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New User Meeting
Sept 3rd
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Security & Backups

General Meeting
Sept 13th
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
The Photos App

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>

Phabulous, Phrustrating Photos

We continue to explore the wonders of Photos.app as we deal with the photos we took over the summer. This software arrived with Yosemite and replaced the familiar iPhoto (which still works.) While the editing tools are presented in a new way, Photos can doctor images in much the same way as iPhoto or a number of other similar programs. The biggest issues most of us have had converting to Photos are the changes in the way photos are organized (Events, Albums, Collections, for example.) Some of the data and tags on the old system do not show on the new system.

Our September 13th General Meeting will explore the organization facts we need to know to manage Photos. We'll also discuss some of the editing features and ask members to share their favorite photo image of this summer's picture taking. (Hint: bring the image on a thumb drive!)

Here are some links about ways to polish photography skills:

<http://www.techradar.com/us/news/software/applications/the-best-photo-filter-apps-for-iphone-and-ipad-1301686>

<http://www.bbc.com/news/in-pictures-33674327>

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Word Wrap for Sept 2015

by Bob Moffat

We live in a wonderful corner of the planet. By nearly any measure you care to apply, our region excels—scenery, variety, diversity, agriculture, industry, maritime, academia, technology, recreation, and economic, to name a few.

Wildfires are raging around the Northwest as I write this. A smoky pall has turned the sunlight a sickly tan and the moon a dim orange. Lives and livelihoods have been devastated by the flames in some of the most picturesque places in our state. We mourn the loss of life. We pray the injured will be healed and the survivors will rebuild their lives as they rebuild the homes that have burned.

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Quicken Up On The Block

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"I have never seen a major software company so technically inept and getting worse. Every month there seems to be some new major issue with this software," griped Bill of Scottsdale, Ariz.

Intuit promised that it would continue to maintain and develop Quicken until it finds a buyer, adding that it plans to release the next edition, Quicken 2016 for Windows, and would keep working on the Mac version. Current users should see no interruption in their ability to use the software or its associated services, such as Quicken Bill Pay.

"As we move through this sale, it's business *better than usual*," wrote Eric Dunn, who heads the Quicken unit, in an online statement. "As a standalone business, we'll focus solely on taking Quicken to the next level. And until we find that buyer, we'll continue to provide you with [the] dedicated, uninterrupted service and support you deserve."

If Intuit keeps to its usual schedule, it will ship Quicken 2016 in the next several weeks. Quicken 2015, for instance, launched in early August 2014, while Quicken 2014 appeared in early October 2013.

Quicken is one of the oldest desktop products, preceding even Windows. Quicken debuted in 1983, near the beginning of the PC revolution, and first ran on Microsoft's DOS.



NorthWest Apple Pickers

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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

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Word Wrap for Sept. 2015

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For anyone who has driven the North Cascades Loop, the list of wildfires is a sobering tally of scenic waypoints along the route. At Newhalem the Seattle City Light tour is an introduction to the hydroelectric dams on the Skagit River. Over Rainy and Washington Passes and on to the eastern slopes of the Cascades, from Mazama, Winthrop, Twisp, Carlton, and Methow the road leads down the valley toward the Okanogan and then southward along the river to Chelan. How many of us have spend the day on Lake Chelan on the tour to the top of the Lake for lunch at Stehekin?

Or have you turned north into the Okanogan and driven through Omak and Tonasket? Have you been through Republic and over Sherman Pass to Kettle Falls and Colville then south through Addy and Deer Park to Spokane? Just to the east is Coeur d'Alene. And to the south is The Palouse, where I grew up.

When I looked at the map of all the wildfires it amazed me to see how they covered so many parts of the state that I had visited in the course of roaming around over many decades. (By car, not horse and buggy, mind you!)

Fires are raging in our neighboring states, as well. The West's drought has left our forests and range lands ready to burn. One of the fires in Idaho is a few miles east of my old home town and very near Laird Park, where groups in our community often held special event picnics in the summer. Along the North Fork of the Palouse River, the park was a great place to gather to share all those wonderful things that picnics meant. Along with the simmering pot of hot dogs we had all those mysterious casseroles, stews, fried chicken, hot dishes, salads, deserts, and freshly-cranked ice cream.

A little further toward the headwaters of the river is the spot my Dad used to sneak off to (to try to lure trout to his cast. He always had the creel and reel in the trunk of the car, just in case the opportunity arose.)

One of the wonders of the computer age is the incredible maps and that is what triggered all these memories for me. Seeing the contours of the land on these maps makes it easier to visualize what the country must be like. When I looked at this fire area, I realized that this might be on the very mountain-

side where our family once spent the day collecting huckleberries (and keeping on eye out for bear.) I recall a hot, dusty afternoon clinging to the stony slope and wondering what was so great about the tart little berries.

The maps that cover the communities and areas hit by this year's fires will, for some time, continue to show things the way they were *before*. As satellite photos capture the newly burned places and update the views, there will be many fewer buildings and great areas waiting for new growth. Let's hope that folks who have lost so much will be able and willing to rebuild soon, so that the maps will soon reflect a healthy, vibrant, verdant *after*.

I look forward to touring this great state and finding that everyone, every community, and every ecosystem has successfully moved past this dreadful season to rebuild, renew, and resume. After all, Washington is the Evergreen State.

NWAP Board Meeting

The 12th of Never

Notes by

No One

There was no Board Meeting in August
so there are no notes.

Surprise, Surprise

Links to Interesting articles on the Internet ~ Sept. 2015

Courtesy Of Uncle Bob

Security updates included in 10.10.5 and iOS 8.4.1

<http://tidbits.com/article/15859>

Managing the Finder Window

<http://www.macworld.com/article/2955638/os-x/how-to-get-a-new-finder-window-the-size-you-want.html>

Managing iOS features that may “annoy” you

<http://www.macworld.com/article/2968360/ios/7-truly-annoying-ios-features-and-how-to-make-them-stop.html>

iCloud features and options

<http://www.macworld.com/article/2971397/data-center-cloud/apple-updates-icloud-with-new-features-to-restore-lost-data.html>

<http://appleinsider.com/articles/15/08/14/icloudcom-gains-options-to-restore-files-contacts-calendar-data>

Class Action suit for MacKeeper customers

<http://www.macworld.com/article/2968332/legal/mackeeper-customers-can-file-a-claim-to-get-their-money-back.html>

Avoid Tech Support Scams

<http://blog.aarp.org/2015/07/03/mac-attack-and-more-the-latest-in-the-tech-support-scam/?cmp=sf40034447+sf40034447>

What's on your Dock?

<http://sixcolors.com/2015/08/dock-tales-whats-in-your-macs-dock/>

Sun City West FM Radio Station **KSCW-LP**

<http://suncitywestradio.com>

Phabulous, Phrustrating Photos

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In the meantime if you are looking for online support, here are some links for tutorials and manuals about using Photos. You may find more helpful publications at the App Store for iOS or Mac. (And check out menu bar "Help" when running Photos.)

<https://www.takecontrolbooks.com/photos-crash-course>

<http://www.themacu.com/index.html>

<http://www.noteboomtutorials.com/contact-us/>

http://www.lynda.com/Photography-training-tutorials/70-0.html?category=apple_106

<http://www.peachpit.com/topics/topic.aspx?st=61436>

<http://www.macworld.com/article/2968354/software-photography/more-photos-qa-dealing-with-limitations-in-multiple-libraries-smart-albums-and-more.html>

If it's September-- it's time for The Fair!

September 11 - 27 marks the run of the 2015 Washington State Fair in Puyallup. You can check out the schedule of events and find out what acts are performing at www.TheFair.com.

The biggest and brightest act of all, of course, will be the User Groups Booth in the Pavillion 1st Floor on Thursday, September 17th from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Look for us at Booth 16.

Members of NorthWest Apple Pickers, TAPCUG, OMUG, and SSAUG will be on hand throughout the day to meet and greet fairgoers and explain the advantages of belonging to a user group.

Intuit Puts Venerable Quicken Up On The Block

By Gregg Keizer, Computerworld

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http://www.macworld.com/article/2974462/mac-apps/intuit-puts-venerable-quicken-up-on-the-block.html#tk.nl_macwk

Intuit yesterday announced that it would sell its Quicken unit, the group that creates the personal finance software that made the company famous.

The news -- and Intuit management's explanation for the sale -- illustrated the retreat of personal computer desktop software and the rise in cloud- and subscription-based services. It also distressed users, who wondered whether the banking and investment software would survive, and if not, how they would replace a program they've relied on for years, sometimes decades.

On a conference call with Wall Street analysts Thursday, CEO Brad Smith said Intuit would focus on its small business and tax software, represented by [QuickBooks](#) and [TurboTax](#), respectively -- both have strong cloud- and subscription-based businesses -- and is ditching [Quicken](#) because, as a strictly desktop product, it has neither.

"As you know, Quicken is a desktop-centric business and it doesn't strengthen the small business or tax ecosystems," said Intuit CEO Brad Smith in a conference call with Wall Street Thursday. "Our strategy is focused on building ecosystems and platforms in the cloud. We value our loyal Quicken customers and we're seeking a buyer who will provide the product support and the service they deserve."

Right.

"I expect Quicken to be dead in two years at best," predicted someone identified as "rickbee9," in one of several comments on the [Quicken discussion forum thread](#) about the proposed sale.

Others questioned Smith's explanation, saying that Intuit is simply ditching its weakest money makers to make its balance sheet look better. "[It's] clear that Intuit is divesting itself of the lowest revenue items, no matter how they spin it," wrote

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New User Report

By Bob Moffat

Eager to take pictures? Our August meeting reviewed the applications Photos, which replaced iPhotos. Lots and lots of questions and comments about the differences! We'll continue to discuss the changes as we all adjust.

Back to reality in September: we plan to talk about backing up your data and security. While iOS devices and Macs are not as vulnerable to viruses and malware as Brand X we still must be vigilant and proactive. A good backup strategy is a basic safety measure, but proper computer (and computing) protection is important.

Please join us on **Thursday, September 3rd, 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, September 11th from 10 a.m. to Noon.**

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General Meeting Report

By Bob Moffat

Guess what? We never have an August Meeting so there is nothing to report. (However, a few hardy members met for a photo shoot at Point Defiance Park on August 13th and had a great time taking pictures.)

Speaking of taking pictures, our September meeting will be ANOTHER round of photo fun: members will be able to bring their favorite summer photo (thumb drive) to share as we talk about the application Photos and explore how to use it to organize, manage, edit, and share images. (We will probably discuss the newest Apple product announcements, too.)

Please join us on **Sunday, September 13th from 3 to 5 p.m.** at the Lakewood Library.

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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 Education Room, located at 1301 N. Highland Parkway.

Info and driving instructions at
<http://ssaug.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/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 next meeting will be **Monday, September 14th meeting**.

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 Aug 2015

By **Francette Beeler**
As Of **08/24/2015**

Active Memberships: 55

Membership Renewals: Jerry & Maureen Kunz,
Gloria & David Putman, Jeanne Hansen, Katherine
Johnson

New Members:

None

Memberships Needing Renewal:

Due in Aug: Jim & Dawne Aho, Ruth Elliott

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

Due in Oct: Judy Bickenbach, Louis Torre, Bob
Moffat, Judith Sloan

Meeting Attendance:

New User Group on 2015-08-06 had 11 members
attend. Visitor(s): Phil Venditti

Mortvedt Center on 2015-08-14 had 12 members
attend. Visitor(s): Eunice Robeck

Board Meeting No Meeting In August.

General Meeting No Meeting In August.

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"smayer97" on the same thread. "It is clear that this has nothing to do with which segment classes of products they are keeping vs. not ... they are clearly only wanting to keep the top revenue items."

The three units Intuit plans to sell -- Quicken, QuickBase and Demandforce -- accounted for less than 6% of the firm's fiscal 2015 revenue, and just 2% of its net income during the same period. For the last 12 months, Quicken contributed just \$51 million to the company's total revenue of nearly \$4.2 billion.

One indicator of the soon-to-be-sold units' worth in investors' eyes is that not one Wall Street analyst asked a question yesterday about their proposed sale.

In a [FAQ about the Quicken sale](#), Intuit asserted that it would find the right home for the personal finance software. "We are seeking a buyer that recognizes the value of the brand, respects the customers and will invest in upgrading the product and support experience," said Intuit. "We intend to run a crisp process, focused on engaging with strong and reputable buyers."

Customers weren't buying that either.

"I love how [the CEO] is telling you that he can pick a buyer in a way that they will do everything they didn't do," said "QuicknPerlWiz". "Quicken is 32 years old, and to a developer that usually means code that is really hard to maintain, and that certainly shows."

In many ways, Quicken is software that users love to hate. With years of data in the company's proprietary format -- and few alternatives -- they not only feel trapped but also regularly rail about the product. [Quicken's listing on ConsumerAffairs.com](#), the consumer advocacy organization's website, makes for dismal reading: The overall satisfaction rating is one star out of a possible five.

"I hate this program. I've been using Quicken for many years, and it just get[s] worse and worse with each update. It is less and less user friendly," alleged Beverly of Midland, Tex.

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