

**MISSION OAKS
COMPUTER
CLUB**

MAIN MEETING
SECOND THURSDAY
4701 GIBBONS DR.
CARMICHAEL CA 95608



President's Newsletter

February 2009

From the President:

Welcome to the February 2009 issue of the President's Newsletter. I trust everyone has started off the New Year well. The 2009 programs continue to mature, so check back often to ensure that you get the latest information. The February meeting features Voice Recognition—you'll learn something new, guaranteed.

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February 2009 Club Activities

Main Meeting Feb. 12, 1-3 PM



Voice Recognition Software – Type it faster and with less wrist stress. **Bob Leblond, Rigel Technology**

Problem Solving Clinic, 3-4 PM



Following the Main Meeting, **Adam Lacey, Applications, Etc.**, will lead a Problem Solving Clinic.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

Bits 'n Bytes Feb. 11, 1-3 PM

 **Topic: Free tax preparation and e-filing** with Terry O'Boyle.

Basic Computing & Internet Users Feb. 18, 1-3 PM



Topic: Watch for email the week of the meeting with Rik Larson.

Digital Imaging & Editing Feb. 26, 1-3 PM



Topic: Watch for email the week of the meeting with Terry O'Boyle.

Executive Board Meeting Feb. 26, 3-4 PM



All activities are held at the Mission Oaks Community Center 4701 Gibbons Drive Carmichael CA 95608

Membership Information

2009 Memberships are being accepted at the main meeting. They may also be mailed to:

MOCC membership
6218 St. James Drive
Carmichael CA 95608-0941

Membership fees remain \$15.00 for individuals, \$20.00 for couples for all of 2009.

A separate \$15.00 Mission Oaks Center membership can be paid at the center.



2009 Executive Board Members

(All Executive Board Members are Volunteers)



Officers

President - *Richard Yehle*
 Vice President - *Carolyn Petlowany*
 Treasurer - *Roger Martin*
 Recording Secretary - **Vacant**

Club Positions

Membership - *Mary Jeffers*
 Membership - *Joan Conzatti*
 Hospitality - *Roy Kirkpatrick*
 Name Tag Mgr. - *Marcella West*
 Historian - **Vacant**

Programs - *Richard Yehle*
 Sound System - *Rupert Jones*
 Sound System - *Terry O'Boyle*
 Email/Telephone - *Winnie Radov*
 Email/Telephone - *Sheila Crist*
 Publicity - *Gwen Lee*
 Digital SIG Leader - *Terry O'Boyle*
 Basic SIG Leader - *Rik Larson*
 Webmaster - *Carl Metcalf*
 Corresponding Secretary -
 Bob/Stella McCray
 Photographer - *Richard Klein*
 Computer Maintenance -
 Terry O'Boyle

“Ignore these four words.”

- **George Carlin**

“It is bad luck to be superstitious.”

- **Andrew W. Mathis**

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

2nd Wednesday – Bits ‘n Bytes

2nd Thursday – Main Club Meeting

2nd Thursday – Problem Solving Clinic (3-4 PM)

3rd Wednesday – Basic Computing & Internet Users

4th Thursday – Digital Imaging & Editing

4th Thursday – Executive Board Meeting (3-4 PM)

All groups meet from 1-3 p.m. unless noted otherwise.



Upcoming Main Meetings [Subject to Change]



March 12, 2009
Microsoft Vista—An Overview
 - Rosemary Monroe, Sierra College

April 9, 2009
Managing Files and Folders.
 - Adam Lacey Applications, Etc.

May 14, 2009 (TBD)



June 11, 2009
Picasa 3- An update to the free Google program for managing digital images.
 - Ann Kerr

Pending Programs

- Digital Camera update for Summer 09
- Apple Computer Update
- Cell Phones—What's available?

As laptops dominate, desktop PCs face obsolescence

Washingtonpost.com, Reuters 1/6/09,
(Edited for this
publication)



The age of the desktop PC appears to be over as its more portable cousin, the laptop, surges ahead with consumers clamoring for light-weight computers in funky designs for use at home, in cafes and on the train to work.

Not a single desktop model figured on online shopping portal amazon.com's top 10 selling PC and hardware list the weekend before Christmas, while seven laptop models made the list.

It was yet another sign that the former dominance of desktop PCs is fading as wireless advances and lower prices make laptops the preferred option for millions of PC users around the world.

Laptops posted a milestone in the third quarter of 2008, passing desktop PC sales for the first time, according to research group iSuppli.

The **Quick Launch toolbar** is located next to the Start button on the taskbar. To make it appear, right-click on the taskbar at the bottom of the screen. When the menu appears, click the Toolbars option, then select "Quick Launch."

ing. The sound will be amplified, making it twice as loud as an ordinary phone. A one-touch emergency response-button on the back of the phone lets seniors quickly summon assistance; the phone calls and texts up to five contacts, cycling through each until someone is reached. A siren lets users know the feature has been activated. [ClarityLife C900, \$270]

Older folks like Wii, PCs and cell phones, too

From USAToday.com, 1/8/09 (Edited)

U.S. adults 64 and older who bought technology in a recent three-month period spent an average \$365 on consumer electronics products and \$429 on computer hardware and peripherals. Americans 55 to 64 are more active in online finance, shopping and entertainment than those under 55.

Senior Friendly Computers. HP and Microsoft are teaming on the *SeniorPC*. These are standard HP laptops, desktops, or *TouchSmart* computers with a few extras. Notably, software that adds a shell on top of Windows with simple icons for browsing the Web, listening to music and sending email. HP also includes memory games and prescriptions-management software to help track when and which medications are taken.

For its part, Microsoft is improving the screen magnifier built inside Windows 7, the next version of its operating system. It can magnify video for the first time and magnify the entire screen as opposed to just a smaller window.

Smartphone for older people. New phones will have large, easy-to-read displays and big buttons to simplify dial-

Keeping mind and body sharp. Microsoft's *HealthVault* and Google's *Google Health* provide free online repositories for personal healthy information (patient records, medicines, etc). Patients get to decide with whom to share the information.

Keeping it simple. Just 43% of seventy-somethings surveyed expect to purchase consumer electronics over the next 12 months, compared to 66% of those 18 to 34. And only 8% of those in their 70s said they used a social-networking site in the week before they were asked, compared with 51% of those 18 to 34.

People in their 50s and 60s are more put off by products with too many features, buttons that are too small or have confusing terminology.



"I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work."

Thomas Edison

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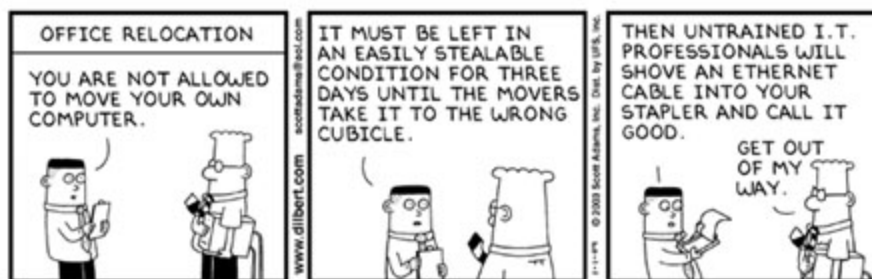
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The mission of Mission Oaks Computer Club is to assist its members to use computer technology effectively; to promote ethical and professional standards among users of personal computers; and to stimulate exchange of ideas and information about personal computers and their use.



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We're on the Web

<http://missionoakscomputerclub.org>

Thanks to our webmaster, Carl Metcalf, the club has updated its website so that it will be more user friendly for our members.

There are six sections on the new site. They are:

- MOCC [Home]
- About Us
- Newsletter
- Meetings
 - Main Meetings
 - Special Interest Groups

- Helpful Internet Links
- Business
 - Bylaws
 - Standing Rules
 - Position Descriptions.

For "Meetings" and "Business" click on the main page link or hover over the other pages to see the sub-items.

Suggestions should be directed to the president via the club's email:

MOCC@missionoakscomputerclub.org

