

**MISSION OAKS
COMPUTER
CLUB**

MAIN MEETING
SECOND THURSDAY
4701 GIBBONS DR.
CARMICHAEL CA 95608

From the President:

Thank you for visiting the Mission Oaks Computer Club.

This is a sample of the monthly newsletter prepared for our potential members. The actual newsletter provides computer-related ideas, a list of the current month's activities (along with a calendar), several quotes and a cartoon.

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President's Newsletter

Monthly Club Activities

Main Meeting 2nd Thursday 1-3 PM

Visit our website, click on the Meetings tab then Main Meetings to view upcoming program topics. See page 3 for more information.

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 2nd Wednesday 1-3 PM

The SIG is led by Cathrine Glashan (odd # months) and Graham Paul (even # months)

Bits 'n Bytes 4th Thursday 1-3 PM

The SIG is led by Dennis Duffy of the Sac PC Users Group and is audience driven.

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

Intermediate Plus 3rd Wednesday 1-3 PM

The SIG is led by Rik Larson and is audience driven.



The Club's Website:
www.missionoakscomputerclub.org

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



Visit our website for more information. Click on the Meetings tab, then Special Interest Groups, followed by the specific SIG.

Members receive a reminder email the week of the individual meeting.

Main Meetings [Subject to Change]

Future Main Meeting Topics

A list of upcoming main meeting topics is available at our website.

We attempt to schedule meetings well in advance. Note that all topics are subject to change.

We celebrate our birthday each October with a potluck and member presentations. The club was founded in 1988.

Ideas for future topics, or potential speakers, should be brought to the attention of the President or programs committee chairperson either in-person or via the club's email.

First-time visitors are always welcome to attend our monthly main meetings. We ask that those that wish to visit multiple times, attend SIG meetings or participate in our door prize drawings join the club.

Past Main Meeting Topics

- What's New in Digital Cameras
- Social Networking
- Back Stage at a Local Theater
- Homeland Security
- Planning Your Travel Online
- Financial Scams – Being Safe Online
- Library Services for e-books and audio books
- Smart Phones
- Laptop and Netbook Computers
- E-Book Readers
- Microsoft Office 2010

While past programs do not necessarily predict future programs, some topics tend to be repeated. These usually include such topics as digital cameras, Microsoft products, Apple products, Library services, etc.

**Main Meetings are held the 2nd
Thursday of each month.**

*“If you tell the
truth you don’t
have to
remember
anything.”*

Mark Twain

What is a Smartphone?



A **smartphone** is a mobile phone that offers more advanced computing ability and connectivity than a contemporary basic feature phone. Smartphones and feature phones may be thought of as handheld computers integrated with a mobile telephone, but while most feature phones are able to run applications based on platforms such as Java ME, a smartphone usually allows the user to install and run more advanced applications.

Smartphones run complete operating system software providing a platform for application developers.

According to a study by ComScore, over 45.5 million people in the United States owned smartphones in 2010 out of 234 million total subscribers. Despite the large increase in smartphone sales in the last few years, smartphone shipments only make up 20% of total handset shipments in the first half of 2010.

*“We are all born
ignorant, but one
must work hard
to remain
stupid.”*

**Benjamin
Franklin**

Should You Worry About Cookies?



HTTP cookies, more commonly referred to as Web cookies, tracking cookies or just cookies, are parcels of text sent by a server to a Web client (usually a browser) and then sent back unchanged by the client each time it accesses that server. Web cookies are used for authenticating, session tracking (state maintenance), and maintaining specific information about users, such as site preferences or the contents of their electronic shopping carts. The term "cookie" is derived from "magic cookie," a well-known concept in UNIX computing which inspired both the idea and the name of Web cookies.

Because they can be used for tracking browsing behavior, cookies have been of concern for Internet privacy. As a result, they have been subject to legislation in various countries such as the United States, as well as the European Union. Cookies have also been criticized because the identification of users they provide is not always accurate and because they could potentially be a target of network attackers. Some alternatives to cookies exist, but each has its own uses, advantages, and drawbacks.

Cookies are also subject to a number of misconceptions, mostly based on the erroneous notion that they are computer programs. In fact, cookies are simple pieces of data unable to perform any operation by themselves. In particular, they are neither spyware nor viruses, although cookies from certain sites are described as spyware by many anti-spyware products because they allow users to be tracked when they visit various sites.

Most modern browsers allow users to decide whether to accept cookies, but rejection makes some websites unusable. For example, shopping carts implemented using cookies do not work if cookies are rejected.

<http://answers.yahoo.com/question/index?gid=20081219032409AAv73iD>

Cookies are tiny files stored on your computer by Web sites you visit. The overwhelming majority of cookies are harmless. When your security tool finds a "tracking" cookie from a reputable site, you don't need to be concerned - the cookie is probably just counting visits.

In *most* cases, a cookie can only store information that you provided. When you fill out a form on a web site and type in your name, address, opinions or preferences, that information can be stored in a cookie. Otherwise, all the site knows about you is that you visited at a certain time, from a certain network, using a particular Web browser, looked around (or not) and left. The idea that your privacy is being invaded is silly, since you voluntarily provided the information in it.

To protect yourself against cookie abuse, use your normal security tools (anti-virus, firewall, spyware scanner) and know the sites you're dealing with. To delete cookies from your computer, read the "help" in your web browser. <http://web.ncf.ca/pat/pdqlib/cookies.html>



“One of the keys to happiness is a bad memory.”

Rita Mae Brown

“Just because something is easy to measure doesn't mean it's important.”

Seth Godin

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All meetings held at:

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Center
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Carmichael CA 95608

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



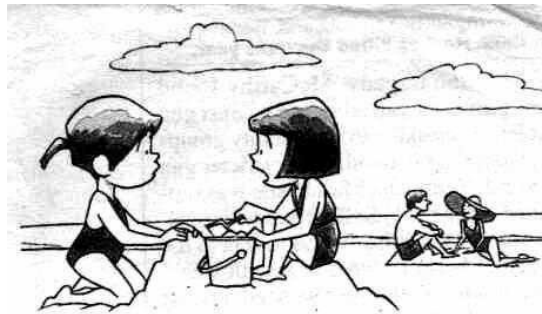
Mission Statement



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



"I'm never having kids. I hear they take
nine months to download."

Device Drivers



Device Doctor

Many things can cause computer problems. But device drivers can be the most confusing culprits. These allow your hardware peripherals (printer, keyboard, etc.) to work with your computer. But they occasionally need updates.

But driver updates are a tricky thing. Some come through Windows Update. Some peripheral software regularly checks for updates. But, for some, you'd never know when an update is needed.

Device Doctor is a great solution. It scans your computer hardware and looks for available updates. And you can download new drivers at the touch of a button.

This program is fast and easy to use. There is also a portable version that can be loaded on a thumb drive. You can check the drivers on any PC.

www.devicedoctor.com

[Original article from Kim Komando daily emails, May 11, 2010]

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.