9479342&server=vimeo.com&show_title=0&show_byline=0&show_portrait=0&color=00ADEF&fullscreen=1

Furnished by Ted Meilinger

Two Dogs Dining

http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=EVwlMVYqMu4&vq=medium#t=125

Furnished by Carl Peter

The most detailed photos from the Joplin Tornado

http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1389737/Joplin-MO-tornado-At-89-dead-twister-cuts-4-mile-swathe-Missouri-town.html

Furnished by Carl Peter

Always wear your seat belt commerical

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h-8PBx7isoM

Furnished by Harvey Shackelford

This is what you might see if they were coming after you. Photo forward by Carl Peter

Not a member ?
We invite you to join CKCS.

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

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…

Click on: https://www.iglou.com/ckcsweb/other/onlineap.htm

MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR EVERYONE	
One Year	$40
Two Years	76
Three Years	110

NEW MEMBERS AND RENEWALS

During the period April 28, 2011, to May 28, 2011

The Central Kentucky Computer Society welcomes the following new members:

Penny Wildman

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

Phyllis Carey
Shirley E & Steve Cornwell
William P Cox
Nancy & M. Allen Dawson
Clifford M Denny
Dr Arthur A Gonty
Charles E Gudgell
Chris Hillenmeyer
James E Humphrey
Larry G Johnson
Marshall E Kays
Jan Landers-Lyman
Louise Ledbetter
Edith Lockard
Hope Ann Lowe
Carol & Paul Mandelstam
James T Osborne
Francis Roberts
David L Staten
Denise Wright

Information furnished by CKCS Secretary Ben Rice CKCS

WHERE TO RETIRE ☺

You can retire to Phoenix , Arizona, where...
1. You are willing to park 3 blocks away because you found shade.
2. You've experienced condensation on your hiney from the hot water in the toilet bowl..
3. You can drive for 4 hours in one direction and never leave town.
4. You have over 100 recipes for Mexican food.
5. You know that "dry heat" is comparable to what hits you in the face when you open your oven door.
6. The 4 seasons are: tolerable, hot, really hot, and ARE YOU KIDDING ME??!!

OR

You can retire to California where...
1. You make over $250,000 and you still can't afford to buy a house.
2. The fastest part of your commute is going down your driveway.
3. You know how to eat an artichoke.
4. You drive your Mercedes to your neighborhood block party.
5. When someone asks you how far something is, you tell them how long it will take to get there rather than how many miles away it is.
6. The 4 seasons are: Fire, Flood, Mud, and Drought.

OR

You can retire to New York City where...
1. You say "the city" and expect everyone to know you mean Manhattan ..
2. You can get into a four-hour argument about how to get from Columbus Circle to Battery Park, but can't find Wisconsin on a map.
3. You think Central Park is "nature."
4. You believe that being able to swear at people in their own language makes you multi-lingual.
5. You've worn out a car horn. (Editor's note; if you have a car).
6. You think eye contact is an act of aggression.

OR

You can retire to Minnesota where...
1. You only have four spices: salt, pepper, ketchup, and Tabasco ....
2. Halloween costumes fit over parkas.
3. You have more than one recipe for casserole.
4. Sexy lingerie is anything flannel with less than eight buttons.

5. The four seasons are: winter, still winter, almost winter, and construction.

OR

You can retire to the Deep South where...
1. You can rent a movie and buy bait in the same store.
2. "Y'all" is singular and "all y'all" is plural.
3. "He needed killin" is a valid defense.
4. Everyone has 2 first names: Billy Bob, Jimmy Bob, Mary Sue, Betty Jean, Mary Beth, etc.
5. Everything is either "in yonder," "over yonder" or "out yonder." It's important to know the difference, too.

OR

You can retire to Colorado where...
1. You carry your $5,000 mountain bike atop your $500 car.
2. You tell your husband to pick up granola on his way home and so he stops at the day care center.
3. A pass does not involve a football or dating.
4. The top of your head is bald, but you still have a pony tail.

OR

You can retire to the Midwest where...
1. You've never met any celebrities, but the mayor knows your name.
2. Your idea of a traffic jam is ten cars waiting to pass a tractor.
3. You have had to switch from "heat" to "A/C" on the same day.
4. You end sentences with a preposition: "Where's my coat at?"
5. When asked how your trip was to any exotic place, you say, "It was different!"

OR

FINALLY You can retire to Florida (The Best) where.
1. You eat dinner at 3:15 in the afternoon.
2. All purchases include a coupon of some kind -- even houses and cars.
3. Everyone can recommend an excellent dermatologist.
4. Road construction never ends anywhere in the state.
5. Cars in front of you often appear to be driven by headless people

Furnished by Carl Peter

REASONS WHY THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE IS SO HARD TO LEARN ☺

1) The bandage was wound around the wound.

2) The farm was used to produce produce.

3) The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.

4) We must polish the Polish furniture.

5) He could lead if he would get the lead out.

6) The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.

7) Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.

8) A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.

9) When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.

10) I did not object to the object.

11) The insurance was invalid for the invalid.

12) There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.

13) They were too close to the door to close it.

14) The buck does funny things when the does are present.

15) A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.

16) To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.

17) The wind was too strong to wind the sail.

18) After a number of injections my jaw got number.

19) Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.

20) I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.

21) How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

22] I want it to be on record that I will record my record.

There is no egg in eggplant nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple.

English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France.

Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat.

Quicksand works slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.

And why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham?

If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth beeth?

One goose, 2 geese. So one moose, 2 meese? Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend.

If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it? Is it an odd, or an end?

If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught?

If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat?

In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital?

Ship by truck and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell?

How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites?

You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out and in which an alarm goes off by going on.

English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race, which, of course, is not a race at all.

That is why, when the stars are out, they are visible, but when the lights are out, they are invisible.

    P.S. - Why doesn't "Buick" rhyme with "quick"?

Message to Gene Wheeler,

YOU HAVE TO LIVE WITH A LIMEY TO UNDERSTAND THE MEANING OF SOME OF THEIR WORDS.. FOR INSTANCE;

You have to go under the bonnet to check your oil and water. Your spare tire is in the boot. A fender is referred to as the wing, the windshield is known as a windscreen. It goes on and on and on matey. Cheerio.

Furnished by Gene Wheeler

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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 10 A.M.. 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 grandaddy?"; 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 A.M. 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 are often witty exchanges and there is excellent rapport among 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 A.M. - 1 P.M. (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 7 P.M.. 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 P.M.. 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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Solitaire Till Dawn Alternatives

One of the best options is Kitty Spangles, a thoroughly modern game developed by Australians Sheryn and David Wareing. (David's a neat guy. I had email communications with him several years ago when I purchased Kitty Spangles.)

Kitty is so modern, in fact, that it won't even run on a Mac running anything less than OS X 10.5 ("Leopard.") Kitty will run on both Intel and PowerPC processors, so if you've got a Mac with an old processor this is a good choice. Kitty is available two ways—through the Mac App Store and via the developer's Web site.

Kitty Spangles
Solitaire.app
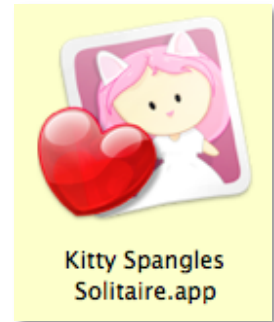
A variety of quite good solitaire games is available through the Mac App Store. Options include:

- Solebon Solitaire
- Solavant Solitaire
- Full Deck Solitaire
- McSolitaire
- TriPeaks Solitaire Nation
- Mondo Solitaire
- Pretty Good Solitaire
- Absolute Solitaire
- Wiz Solitaire

If you've got Mac apps that you're concerned about not running under Lion, read Matt Neuberg's *Tidbits* article, Preparing for Lion, find your PowerPC Applications. He walks you through the process of checking out your Mac for old PowerPC apps so you won't be shocked when they fail to work properly under the Apple's newest big cat of an operating system called Lion.

Get over it? I don't think so

Michael Cohen writes an interesting *TidBits* article about the upcoming Rosetta demise. Cohen notes that he hates it when people tell him to "get over it." Your political candidate lost? Get over it. Your favorite sports player got traded? Get over it.

I agree with Cohen that the phrase "get over it" is rarely helpful. I never tell folks to "get over it" because it does nothing to help their mood, solve a problem, or help them get on with their lives. There's a reason Apple is dropping Rosetta from Mac OS X Lion. Folks who depend upon programs that require Rosetta to run need to keep using the current version of Mac OS X until they're forced to upgrade or find an alternative program. And I'm not about to tell them to "get over it."

Get familiar with Apple's Mac App Store

Apple's Mac App Store is quite popular among many Mac users as well as software developers. In case you're interested in learning more about the store, here are some links you might have missed:

- How to be a savvy Mac software shopper
- Mac App Store: What You Need to Know
- Apple's Mac App Store Troubleshooting Advice
- 'Installed' Apps, the Mac App Store and You

A Mac OS X update to kill malware threat

An update to Mac OS X will automatically find and kill MAC Defender malware and variations of the threat according to Apple. The recent scam hit some Mac users who clicked on a link urging them to download anti–virus software after they were informed their machine was infected. Problem was, their Macs weren't infected. The goal? To collect private information such as credit card numbers.

The Mac OS X update will provide an explicit warning to Mac users if they download the software which claimed to be anti–virus protection. Apple's support document says the fake anti–virus software used various names including MAC Defender, MacProtector, and MacSecurity.

(By the way, the abbreviation for Macintosh is Mac, not MAC. That's a clear sign that something is wrong in software claiming to provide a valuable service to the user.)

Here's what Apple is telling users on its support pages:

How to avoid installing this malware

If any notifications about viruses or security software appear, quit Safari or any other browser that you are using. If a normal attempt at quitting the browser doesn't work, then Force Quit the browser.

In some cases, your browser may automatically download and launch the installer for this malicious software.   If this happens, cancel the installation process; do not enter your administrator password. Delete the installer immediately using the steps below.

- Go into the Downloads folder or your preferred download location.
- Drag the installer to the Trash.
- Empty the Trash.
- How to remove this malware

If the malware has been installed, we recommend the following actions:

- Do not provide your credit card information under any circumstances.
- Use the Removal Steps below.

Removal steps

- Move or close the Scan Window.
- Go to the Utilities folder in the Applications folder and launch Activity Monitor.
- Choose All Processes from the pop up menu in the upper right corner of the window.
- Under the Process Name column, look for the name of the app and click to select it; common app names include: MacDefender, MacSecurity or MacProtector.
- Click the Quit Process button in the upper left corner of the window and select Quit.
- Quit Activity Monitor application.
- Open the Applications folder.
- Locate the app ex. MacDefender, MacSecurity, MacProtector or other name.
- Drag to Trash, and empty Trash.

Malware also installs a login item in your account in System Preferences. Removal of the login item is not necessary, but you can remove it by following the steps below.

- Open System Preferences, select Accounts, then Login Items.
- Select the name of the app you removed in the steps above ex. MacDefender, MacSecurity, MacProtector.
- Click the minus button.
- Use the steps in the "How to avoid installing this malware" section above to remove the installer from the download location.

Note: Apple provides security updates for the Mac exclusively through Software Update and the Apple Support Downloads site. User should exercise caution any time they are asked to enter sensitive personal information online.

Here's background about the scam designed to get into Mac users' wallets:

Scam tricks Mac users into opening their wallets

Your computer is infected. You need to purchase software to "fix" the infection. Please give me your credit card beginning with the first four numbers…

Folks, it's a scam. If you get a message on your Mac similar to the one above, close your Web browser and reopen it.

Since this is a family newsletter, I can't use language describing how I feel about these morons that are greedy bottom feeders trying to get you to part with your money.

One company in particular has targeted gullible Mac users by

flashing the "Your computer is infected" message on their screens after they've clicked on a link that is displayed in a Google search.

It's an electronic version of [snake oil](). Don't fall for [it](). Tell the snake oil guy to move his horse and wagon out of your town. If he doesn't high tail it, call Marshall Dillion.

I don't know how to say it any plainer. A snake oil salesman is trying to pull you up to his wagon so he can sell you a useless tonic or trinket. Walk away.

Here's what I emailed to students in the class I was teaching this past spring at CKCS about the scam:

My advice is to never, ever click on a link in email, a Web browser (Safari, Firefox, Opera, etc.) or anywhere else on your Mac screen telling you that "Unfortunately, your computer is infected," or "You've been infected with a virus!" or "The sky is falling!"

Okay, I added that last comment.

But seriously, the number of Mac viruses, spyware, and other malware is extremely small. By contrast, there are hundreds of thousands of Windows viruses, spyware, and other malware.

Your chances of getting a Mac virus or some other bad infection are very small unless you spend most of your time visiting porn sites, rogue gambling sites, or download pirated software (software that's available for download via the Internet but is a fake and not from the real developer such as Apple, Adobe, or some other legitimate firm.)

Remember, Windows viruses *cannot* infect Macs.

Do I run Mac anti-virus software? Yes. I've been using the free Sophos Anti-Virus since last year. I update it weekly. But 99 percent of the junk out there is written for Windows machines and will not impact your Mac.

If you're having trouble with your machine, the chance of a virus infection is extremely low on the list. *Repeat, your Mac is very likely NOT infected if you're having trouble with your machine. It's something else. Believe me on this.*

The attached items discuss the bogus software that screams, "Unfortunately, your computer is infected." The company is targeting gullible Mac users who don't know any better.

IF you get this message, close your Web browser and don't go back to that Web page.

What else can you do? Definitely open Safari click on Preferences in the menu and then click on General in the horizontal icons running across the top.

Click on the small box so the checkmark disappears next to: Open "safe" files after
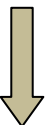
downloading.

This means when the file you're downloading lands in your Downloads folder, it won't automatically open. You'll have to take action (double-click it) to activate that file.

We can talk about this Saturday if you like.

Again, there is no reason to overreact.

Greedy, bottom-feeding, software companies are using scare tactics to get your money.

I would use stronger language but this is a family newsletter!

Take care.

Back Up Your Mac Or Lose It

I have vivid memories of spending portions of summer evenings in the basement of my boyhood home.

I'd read Ritchie Rich comic books as the newscaster on the nearby radio would break into music from the Beatles or Gary Puckett & the Union Gap—"The National Weather Service has issued a tornado watch until 9 p.m. for the following counties…"

Those memories come floating back whenever storms hit central Kentucky. I grew up in what's commonly called "tornado alley" so summer tornadoes were as common as mosquitoes, june bugs, and fire flies.

Luckily, tornadoes never targeted our family home. But nearby communities weren't so lucky. I still remember driving through one small town with my dad in the late 60's and spotting trees that sported an eerily unnatural appearance. Tornadoes had twisted and misshapen the branches so they no longer resembled the elegant maples and oaks they were in an earlier time.

In those days, we had no Macs, iPads, iPods, iPhones or any other similar gadgets. We had Texas Instruments calculators as well as TV sets, radios, component stereo systems and microwave ovens.

But if our family had owned Macs back then, I'm sure my dad would have followed one suggestion religiously: BACK UP OFTEN. Victims who survived the recent awful rash of tornadoes in Joplin, Mo., throughout portions of Alabama and other states lost plenty.

What you probably didn't see on TV news reports was the sheer numbers of computers (including Macs), hard drives, and other valuable computer gear lost or destroyed in those storms.

While I believe *every* Mac user running Mac OS X 10.5 "Leopard" or Mac OS X 10.6 "Snow Leopard" should be using Time Machine, it might not be enough. Time Machine backs up data on an external hard drive typically located next to your desktop Mac or possibly in a notebook case ready for use with your laptop. IF those external hard drives are destroyed by storms, fire, water, or possibly stolen, you've lost your data.

That's where online backup services enter the picture. Back in February, longtime Mac troubleshooter, Ted Landau, wrote a piece for *Macworld* called Apps vanish; backups save the day.

That article contained links for several other articles about backing up your Mac. In my mind, a must–read for any Mac owner. An older article from Sept. 2009 reviewed online backup services. A newer option called Dolly Drive could potentially be a very good alternative for many Mac users. Dolly Drive (yes, named for the sheep cloned in 1996) is a subscription-based service that uses Time Machine to back up your data to a cloud storage system.

In other words, your data is stored online (via the Internet.) Dolly also allows the user to create a bootable clone of his hard drive on an external hard drive. So he could easily reboot his machine if the hard drive crashes.

I haven't tried Dolly Drive yet because I'm waiting for the company to create a backup system for multiple Macs. (More and more of us have at least one desktop Mac in addition to a laptop and it'd be nice to be able to back up data from both machines via one account.) In mid–April, *Mac|Life* reviewed Dolly Drive and rated it great. In addition, the magazine awarded Dolly Drive a *Mac|Life* award back in January at Mac Expo 2011.

Read more about Dolly Drive:

- Expo Notes: Dolly Drive marries Time Machine to the cloud
- Dolly Drive brings new angle on cloud backup
- Hello Dolly! Put Time Machine Backups in the Cloud with Dolly Drive
- Dolly Drive 1.2 expands to 2 terabytes, adding seeding program
- F.A.Q. about Apple Time Machine in the cloud
- Dolly Drive
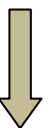
MailForge = Original Eudora?

If you remember the original Eudora email program, created by Steve Dorner at the University of Illinois back in 1988, you might just love MailForge by Infinity Data Systems. The email program actually resembles the original Eudora, which was a huge hit among Mac users back in the late 80s.

Long–time Mac user, Charles Moore of Canada, awarded MailForge 3 out of 4 stars, while The Mac Observer granted the program 4 out of 5 stars. As John Martellaro of The Mac Observer remarks in his MailForge review, "…some users who are perfectly happy with Thunderbird 3 or Mail.app will wonder what the fuss is about and shrug. If so, then just move along. Nothing to see here."
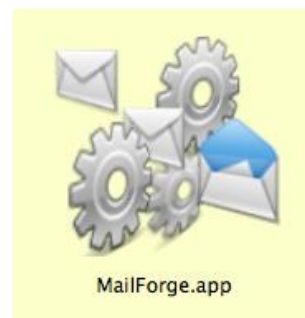
MailForge runs natively on Intel Macs, is available for both Mac and Windows (just as the original Eudora was), and can import your old Eudora email.

Folks who don't understand any of this must realize that a small but vocal percentage of Mac users still use Eudora today. In 2006, Qualcomm announced that future versions of Eudora would be based on Mozilla's Thunderbird email program and would be open source.

MailForge is a different animal. It more closely resembles the original Eudora, works like Eudora and feels like Eudora to the die–hard Eudora fan. Folks who don't care for Apple Mail (which comes pre–installed on all Macs), who don't like Thunderbird, or Qualcomm's version of Eudora, may want to give MailForge a try.
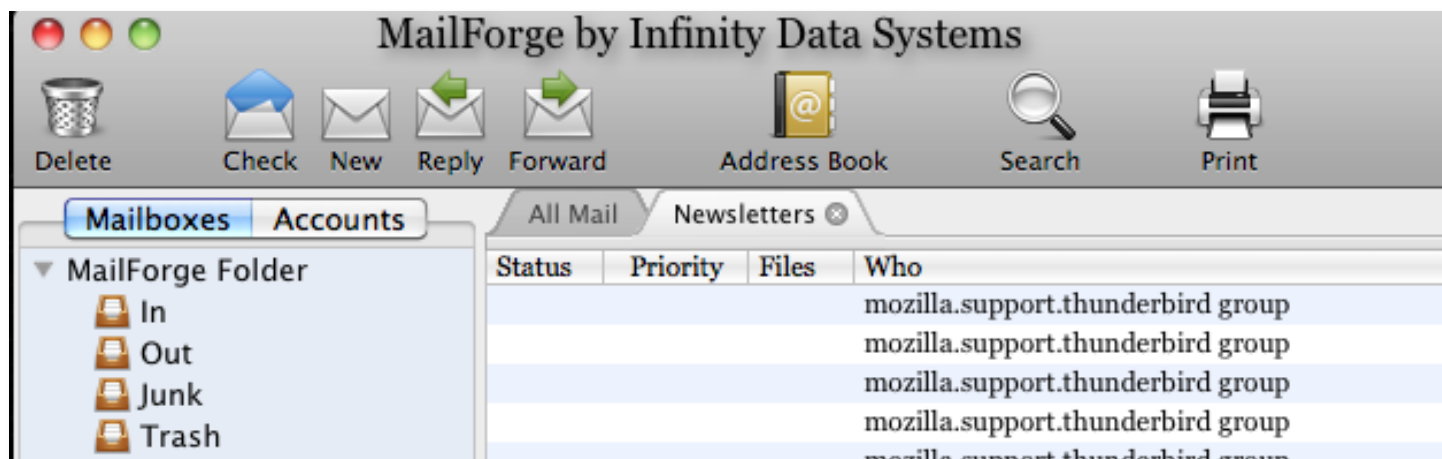
Of course, there are plenty of other Mac email applications available ranging from MailPlane (strictly for Gmail users), to Sparrow (available through the Mac App Store) to Mailsmith (free from Bare Bones Software.) Folks who email experts know this is just the tip of the iceberg. Dozens of other email programs are available for Mac users. Original Eudora users will have to switch to another program if they upgrade to Mac OS X Lion when it's released (probably this summer). MailForge might fill the bill quite nicely.

Apple opened first retail stores one decade ago

Turn back the clock to 2001. That was the year Apple opened its first 25 retail stores.

Macworld has chronicled the first ten years of Apple's retail phenomenon in a series of articles. *9to5 Mac* also has written about "Retail stores, Apple's risky gamble that paid off big time."

The stories remember how Apple opened its first two stores (one in Virginia, the other in California), what has gone right, and how independent Mac retailers have remained vital despite the huge spotlight shining on Apple's stores.

The stories reveal the impact Apple's retail stores have had on the company, and a staff editor recounts her opening day at the Glendale, California, Apple Store in 2001.

You may remember that Lexington got its own store at Fayette Mall in July 2010.

In Dec. 2009, an Apple Store for students, faculty and others connected to the University of Kentucky opened in the bookstore there.

9to5 Mac quotes Jobs as telling a Macworld 2001 audience about one of the first stores, built in Virginia: "Literally half the store is devoted to solutions because people don't just want to buy personal computers any more. They want to know what they can do with them."

- List of Apple Retail Stores
- Fayette Mall Apple Store

Kindle books now outsell all other books sold by Amazon.com

Talk about your watershed moments.

Amazon customers are not only buying a lot of Kindle books, they're buying them at a much faster pace than Amazon predicted.

Back when Amazon.com began selling books back in July 1995, few people could have imagined the major transformation that would occur. In May 2011, Amazon's founder and CEO, Jeff Brazos announced, "…Amazon.com customers are now purchasing more Kindle books than all print books—hardcover and paperback—combined."
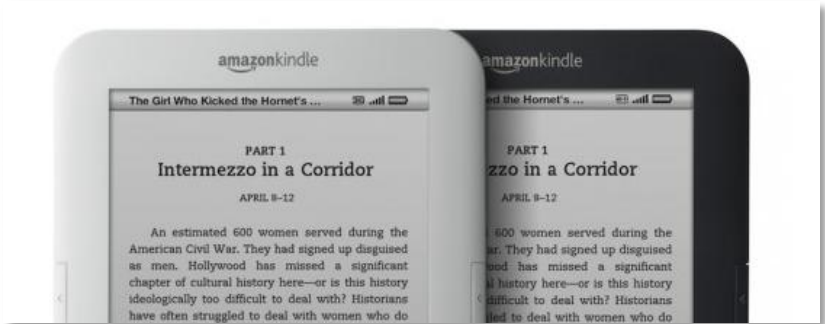
Brazos added, "We had high hopes this would happen eventually, but we never imagined it would happen this quickly–we've been selling print books for over 15 years and Kindle books for less than four years."

Amazon says its U.S. Kindle Store now contains more than 950,000 books and more than 790,000 of these books sell for $9.99 or less.

What more and more folks are discovering is that readers don't need a Kindle to read Kindle books.

Amazon makes free software available for a variety of devices including the Mac, iPad, iPod Touch, and iPhone so folks can buy Kindle books and read them even if they don't own a Kindle.

E–readers such as Amazon's Kindle and the Nook from Barnes & Noble have exploded in popularity in recent years.

A study of 2,000 households, released in January of 2010, showed that 44 percent of e–reader owners increased their new media usage in the last year. L.E.K. Consulting estimated that one in ten Internet users owned an e–book reader at that time.

- Consumers now buying more Amazon Kindle E–Books than print books

- Amazon: Kindle books outselling all print books

- Kindle eBook sales exceed print sales in US
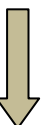
Barnes & Noble introduces third generation Nook

It's the Simple Touch Reader.

That's how Barnes & Noble is touting its new and improved Nook e–reader, which the company says contains an easier to use operating system over rival, Kindle. The new Nook contains a six–inch display and weighs 35 percent less than the original model.

A touch–based interface was one of the new features of the third generation Nook, announced during a special event in late May. Barnes & Noble has adopted the touch screen interface, allowing the reader to turn pages by touching the screen rather than by punching or touching buttons.

This is a big deal for many users. Instead of relying on buttons, users may navigate by utilizing the infrared touch screen. (iPad and iPod Touch users are quite familiar with the ability to turn pages by using the touch screen.)

Some reviewers said the newest Nook has a new e–Paper graphics controller that dramatically reduces the "annoying" flashing when pages turn. (Stewart Wolpin of Urbergizmo stated that he didn't see much reduction in flashing.) My impression is that some folks barely tolerate the so–called flashing while others barely notice it. I have to say that I've used both the Nook and the Kindle and the so–called "flashing" hasn't bothered me in the least.

The newest Nook is still based on the Android operating system, has a gray scale screen, and, according to Lynch, can be used for two months on a single battery charge (based on a half hour of daily reading with the Wi–Fi unit switched off.)

Barnes & Noble CEO William Lynch told the crowd gathered for the unveiling in New York City on May 24th that the newest Nook should ship around June 10th (just in time for Father's Day) and will cost $139 (that's more than $100 less than the Nook color.)

Several Web sites that reviewed the latest Nook called it "one of the lightest e–readers ever." One reviewer remarked "Nook is shockingly light but doesn't feel cheap."

The third–generation Nook includes only Wi–Fi (no 3G capability) but it will connect to AT&T hotspots for free.

If you've never owned a Nook, Kindle, Sony eReader or other eBook reader, you might just take the leap. Lynch told the crowd that eleven–million folks now own one kind of e–reader or another. He says more than 50 million could potentially buy the devices.

The new Nook can be pre–ordered from the [BN Web site](#).

<u>Headlines you missed</u>

- [Survey finds E–Book piracy occurs among a surprising demographic](#)
- [Explosion at Apple supplier caused by dust, China says](#)
- [Can Barnes & Noble's new Nook top the Kindle?](#)
- [Yahoo Mail redesign leaves beta, promises speed boost and social integration](#)
- [Apple's App Store surpasses the 500,000 mark](#)
- [Yahoo updates mail service to better compete with other services](#)
- [Apple laptops, AppleCare, dominate Consumer Reports rankings](#)
- [Here comes Twitter 2.0](#)
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