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MARCH TECH NIGHT Monday, March 12, at 7 p.m.

# Cutting the Cable Cord

### Featuring Paul Stackhouse

It's on the minds of many of our members, "Could I actually cut the cable cord in 2018?" With the looming increase in cost of Spectrum cable, people are looking at alternatives. Paul Stackhouse successfully did this years ago and will show us some options he is using to cut his TV costs. The

market is expanding with more products to watch TV on the



internet. There is Google's Chromecast, ROKU, Amazon's FireTVstick, AppleTV and the latest, DirectTVNow with no satellite dish. And there are others. These, when

> attached to your TV, can access the programs you watch, but online rather than via cable, satellite dish, or over the air. Some allow you to record your programs



and watch them later - and that is with no cable box!

Like everything else, the industry is changing, and it is moving lightning fast. Here is your chance to learn more about what is available and what works best for Paul.

Paul Stackhouse over the years has held several offices within CKCS: president, vice-president, treasurer, and director. His history goes back more than 30 years with the organization. Through Paul's efforts in the beginning, CKCS offered

internet type access before the rest of the city had it. Paul managed and operated our electronic Bulletin Board System. Paul was the SYSOP, a title earned as the system operator of the BBS. BBSs were the forerunners of the internet.

Currently, Paul is senior developer with Wilmore Computer Associates, and Database Developer for Dominion Cross-sell.

### SEE WHAT IS IN YOUR NEWSLETTER THIS MONTH

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# **President's Comments**

By Brooke Thomas president@ckcs.org

### **Workshops Coming This Month**

We have five workshops scheduled for this month. A new workshop on the schedule is for people who have already taken the *Making a Photobook Using Shutterfly* and want assistance in making a book using their own photos. Joe



Dietz, Janet Cartmell and I will be available to provide technical assistance while you work individually on your book. *Photo Book Independent Work Using Shutterfly for PC* will be held on March 6 from 1 - 4 p.m. Call the office to sign up. You can use a credit card to reserve your spot.

The other workshops are: a photography class, *White Balance & Camera Raw*, *Secrets of the iPhone*, *Understanding Facebook* and *Secrets of the iPad*. Check out the schedule in this newsletter and on the website for dates and times.

### **Senior Center Photo Exhibit**

Be sure to catch the photographs on display at the Senior Center this month. Photographs are routinely changed every few months and all members are encouraged to participate. If you would be interested in the next exhibit leave a message at the desk for Boone Baldwin or Larry Nuezel to get more details. There are some "hanging" requirements and paperwork that must be completed first.

### **Volunteers needed to serve as Office Supervisors**

We are always looking for people who would like to volunteer as an office supervisor. It would require only one day a week for three hours. Shifts are 10-1 p.m. and 1-4 p.m. The job is not difficult, and you will receive training. It's actually a great time to catch up on your paperwork or reading. Most shifts have quiet time leaving you time for yourself. Let someone at the desk know if you are interested and they will get the message to Jan Landers-Lyman, our office manager.

# <u>CKCS 2018 Winter Class/Workshop</u> <u>Schedule</u>

### <u>Workshops</u>

### White Balance & Camera RAW\*

Wednesday, March 14 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

#### Understanding Facebook

Wednesday, March 28 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

#### Secrets of the iPhone\*

Wednesday, March 7 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Secrets of the iPad\* Wednesday, March 21 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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Shutterfly Photo Book - Working on Your Own Book Independent Workshop Tuesday, March 6

# **Course/Workshop Descriptions**

### <u>Workshops</u>

**White Balance & Camera RAW\*** Learn to use the white balance setting to improve your photos according to the lighting situation. Also, get the highest level of quality for your photos by using Camera RAW.

**Understanding Facebook** Students will learn how to create, use, and maintain a Facebook page via the computer. Adding a profile picture and cover photo, finding friends, customizing your privacy settings, posting comments and photos, and other features will be covered.

**Secrets of the iPhone\*** Learn important (and hidden) functions of your iPhone. Learn how to download apps, move them, nest them and delete them. Learn how to get better photos with your phone, organize your pictures, and send them in text and emails. Texting messages and using Siri will also be covered. Participants should bring their iPhone passcode and their Apple password to access the App store.

**Secrets of the iPad\*** Learn key information about many preinstalled apps on your iPad. Important functions in settings, how to arrange, nest, download, and delete apps, sending email and texts will be covered. Taking better photos, making folders, and sending them will be demonstrated. FaceTime will be included if time permits. Participants should bring their iPad passcode and their Apple password to access the App store.

#### Shutterfly Photo Book - Working on Your Own Book Independent Workshop

CKCS recently held a three-hour workshop on "Making a Photo-Book Using Shutterfly". In this 3-hour session we went through the steps of preparing pictures for your book, learning how to

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organize and strategically place them in the book to the final ordering process utilizing the various coupon and discounts that are available. This workshop used pictures provided by the instructor. At the close the class we discussed having a follow up class where the students would bring their own pictures and with help from the instructors put them in their own book. Several of the students signed up. If you have taken a Shutterfly workshop or are familiar with the program, this might be for you.

\* These classes or workshops meet in the main room and their class size is determined by the instructor. All other classes meet in the computer classroom and are limited to eight students.

Students may use their own portable computers if they have the appropriate software installed (this is at the discretion of the instructor). CKCS cannot provide copies of the proprietary software.

COSTS: All classes have a fee payable to CKCS of \$60 and Workshops have a fee of \$30, unless stated otherwise (see above).

**CKCS members get a 20 percent discount on all class, seminar, and workshop fees.** We accept cash, check, or credit card.

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# News to use

### Why should you volunteer?

There are several reasons people choose to volunteer to do things for an organization like the Central Kentucky Computer Society. There is a lot of satisfaction in doing things to help others. There is a sense of accomplishment when you successfully finish the job you began. It keeps you from becoming stagnant and being bored. It is an opportunity to get out of the house and meet people and develop friendships.

If you don't know it, your Central Kentucky Computer Society is run by a 100 percent – all-volunteer – group of members. Those officers and board members do 'run' for office and are elected to serve each July. But there are 50 or more members doing all sorts of jobs. For example, there are 10 volunteer Office Supervisors and several alternates that work three-hour shifts each week to answer our phone, schedules members for classes, and greet visitors to our Resource Center.

Many other volunteers are involved: one who schedules classes; others which coordinates the classroom, workshop room use; another prepare a monthly calendar of events. A couple of key members keep all 20-plus computers working and up to date with programs in place base upon what the teachers need to use in a given month..

Let's not forget the teachers of our SIGs, classes, workshops, and seminars. What a hard-working group that is. Another volunteer keeps our membership database current and others process applications. Others prepare the bank deposits and account for the finances. Our treasurer pays our bills and furnishes monthly finance reports to the board.

Of course, as a volunteer editor, let's be sure to recognize those who write stories and prepare photos and art for this newsletter. There are several proofreaders who strive to keep the information we give you factual and grammatically correct. We have one dedicated volunteer who buys and then stocks our refrigerator with about 10 or 12 different products for sale. Have you ever seen the refrigerator empty? Let's not forget the weekly updates sent using MailChimp.

We have listed a lot of volunteers here, but I suspect we have unintentionally left several hardworking members out. Sorry about that.

Dear reader, please read paragraph one above and envision yourself as a CKCS volunteer. If you are available to do any of the jobs listed above, please let us know you are available. Use this email: <a href="mailto:president@ckcs.org">president@ckcs.org</a>.

We are currently looking for a few volunteers as Office Supervisors. See the President's column on page 3. Why not give it a try? cros

# **Back to Google Earth**

There seems to be no end to the global data base available through Google Earth. To start with, here is a <u>link</u> to a video that explains how Google Earth 3D images are created. I was surprised to learn that the 3D images of buildings are generated from pictures taken from airplanes.

The <u>Google Street View image</u> collection continues to expand with pictures taken from cars, carts, back pack cameras, and even underwater cameras.

Now Google has increased it's data collection efforts by allowing regular folks to add to the collection using something called <u>Snap.</u> You can take your own pictures and add them to the Google Earth database. You can even use 3D cameras (now available at consumer level prices) to add dynamic 360-degree views.



An interesting tool that has important implication for historical record keeping and scientific analysis is <u>Google</u>



<u>Timelapse.</u> Using <u>Google Earth Engine</u> you can scroll through 22 years of aerial photos and see how the landscape of an area has changed. This is useful in everything from urban-growth studies to glacial movement analysis to forest coverage studies.

I have looked at the Timelapse aerial photos of the woods I grew up in near Kane, PA, and found it a bit depressing. The area of our 'secret fishing crick' that used to require a several mile hike through unmarked forest has been destroyed by numerous oil wells and access roads. You might be amused by checking Timelapse photos of your places of interest.

By Len Nasman, Webmaster, Bristol Village Computer Club, OH http://bvres.org/bvcchome.html Webmaster (at) bvres.org





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### **Computer tips** from CKCS members and friends

Members are invited to share their favorite computer tips with other members. They may involve your use of computers, tablets, or phones. Please use this opportunity to help one another on these pages. Be brief but complete. Send your tip to Newsletter@ckcs.org - please include your name and phone number should the editor need to contact you.

### TECH TIP Passwords and Pass Phrases

I hate passwords and having to remember them. Unfortunately, they are more important now than ever. Each month we talk about the need to be safe and secure to protect your data and information from being stolen. Therefore, creating a good password is important. Don't ever use common words found in the dictionary. computer, password, 1234567, etc.. Hackers can learn them quickly and simply and then they are in the middle of your data.

Password experts say avoid using words found in your dictionary. So be sure to use a combination of Caps and lower case letters, mixed with numbers and symbols. The longer the better. But all of these rules sometimes make it difficult to remember

Some like using a PASS PHRASE. Here is how that works

This example starts with a phrase, any phrase that means something to you:

#### Everyone likes ice cream

Remove spaces. Then substitute caps and lower case letters, some numbers and symbols with several of the letters; no spaces

### Ev3rv0ne1iKe\$lceCre@m!

Be assured that pass word (phrase) would be a much bigger problem for most all hackers to solve, but maybe not the FBI.

Tip by Jerry Heaton CKCS



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# TECH TALK

by Joe Isaac joeisaac1234@gmail.com

# Should you leave your computer on 24 HOURS A DAY?

I shut my computer down every night. If I'm going to be gone several days I not only shut it down, I unplug the computer from the wall and unplug the phone line from the wall.

You are wearing your fan motor out and pulling dust thru your computer. Your hard drive may be running more. If you get a big surge of electricity that jumps your surge protector, it may save your computer by having it turned off.

Your surge protector is passive and works whether it is turned off or on. When it is off, the surge has to jump the switch and the surge protector to get to your computer.

The only good thing about leaving your computer on is that you can get rid of the dust bunnies, the fan will pull them into your computer and Kentucky Utilities will love you.

With the increased use of always on – DSL and Cable Internet and with the growing threat of hackers and worms, it makes even more sense to shut your computer down when not in use.

A computer not running and not connected cannot be hacked.

### OTHER GREAT REASON TO CUT YOUR COMPUTER OFF AT NIGHT.

- It's not unusual to get low on system resources after you use Windows for a long stretch, especially if you open and close programs frequently. Adding a bunch of RAM doesn't help. System resources are stored in fixed memory blocks that reside in your System RAM.
- Programs store certain routines inside your system resources. Some programs don't reallocate or release the memory, so after a while your machine gets full. You have to restart Windows to free up memory again.

That's why Windows feels more reliable if you start it up fresh every day.

### Windows Special Interest Group Tuesday, March 13, 2018

**7 p.m.** Mike Seiler Windows SIG Leader

If you read anything about using a computer, you will always find someone talking about the importance of backing up your computer's hard drive. I have found a free program called "AOMEI Backupper" that will back up any of the drives installed in, or plugged into, a USB port on your computer. It is easy to set up and can be used manually or on a schedule. I will demonstrate how to set it up and use it.

Also, I will continue what I started last month by answering questions sent to me or those that are asked at the SIG. I will not take questions phoned in at the time of the meeting. If you watch by streaming, send your question in before the meeting.

Please send your questions to: w10sig.ckcs@gmail.com



# Our Dr. Fixit volunteers work on members' sick computers



Just bring your CPU or laptop computer. CKCS has keyboards and monitors on hand. They try to solve your problem or recommend what you need to do.

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### Digital Photography Special Interest Group

Tuesday, March 27, 2018

### Word and Sway



Joe Dietz Digital Photography SIG Leader



Let's talk about some free programs. Just to make sure I get your attention; let's start talking about **Microsoft Word** – probably our most used word processor. And you don't want to pay the big bucks to get the program or sign up for a long term monthly contract. But since it is the standard, you feel compelled to purchase it. Well, you can get a free version. From the same site, you also can get several other free programs. Tonight, we will be talking mainly about a good free program from Microsoft called **Sway**. This program will allow you to take text, your pictures and videos to make a great presentation in a very short time. This is similar to a program many of you have used – PowerPoint. According to info on the web, this is an easier and more adaptive program and, of course, it is free.

We will take a bunch of pictures from my recent trip to Cambodia and Vietnam, along with some text and videos, and make a nice presentation.

Our photo contest for this month will be "**Transportation.**" Get out and check out some innovative transportation themes. Take a great picture and email it to joedietz@aol.com no later than March 26, 2018.

Hope to see you at CKCS on March 27 at 7 p.m. Bring a friend.

# **Digital Photograph photo contest winners**

#### February Category: STAIRWAYS



First Place Photo taken at a B&B in Roseman, NC By Jan Landers Lyman

**Tie for Second Place** 



**Becky Brothers** 



Bruce Klobeke

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# **New Members and Renewals**

During the period from 1/25/2018 to 2/23/2018

We welcome the following new members:

Phyllis E. Bieber Kathleen Esser Philip G. Halley Mike J. O'Connor Ann D. Sturgill

We thank and welcome back the following members who renewed their memberships during this reporting period:

Nancy & Bill Alverson Kaye Arnold Linda C. Bosse **Dennis J. Burrows** Hsiang & Celia Fan Steven A. Gall Milton Gellin **Margaret Gerke** Norman Green **Betty Hall B'Ann M. Johnson Elizabeth A. Johnson** Maryann Koegel Sue Lauter **Bill Martin Dennis Peevy** Janet E. Powell Ben F. Rice **Joseph A. Settles** Louis Shain Patricia Witt

Information furnished by CKCS Board of Directors member Ben Rice CKCS

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#### **TECH NIGHT REVIEWS**

### **February – The Automated Computer Life**

February 12, 2018

Thomas H. Peoples, III, did an analysis of how computers and technology help us in our work life, at home, in our cars, and in our routine daily life. From using Skype for teleconferencing to using the McDonald's App to order food before getting to the restaurant, the whole gamut of current technologies to futuristic ones like holograms were covered.



The privacy vulnerability of cameras in the home and personal devices was discussed. Also, the recent discovery that fitness trackers can be easily hacked and that the location of soldiers can be tracked, emphasized the importance of using reputable companies who will continually update their software to counteract these threats. He also emphasized the importance of users installing these updates to improve the security of all of their computers and IoT (Internet of Things).

The presentation was a comprehensive overview of what technology is here now, what is coming and what we need to do to stay safe.

#### January – Staying Safe and Secure Online January 8, 2018

during January's Tech Night, Douglas Johnson made a presentation created by the Center for Cyber Safety and Education with assistance from (ISC) on how to stay safe and secure online. Periodically, we need to be reminded of these staying safe practices. The presentation was quite informative and there was time to answer participants' questions.

Here are his Top Tips:

- 1. Think before you click.
- 2. Get antivirus protection and keep it updated.
- 3. Keep your computer software and device apps updated.
- 4. Back up your pictures and documents.
- 5. Create strong passwords for every site.
- 6. Be careful on public Wi-Fi connections.
- 7. Question what you see in emails and pop-ups.
- 8. Download and stream from proper sites only.
- 9. Do not post sensitive information on social media sites.
- 10. Be mindful of email and phone call fraud attempts.

We hear of people falling for scams and phishing. If you take these simple precautions, you will have a better chance of staying safe while you are online.

Do you have an LG or Motorola or Samsung Phone?



3rd Tuesday of each month

at 7 pm

with



Kenneth Tubough, Boone Baldwin, and Bob Brown

Not a member ? We invite you to join CKCS

Here is how: It is simple and quick

(If now a member - be sure to renew)

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

or

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

Office hours Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

We need you and will welcome you as a full-fledged member. Members are eligible to attend all Special Interest Group sessions.

Members receive a discount on all classes, workshops, and seminars

### March 2018 CKCS SIG Schedule

Larry Trivette prepared this special SIG calendar expressly for this newsletter. Print this page for your refrigerator or bulletin board.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Feb	27 Feb	28 Feb	1 Mar	2 Mar	3 Mar
7 p.m. FoxPro Database GARLAND SMITH	7 p.m. Digital Photography JOE DIETZ		9 a.m. Photography Chat 1:30 p.m. Tech Chat BOB BROWN		10 a.m. Dr. Fixit Bring in your problem PC and we'll try to help iHelp Bring in your iPhone,
			<sup>7 p.m.</sup> Board of Directors		iPad, or Mac device and get one-on-one
5 Mar	6 Mar	7 Mar	8 Mar	9 Mar	10 Mar
	1:30 p.m. <u>Word</u> Processing		<sup>9</sup> a.m. Photography Chat		
	LARRY TRIVETTE No Meeting this Month		7 p.m. Mac & iPad KURT JEFFERSON		
12 Mar	13 Mar	14 Mar	15 Mar	16 Mar	17 Mar
7 p.m. Tech Night Paul Stackhouse – How to Cut the Cable Cord in 2018	7 p.m. Windows 10 MIKE SEILER		<sup>9</sup> a.m. Photography Chat <sup>7</sup> p.m. <u>Access Database</u> STUART ZAHALKA		
19 Mar	20 Mar	21 Mar	22 Mar	23 Mar	24 Mar
	7 p.m. Android Devices KEN TUBAUGH, BOONE BALDWIN, BOB		9 a.m. Photography Chat 7 p.m. <u>Unix/Linux</u> LEWIS GARDNER		
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### **This Month's Best Videos / Shows**

#### SUGGESTIONS:

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Then click on the arrow in the upper left corner of your monitor. The arrow should look like one of the images at left. That should return you to the video page in the newsletter. If instead it returns you to page 1, just click on the  $\star$  next to the newsletter logo.

Catastrophic machine failures
https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=5&v=AHm9UZrdcMg
Furnished by Jerry Heaton
The story behind the famous 1932 photo
https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=12&v=7QCYDzsQ_yM
Furnished by D. Stans
An eighteen-string guitar
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vlzk9989dzg
Furnished by Harvey Shackelford
Gadgets to make your life easier
https://1drv.ms/w/s!AgwzdGgBwxSS3j03HgFien0bEXaH
Furnished by Larry Mitchum
A girl plays for a street musician and gets a surprise
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TRktavB7KRQ <i>Furnished by Mike Seiler</i>
Fifteen incredible acts of compassion
https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1&v=8hYDJ_YYyQ4 Furnished by D. Stans
The US Army Field Band plays Sousa's most famous march. Note the piccolos
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M5bcpjUjLpU
Furnished by Joe Isaac
Jeanne Robertson says "Don't hire a hit man"
https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=3&v=6Zlj77cn4Tl
Furnished by Jerry Heaton
Thirteen elks rescued after falling through the ice
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=soCLNRsDDfs
Furnished by D. Stans
Pistol packing Paula
https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1&v=vbrbitCAutU
Furnished by D. Stans
Fast talker
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### A few Funny Pages / Useful Information

### A Yearly Dementia Test ! (only 4 questions this year)

Yep, it's that time of year again for us to take our annual senior citizen test.

Exercise of the brain is as important as exercise of the muscles. As we grow older, it's important to keep mentally alert. If you don't use it, you will lose it !!!

Some may think it is too easy, but the ones with memory problems may have difficulty. Take this test to determine if you're losing it or not.

The spaces below are so you don't see the answers until you've answered. Put a piece of paper over the answer area so as not to cheat

OK, RELAX, clear your mind and begin:

#1. What do you put in a toaster?

Answer: "bread." If you said "toast", just give up now and go do something else.

And, try not to hurt yourself. If you said, bread, go to Question #2.

# 2. Say "silk" ten times. Now spell "silk." What do cows drink ?

Answer: Cows drink water. If you said "milk," don't attempt the next question.

Your brain is already over-stressed and may even overheat.

Content yourself with reading more appropriate literature such as *Women's Weekly* or *Auto World*.

However, if you did say "water", proceed to Question #3.

# 3. If a red house is made from red bricks and a blue house is made from blue bricks and a pink house is made from pink bricks and a black house is made from black bricks, then what is a greenhouse made from ?

Answer: Greenhouses are made from glass. If you said "green bricks", why are you still reading this ??? PLEASE, go lie down !

But, if you said "glass," go on to Question #4.

#### # 4. Please do not use a calculator for this for it would be cheating:

You are driving a bus from New York City to Philadelphia.

- In Staten Island, 17 people got on the bus.
- In New Brunswick, 6 people get off the bus and 9 people get on.
- In Windsor, 2 people get off and 4 get on.
- In Trenton, 11 people get off and 16 people get on.
- In Bristol, 3 people get off and 5 people get on.
- And, in Camden, 6 people get off and 3 get on.
- You then arrive at Philadelphia Station.
- Without going back to review, how old is the bus driver ?

Answer: Oh, for crying out loud !

Don't you remember your own age?!?! It was YOU driving the bus!

If you pass this along to your friends, pray they do better than you.

PS: 95 percent of people fail most of the questions !

#### If you had fun with this, share this newsletter with your friends.

Honestly, now, how did you do????

#### Furnished by Mike Seiler

#### **NEVER FORGET YOUR FRIENDS**

Many years ago, a newlywed young man was sitting on a couch on a hot, humid day, sipping frozen juice during a visit to his father.

As he talked about adult life, marriage, responsibilities, and obligations, the father thoughtfully stirred the ice cubes in his glass and cast a clear, sober look on his son.

"Never forget your friends," he advised, "they will become more important as you get older."

"Regardless of how much you love your family and the children you happen to have, you will always need friends. Remember to go out with them occasionally, do activities with them, call them."

"What strange advice!" The young man thought. "I just entered the married world, I am an adult and surely my wife and the family that we will start will be everything I need to make sense of my life."

Yet he obeyed his father; Kept in touch with his friends and annually increased their number.

Over the years, he became aware that his father knew what he was talking about.

Inasmuch as time and nature carry out their designs and mysteries on a man, friends were the bulwarks of his life.

After 60 years of life, here is what he learned:

Time passes .....life goes on.

The distance separates.

Children grow up.

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Children cease to be children and become independent. And to the parents it breaks the heart but the children are separate of the parents.

Grandchildren, too, grow up and begin busy lives with little time to spend with the older generation.

Jobs come and go.

Illusions, desires, attraction, sex ... weaken.

People do not do what they should do.

The heart breaks.

Parents die.

Colleagues forget the favors.

The long, long races are over. But, true friends are always there, no matter how long or how many miles away they may be.

A friend is never more distant than the reach of a phone, or a need, barring you, intervening in your favor, waiting for you with open arms or blessing your life.

When we started this adventure called LIFE, we did not know of the incredible joys or sorrows that were ahead. We did not know how much we would need from each other.

Love your parents, take care of your children, but keep a group of good friends.

#### Furnished by Harvey Shackelford

#### Another example of folks with way too much time on their hands...

FAMILY TREE OF VINCENT VAN GOGH (always pronounced as Van GO) Who thinks up these things?

His dizzy aunt Verti Gogh
His brother who ate prunes Gotta Gogh
His brother who worked at a convenience store Stop'n Gogh
His grandfather from Yugoslavia U Gogh
His magician uncle Where Diddy Gogh
His Mexican cousin A Mee Gogh

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His Mexican cousin's American half-brother Gring Gogh
His nephew who drove a stage coach Wells-far Gogh
His constipated uncle Can't Gogh
His ballroom dancing aunt Tang Gogh
His bird lover uncle Flamin Gogh
His aunt who taught positive thinking Way-to Gogh
His little bouncy nephew Poe Gogh
His nephew who played with little plastic bricks Le Gogh
His sister who loved disco Go Gogh
His niece who traveled the country in an RV Winnie Bay Gogh

I see you smiling . . . there ya Gogh!

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- » Upgrade your hard drive to a SSD (Solid State Drive): now 120GB and 250GB SSD drives cost under \$100.00; the SSD positive impact on the performance of a computer is simply unbelievable.
- » Do Image Backups of your computer: of the whole computer (OS, programs, settings, everything) and no only your documents and personal files; use Acronis Backup Software to do monthly (and weekly) completely unattended image backups of your computer to a second hard drive (a USB connected one but preferable an internal one).
- » Use MalwareBytes software to protect against malware: and better yet use the Premium version (only \$15 per computer per year);
- » Windows 10 is GOOD and free (for existing Windows 7 and Windows 8 computers)! Welcome back to the Windows 7 like interface that most everybody feel at home with. Please be also aware that Windows 10 expand the amount of information obtained by Microsoft from your computer usage (more on it can be read at many places online including http://www.polygon.com/2015/7/31/9075531/windows-10-privacy-how-to).
- » Make sure that you are visiting the website that you really want to visit; there are many misleading sites that try to trick you into believing that they are the intended legit site ... but they are not! Be careful with the spelling of the name of a site; be careful with the first "findings" of the search engines; most times they are no findings but (many times deceptive) advertising.
- » If somebody call you about the "problems of your computer" simply hang off; they are not legitimate people so do not even waste your time even threatening them.
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# **CKCS List of Special Interest Groups**

Each month the Central Kentucky Computer Society offers eleven Special Interest Groups (SIGs) which may be attended by members and their guests. Visitors are cordially invited to become active CKCS members. Starting times of SIGS are as indicated in the listing. Always check the "Monthly Schedule" and the "Newsletter" link on the CKCS home page for any schedule changes <u>www.ckcs.org</u>

## **ANDROID SIG**

Meets monthly on the third Tuesday at 7 p.m. – Leaders are Boone Baldwin, Bob Brown, and Kenneth Tubaugh

The Android SIG is dedicated to covering the world's most widely used mobile operating system, Android's abundant variations, the hardware that runs it, and all things concerning Google's parent company, Alphabet Inc. Our contributors include technology enthusiasts and professionals in the industry who have come together under a united passion: a love of mobile technology. This group is open to anyone interested in discussing the Android ecosystem, contributing tips and tricks, promoting apps, sharing experiences, and exploring Alphabet Inc. related news.

# DATABASE SIG

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

## DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY SIG

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

The Digital Photography Special Interest Group is a forum to provide and share information about digital imaging. The SIG frequently has guest speakers to cover a wide range of topics that are related to digital imaging. Some of our past topics have been on digital archiving (AKA Backup), getting the best out of your point-andshoot 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 programs. Each meeting starts with a photo contest with a variety of different categories.

## **DR. FIXIT SIG**

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

Bring in your sick computer for evaluation. Our "experts" will diagnose the problem and if possible make simple repairs. All you need to bring is the CPU. Our leaders will use a mouse, and monitor, we have on hand.

### **iHELP SIG**

Meets monthly on the first Saturday at 10 a.m. in the classroom. iHelp leaders Jeannine Essig, Lilly Crawley, Janet Cartmell, Kurt Jefferson, Joe Settles, Brooke Thomas, and Joe Dietz

Bring your questions about Apple iPhone, tablets, and computers. Our iHelpers offer one-on-one advice and suggestions. It is best if you bring your Apple devices, fully charged when you come.



# MAC AND iPAD SIG

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

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

### MICROSOFT ACCESS SIG

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

# **TECH CHAT SIG**

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

Keeping up with personal and home technology is getting harder. New products and new internet services are coming rapid fire. The purpose of the Tech Chat Group is to talk about technology as it happens. We are trying to stay aware of new ideas and understand what impact they will have on us.

# WINDOWS SIG

# Meets monthly on the second Tuesday at 7 p.m. – Leader Mike Seiler

Topics covered may be: Windows 10, Cortana, Edge, Alarms & Clock, Photos, Google Maps, Spotify, Settings, Mail, Control Panel, System Restore, Disk Cleanup, Desktop, Taskbar.

# WORD PROCESSING SIG

# Meets monthly on the first Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. – Leader Larry Trivette

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

# **UNIX / LINUX SIG**

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

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