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New User Meeting

Aug 6th

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Text Time ~
The Good
&
The Frustrating

General Meeting

NO
MEETING
IN
AUGUST

Meeting Locations

The New User & General Meetings are typically held at the Lakewood Public Library

Located at the southwest corner of Gravelly Lake Drive and Wildaire Road.

<http://www.nwapplpkrs.org>

Remembering Kathy Beels

We are sad to note the passing of Kathleen Beels on July 22nd. Like many of our NWAP family, Kathy was, at times, a rather reluctant techno user. She was never far from the leading edge of technology as her husband, Stewart, explored the newest and greatest toys, but she had to scramble to keep up with his latest system and hardware. Sometimes, a good book to read is all you need.

She loved the many cruises they booked in recent years and enjoyed the visiting the historical sites as well as the resort destinations.

Our condolences to Stewart and to Kathy's family.

An August Photo Expedition

No August General Meeting -- it's vacation time! That is our tradition (we do have a New User Meeting, however. Let's not go completely crazy.)

We may plan a Photo expedition for those folks who are interested in a group activity and aligns with the topics we've covered in recent meetings. A photo shoot is a chance to apply some of the photo tips and tricks we discussed and will help us work toward September's General Meeting where we review photo editing to "fix" all those photos we may take this summer.

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Word Wrap for Aug 2015

by Bob Moffat

Welcome to the Dog Days of Summer. It turns out that the name comes to us from far antiquity. The Greeks and later, Romans, designated some time between mid July and the beginning of September because Sirius (the Dog Star, and the brightest star in the Constellation Canis Major) is prominent during this span of weeks. Apparently dogs went crazy back in those ancient Augusts (even before the month was named August.)

Those residents among us who have lived in the vicinity for a few years and grown webs to adapt to the typical Days of

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EDITOR'S CORNER



Flickr ~ Another Option

<http://time.com/3911952/photo-storage-amazon-apple-dropbox-flickr-google/>

I looked at all of the options & finally went with Flickr. I had made the mistake of not backing up my iPhotos library before I opened Photos. Then I couldn't open iPhoto.

So I just started Flickr & said copy both iPhoto & Photos. 2,843 photos later my photos are stored in the cloud. Supposedly there are no duplicates ;-)



NorthWest Apple Pickers

NWAP is an Apple Macintosh User Group which meets the second Sunday of the Month. Annual Dues are \$40 for an individual or a family.
Send inquiries to P.O. Box 98203, Lakewood WA 98496

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Since your entire email will be posted as a PDF file, please keep the "for sale" items and the "wanted" items in their own appropriate email.

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NWAP and TAPCUG, a PC user group, are two organizations working together to support the Macintosh and PC platforms in the Greater Tacoma/Pierce County area. TAPCUG meets the second Saturday of each month. Send inquiries to: 6824 19th Street West PMB #170, University Place WA 98466.

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Red Chip

Buy your tickets, build the jackpot.
Aug starts at \$26.50

Word Wrap for August 2015

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Winter (usually sometime between the beginning of September and mid July, as a coincidence) are astounded. It's been hot. Very, very hot. For a long time.

Around here, dogs aren't the only critters going crazy this year. Just look at all those older folk hobbling around with painfully dry webbed toes. Temperatures are short. Attention spans are limited. Patience is in short supply.

Climate change is a controversial concept in some corners of the country. Deluge and drought have visited lands around the globe. No matter if Man is contributing to the change, it seems that change is measurable. And miserable.

Granted, year to year changes have always seemed pretty real to the folks who live through them. Looking back through history, there have been natural cycles of hot and cold, wet and dry ages. Modern technology has allowed us to measure more accurately, more completely, and more in-your-face-ly than ever before.

Satellite imagery and weather technology reveals every little shower, tornado, cyclone, and tropical depression with depressing detail. Headline writers on 24/7 schedules make sure no one escapes the news, the reviews, or the blues. If you are not waiting for the dry wash to flash flood in Nevada, you may be waiting for the Columbia River salmon to wash up on the shore already poached and table ready. Many Western lakes and rivers cannot float your boat this year. While some folks in other parts discovered their cars and homes will float after a record-breaking rain storm changes the course of the creek out back.

For those of us who are used to warm and drizzly days, this season has already exceeded. Really exceeded. We used to think that Dog Days with crazed canines referred to other more easterly and southerly climes. This year many of those areas might think of this year as Dog Paddle Days while ours is Dog Pant Days. In our neighborhood the lawns are the color of wheat fields ready to harvest and crunchy underfoot.

What can you do? This year our Dog Days are pretty Sirius.

"Free" Photo Storage

By

Glenn Fleishman

Macworld

April 17, 2015

The release of [Photos for OS X](#) has many people considering whether they want Apple to be a central storehouse and manager of their photos and videos. Security, privacy, persistence, and data integrity (i.e., multiple levels of backups) all have their place. But cost is a factor, too.

iCloud storage is certainly convenient since it's built so deeply into iOS and OS X. But it's not the cheapest.

While Apple substantially lowered iCloud storage fees last September, those fees remain high compared to Apple's competitors. The question is whether the utility associated with iCloud Photo Library is worth the extra dollars compared to the ecosystems of other companies.

Most storage pricing is predicated on the notion that most subscribers will use very little data, coupled with the continuous trend downward for the cost of hard-disk and SSD storage and bandwidth. (You can read more about this trend in Backblaze's latest annual report, in which they evaluate how commodity, off-the-shelf hard drives perform in their data centers.)

And for many companies, cheap storage is a leading edge of a wedge to bring you into their product and service ecosystem. For instance, Amazon wants more users, because its users order more products, especially high-margin digital products like books, video, and music.

(I use U.S. pricing and U.S. dollars throughout for consistency. Prices outside the U.S. are typically slightly to somewhat higher.)

For the rest of the article including comparisons go to :

<http://www.macworld.com/article/2910212/cloud-shopping-is-icloud-photo-library-the-best-value-for-your-dollar.html>

Go to page 5 for an article about on Google Photos & the editors corner on page 2 for another link comparing all of the options

Links to Interesting articles on the Internet ~ Aug. 2015

Courtesy Of Uncle Bob

Photos: dealing with some issues-

<http://www.macworld.com/article/2949010/software-photography/troubleshooting-photos-syncing-deleting-organizing-albums-and-more.html>

Word Processing: Office 2016 & Word review

<http://www.macworld.com/article/2946024/microsoft-releases-office-2016-for-mac-but-just-for-office-365.html>

<http://www.macworld.com/article/2950475/software-productivity/microsoft-word-2016-review-finally-much-needed-updates-make-word-more-mac-friendly.html>

Word Processing: Q&A about Pages

<http://www.macworld.com/article/2946258/pages-of-questions-and-answers-about-apples-word-processor.html>

Security: Virus and Malware

<http://bohemianboomer.com/2015/06/mac-viruses-pfft-mac-malware-ouch/>

Security: Scams

<http://blog.aarp.org/2015/07/03/mac-attack-and-more-the-latest-in-the-tech-support-scam/>

<http://tidbits.com/article/15777>

Security: How to uninstall Flash

<http://www.computerworld.com/article/2952995/mac-os-x/mac-os-how-to-uninstall-all-flash-and-why-we-all-should.html/>

Security: OS X Firewall

<http://www.macworld.com/article/2940180/fire-up-your-macs-firewall.html>

NWAP Board Meeting

July 12th, 2015

Notes by

by Judy Sloan

Present: Bob Moffat, Eldon Estep, Judy Sloan, Mary Fleck. Since there was a quorum, Bob Moffat called the meeting to order at 2:30.

It was MSP to accept the Treasurer's report as emailed.

There was no report as to the number of people at Mortvedt this month.

The new Website was pronounced a GO!

Old Business: It was suggested to have a photo shoot in August. Locations suggested were: Nisqually delta, Pt. Defiance We do not have a regular meeting. In Sept. there will be information about editing the photos taken in August.

Peter will communicate with J.J. Hudson re a possible meeting for the Franke Tobey Jones residents and friends.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Sloan, Secretary

An August Photo Expedition

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So, we will plan an informal excursion based on what the participants want to do. We have to face the fact that temperatures may be too hot for comfort in the mid-afternoon. At the moment we are considering a stroll along the Thea Foss Waterway from the Glass Museum. Parking at the city garage and taking the Tacoma Link to the Union Station area seems like a great idea.

What about it, NWAP shutterbugs? Let me know what you think about a late afternoon or early evening photo walkabout on August 12th.

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Google Photos may be free —

By

Serenity Caldwell

iMore

May 29th, 2015

Google Photos may be free — but there's still a cost Google Photos storage won't cost money, but you should know what you're signing up for.

Updated on 5/29 10AM ET to add information from Steven Levy's excellent interview with Google Vice President of Streams, Photos, and Sharing Bradley Horowitz, and to add information about Google's high-quality photo pricing tiers.

For more on Google Photos, check out Android Central's comprehensive coverage

Google announced its new Photos service at I/O today: It looks a lot like iCloud Photo Library, but with even more perks. Automatic slideshow movies! Insta-GIFs from burst photos! Interactive stories! You can automatically search for faces, places, and things without tagging! It syncs with iOS and the web! And, oh yeah — unlimited* (if your photos are 16MB or less) storage for *free*. What could be better?

Well, to start, it's important to know what "free" might actually cost you, and whether you're okay with that tradeoff.

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The dark side of free

As a company, Google has a lengthy history of offering free services with outrageously awesome storage capacities: Look at Gmail or Google Drive. There's a great business reason for that: free, in many cases, equals mass adoption. People love free things. One less bill I have to deal with? Sign me up! As a result, you get an awesome service you don't have to pay money for. But what does Google get from this relationship? Data. Lots and lots of data.

When you offer a free service, you're likely to get many more people to sign up or download it than if that service was offered at a cost. Google in large part uses this data to improve and expand its services: It needs those vast user numbers to make its

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New User Report

By Bob Moffat

We explored the wonderful world of word processing at the July meeting, looking at both OSX and iOS interfaces and comparing the way things work in several different applications.

At our August session we will take a look at Photos The Application. This recent addition has muscled in on iPhoto's territory and adds some new wrinkles and causes some oldtimers more wrinkles.

Please join us on **Thursday, Aug 6th from 7 to 9 p.m.** at the Lakewood Library.

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Mortvedt Session

By Bob Moffat

We meet the second Friday each month at the Tacoma Lutheran Retirement Community's Mortvedt Recreation Center. Meetings are open to everyone, whether or not they live at TLRC.

Coaches from NorthWest Apple Pickers are available to answer questions -- about Macs, iPads, and iPhones -- for novice and veteran users. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own Macs, iPhones, and iPads if they wish to work on issues with their own machines.

Join us on **Friday, August 14th from 10 a.m. to Noon.**

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General Meeting Report

By Bob Moffat

August is traditionally our vacation: often the only dry, warm Sunday afternoon of the Summer. Oh, well.

We have NO MEETING scheduled for August.

However, some of us may plan a photo shoot, since we have spent time recently talking about photos and Photos. We'll discuss the details at the New User Meeting on August 6th to determine when, where, and if we'll venture out in the August heat to take some great pictures.

Please have a wonderful time, whatever you choose to do! See you at the September 13th meeting!

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South Sound Adobe Users Group

The South Sound Adobe Users Group meets the **second Monday of the month**. We meet in the Tacoma Lutheran Community's Training Room, located at 1301 N. Highland Parkway.

Info and driving instructions at
<http://ssaug.org/TacomaLutheranDirections.pdf>

Our members work with graphics, design, web, and publication applications such as Adobe Creative Suite and Creative Cloud (such as Photoshop, In-Design, Illustrator, et al.) Our purpose is to share our knowledge and learn how to use these tools more effectively.

Our **Monday, August 11th meeting** will look at BLOGGING: What you were afraid to ask but need to know!

Meetings begin with an informal brown-bag meal at 5:30 and the evening's presentation runs from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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Membership Report For June 2015

By **Francette Beeler**
As Of **06/22/2015**

Active Memberships: 56

Membership Renewals:

Jackie Fiacchi, Herman Diers, David & Mary Fleck,
Webb & JoAnn Olliphant, Maureen & Jerry Kunz

New Members:

None

Memberships Needing Renewal:

Due in June: Katherine Johnson

Due in July: Clarene Johnson

Due in Aug: Dawne & Jim Aho, Jeanne Hansen,
Ruth Elliott

Due in Sept: Monika Roberts-Brown, Eldon Estep,
Bob Brown, Delores & Magno B Tulfo

Meeting Attendance:

New User Group on 2015-07-02 had 9 members
attend.

Mortvedt Center on 2015-07-10 had 10 members
attend.

Board Meeting on 2015-07-12 had 6 members at-
tend.

General Meeting on 2015-07-12 had 15 members
attend.

Google Photos may be free —

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services the best in the world. But because the company isn't charging for its services to get those user numbers, it still has to make money — it isn't a charity.

And therein comes the potential dark side of Google's data usage, where the company pays its debts by leveraging its biggest asset: you. The millions of people who sign up for free Google services agree to terms and conditions that give the company permission to access certain subsets of any information you put online.

In plain English, that means being able to sell custom ads against your data: showing you a Nordstrom ad for shoes, for instance, because Google knows from search or web history that you looked at some yesterday, or from Gmail that you purchased heels at the store last week.

The company uses this data to sell to advertisers, and advertisers in turn get a much closer look at you, your spending habits, and your daily activities. For some people, this is a perfectly reasonable tradeoff for "free". But many others sign up for these services without ever quite realizing what they've given away.

The potential of photographic data

An image may be worth 1000 words, but image metadata  may spill far more information than that, especially when applied to a Google service. According to [this year's Google I/O keynote](#), the Photos service will offer a search function that can find people, places, and objects — all without any active tagging on the end user's part.

Continue this article at:

http://www.imore.com/google-photos-may-be-free-what-personal-cost?utm_source=related&utm_medium=module&utm_campaign=next

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