

**MISSION OAKS
COMPUTER
CLUB**

MAIN MEETING
SECOND THURSDAY
4701 GIBBONS DR.
CARMICHAEL CA 95608

From the President:

Welcome to the Feb. 2012 issue of the President's Newsletter.

Ken Spencer, an expert in the Apple operating system, will provide a presentation on the iPad and why you may wish to consider purchasing one.

Don't forget to renew your membership for 2012 (see Page 2).

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President's Newsletter

February 2012 Club Activities

**Main Meeting
Feb. 9, 1-3 PM**



Should You Buy an Apple iPad?
Presented by Ken Spencer, Empower-Mac.com

Problem Solving Clinic, 3-4 PM



Following the Main Meeting, **Adam Lacey** will answer your personal questions about anything computing.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

**Beginner Plus
Feb 8, 1-3 PM**



Topic:
A Beginner's SIG with Graham Paul

**Bits 'n Bytes
Feb 23, 1-3 PM**



Topic:
Audience Driven Q&A with Dennis Duffy, Sac PC Users Group.

**Intermediate Plus
Feb 15, 1-3 PM**



Topic:
Intermediate Computing & Internet with Rik Larson



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

Executive Board Meeting Thursday Feb 23, 3-4 PM

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

2nd Wednesday – Beginner Plus

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

3rd Wednesday – Intermediate Plus

4th Thursday – Bits 'n Bytes

Executive Board Meeting
4th Thursday - 3-4 PM



Upcoming Main Meetings

[Subject to Change]

March 8, 2012



What's New in Digital Cameras, including Hybrids

Presented by Denise Marshall,
Cogent Business Solutions

April 12, 2012



Terminology:
What's That Thing-
amabob Called?

Presented by Adam Lacey,
Applications, etc.
[See website for more information]

May 10, 2012



Intel Corporation - An
Update on current Intel
Platforms and Ser-
vices

Presented by Tom Wynn,
Intel Corporation

June 14, 2012



Sacramento
Public
Library

Sacramento Public Library -
Online Databases

Presented by Ann Owens,
Sacramento Public Library

July 12, 2012



Online Life After Death -
What to Tell Your
Survivors

Presented by Mark S. Drobny,
Drobny Law Offices, Inc.

August 9, 2012



Information Technology at
Sierra College

Presented by Michael Glashan
Lead Network Support Specialist

Turn A Laptop into a Mobile Hot Spot

Windows 7 made quite a few improvements on the networking front adding a feature called Wireless Hosted Networks. This lets you turn your laptop's wireless adapter into a virtual wireless router. In other words, any Windows 7 laptop with Wi-Fi can become a wireless hot spot!

To fully take advantage of this feature, you'll need some software. That's where Connectify comes in. It helps you set up a wireless network in a few clicks. This is great for occasions when you need wireless access without a hot spot. For example, you may be at a hotel that only has wired connections. This will let your Wi-Fi gadgets access the Internet.

The free version of Connectify [www.connectify.me] works well for creating a basic Wi-Fi network. There is also a paid version with more advanced features. For example, that version allows you to share Wi-Fi from a cellular network. It enables you to turn your laptop into a wireless repeater. You can even extend the range of your home wireless network in a snap. Just set the laptop in a room away from your wireless router.

*"If I knew I
was going to
live this long, I'd
have taken
better care of
myself."*

**Mickey
Mantle**

*"Nobody can
make you feel
inferior without
your consent."*

**Eleanor
Roosevelt**

Intel WiDi Wireless Display



Intel's WiDi wireless video streaming technology has seen limited use in the short time since its been out, but this won't stop the chip maker from further developing it in the future as the third version of Wireless Display is expected to come with dual-monitor support and a series of gaming optimizations.

According to the company representative, Intel is currently working on a new version of the technology (most probably dubbed WiDi 3.0), which will feature support for connecting a maximum of two monitors simultaneously.

The displays connected through WiDi will be able to stream different images and can also work as an extended desktop.

In addition to providing multi-monitor support, Intel will also focus its attention on improving the response time of WiDi in the future iteration of the technology.

According to the company, the first generation of Wireless Display had a delay of about 600ms between the time the images were sent from the laptop and when they were displayed on the HDTV or monitor, while the second version of WiDi dropped this time to just 200ms.

However, this is expected to drop even further in WiDi 3.0, which should make this technology better suited for gamers.

The second version of the Wireless Display technology was introduced at the same time with the company's Sandy Bridge processors and is available in laptops based on the Huron River platform that feature Intel network cards.

Compared to the first iteration of this technology, WiDi 2.0 is able to stream content at Full HD resolutions (1080p) with support for Dolby 5.1 surround sound.

To take advantage of WiDi 2.0, the notebooks have to be equipped with a wireless transmitter, a feature that has been neglected by most laptop makers. A similar device (for receiving the content) is also required for the HDTV or projector that is connected to the notebook.

Intel calls these devices media extenders and, until now, these are manufactured by Belkin, D-Link and Netgear, but others are expected to join the party later this year.

The 3.0 version of WiDi will most probably be introduced together with the company's mobile Ivy Bridge processors, which are expected to become available in March or April of 2012.

[original article:

<http://news.softpedia.com/news/Intel-WiDi-3-0-to-Include-Dual-Monitor-Support-and-Gaming-Optimizations-225493.shtml>,

Original date 4 Oct 2011]



“Wisdom is not a product of schooling but of the lifelong attempt to acquire it.”

**Albert
Einstein**

“Happiness often sneaks in through a door you didn't know you left open.”

**John
Barrymore**

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The *Mission Oaks
Computer Club* meets
on the 2nd Thursday
of each month from
1-3 PM



Mission Statement



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.

We're on the Web!

www.missionoakscomputerclub.org



Passwords



According to experts a good password must contain several elements of make it very secure.

Here are some points to consider when using passwords:

- Passwords should never contain a dictionary word. That's where hackers begin and they can go through the Oxford unabridged in seconds.
- Never use birthdates, social security numbers, or other information that can be gleaned from your social networking postings.
- While extremely long random passwords might be most secure, for most things use 9 to 12 random characters, symbols, and numerals. Strings of letters should have at least one uppercase and one lower case element.
- Ideally use a slightly different password for each use. That way if a hacker does get a password it won't work any other place.
- Change your passwords occasionally. It's just good computing practice. And if you worry about losing a password use an encryption program like Password Vault by www.lavasoftware.com. There are many similar apps available for both mac and pc. You may also wish to print out a backup copy of all your passwords and keep it secure in a safe deposit box.
- If you have a wifi router at home make sure it uses wpa encryption. The older wep encryption is much less secure. Make sure the password you use for the router is super secure. Your wifi router is open to the world.

[From Society of American Travel Writers Newsletter, date unknown]

Problem Solving Clinic Form

Check appropriate topics:

Email Software Hardware Internet Printing Security Other

OS: XP Vista Win 7 Software Title/Ver: _____

Describe the problem as clearly as possible. Attach sample of problem if possible. (please print clearly):

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Name _____
(please print clearly)

→ Clip top half of page and turn into membership desk by meeting break.



Door Prize Drawing Ticket

Door Prize Drawings - The Mission Oaks Computer Club holds door prize drawings randomly throughout the membership year. The Club requires that individuals must be a member of the club in order to participate in these drawings. You must be present during the drawing to win.

Ticket - In order to enter the drawing, each member must complete a *Door Prize Drawing Ticket*.

Print the ticket below, clip it, fill in your name and turn it in at the General Meeting.

Limit - One entry per person.

Mission Oaks Computer Club
Door Prize Drawing Ticket

Member's Name (Please print)

Print, clip and fill in name to enter drawing.
MOCC members only, one entry per person.