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New User Meeting
Wednesday
July 10th
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
WiFi &
Photo Taking

General Meeting
No General Meeting
July Or August

Mortvedt Ctr &
Franke Tobey
Jones, See Page 6

The New User & General Meetings are TYPICALLY held at the Lakewood Public Library unless otherwise noted.

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Check the website for current locations

<http://www.nwap-plpkr.org/meet->

Where Are We Meeting?

Our summer schedule is off to a surprising start: **this month only the New User Meeting has moved to Wednesday, July 10.** (Obviously, meeting on Independence Day was a non-starter.) We do not have Sunday meetings in July and August, but our other sessions continue as usual. Here is what **we** plan to do during **your** summer vacation:



Monday **July 8:** Franke Tobey Jones - 2 pm

Wednesday **July 10:** New User Group - 7 pm

Friday **July 12:** Mortvedt Session - 10 am



Thursday **August 1:** New User Group - 7 pm

Friday **August 9:** Mortvedt Session - 10 am

Monday **August 12:** Franke Tobey Jones - 2 pm



Thursday **Sept. 5:** New User Group - 7 pm

FRIDAY SEPT. 6: The Fair Booth - all day

Sunday **Sept. 8:** General Meeting - 3 pm
Monday **Sept 16** (*New Day*) Franke Tobey Jones - 2 pm



Note: locations of August and September NWAP meetings subject to reservations.

Word Wrap For July 2019

by Bob Moffat

I've always had the theory that "history" is something that ended just before I was born. It was a confusing subject as a student; every year in elementary school our history books began with Columbus discovering America. That apparently lead to the Middle Ages in Europe, Ancient Greek and Roman times, or events in our hemisphere that actually followed his voyage.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of many events that have continued to shape our world. From political and social realms to the technical and scientific, 1969 was a year chock-full of

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NorthWest Apple Pickers

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Tacoma Area PC User Group

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: 309 Henly Ct. Steilacoom Wa 98388

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July 2019



Word Wrap For July, 2019 by Bob Moffat

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biggies. There were two moon landings that year, while the war in Viet Nam continued, President Nixon was inaugurated, the first message over ARPANET led to what we call the "Internet," the 747 first flew, Monty Python's Flying Circus debuted, and Sesame Street's first episode was broadcast.

When I was a kid, 50 years seemed like a long, long ago time – Model T's, bi-planes and barnstormers, crystal set radios, the roaring 20's, 48-star flags, and Great Depression dust bowl eras. It was difficult to grasp how dramatically life on the Planet Earth had changed in any 50-year span as I was growing up. As a matter of fact, that difficulty remains true as I continue growing...up.

Two hundred years ago, in 1819, James Monroe was in his first term as the 5th President of the 22 United States. A 50 year look backward would have revealed biggies, too. Someone fondly recalling what happened in 1769 would have discovered the 13 United States of America were half-way through the eight year long struggle for independence from England. The first steamship leaves Savannah, Georgia for the first crossing of the Atlantic and arrives in Liverpool four weeks later. Florida has just been ceded to the U.S. to become a territory. Spanish missionaries establish the California missions. James Watt receives a patent for his steam engine. In Europe, Mozart is a 14-year-old prodigy on tour with his father. Oxford publishes the Standard Text revision of the 1611 King James Bible.

The White House in Washington, D.C., has been rebuilt following the fire set by the British in 1814 and is again occupied by the President.

So here we are in 2019. A 50 year lens seems a minor chunk of time to me. However, almost 70 per cent of Americans are under age 50. They don't remember the Beatles on Ed Sullivan or the awe of watching a grainy TV broadcast from the lunar surface of a human being stepping onto the Moon. Few would recognize the teensy "computer" aboard that spacecraft contained the key concept that led to the mobile phone they carry today. They won't have witnessed the *Challenger* disaster. This month's high school grads may not remem-

ber that the first piece of the International Space Station was delivered to orbit when they were in the first grade.

What a historic distance we have come in the past 243 years since our national birthday. Wonder what Columbus would make of his discovery today?

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

Photo by Loretta Chamberland



Speedtest & Tiers

by Dennis Raven, NWAP Member

Hello all,

At our previous meeting, several of us were discussing how fast the Internet runs depending on the equipment you have, including ESPECIALLY the modem and router. Using Speedtest is one of the best ways to find out if you're getting the speed you're paying for from your Internet provider. Several of us were using it and comparing the speeds during the meeting. If you would like to use it, just go to speedtest.net

However, speeds vary depending on several factors, with the most important factors being the level of service you have purchased, as well as the type of modem, router, and cabling you have connected. The equipment you use REALLY makes a difference.

The right equipment consists of a good (or great) modem, at least CAT5 or CAT6 Ethernet connecting cables, an Internet provider that actually delivers the speed and service you are paying for, and a router and modem that are capable of utilizing all the other pieces to push out data according to the specs.

It's best to attempt to buy the modem, cables, and router yourself to avoid renting equipment which you may end up paying on for many years.

However, your Internet provider may not be that advanced, so they may not actually have the capabilities to provide lightning fast service. When you call, ask them "do you provide service to my address, what tiers of service do you provide, and is it cable modem service or something else?" Lastly, you should ask them how much the rental equipment is - because buying it yourself saves you quite a bit of money over renting.

With that said, I would look for this type of equipment:

Again - assuming this is a cable modem connection, you should be able to find that equipment quite easily, even used on eBay. If anyone is interested I could deconstruct all this geek talk and talk only about how and where to get the best deals for equipment that you'll actually own and don't have to worry about paying on forever.

Please reply to the people who graciously devote their time to teach us about what we need or don't need for equipment, and how to save money and still get great Internet. I will also be happy to answer any questions I receive.

From my home Comcast network, under the same conditions, setup with a modem and router as described earlier, I'm able to consistently obtain a download speed of 138 Mbps and an upload speed of 12.1 Mbps. Most of this speed boost is due to the modem and router being used.

If you have any questions, I'd be happy to answer them at our next meeting.

Dennis Raven

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Links to Interesting articles on the Internet ~ July 2019

Courtesy Of Uncle Bob

Some of the announcements at the WWDC about what's ahead:

iOS 13:

https://www.apple.com/ios/ios-13-preview/?cid=CDM-US-DM-P0019310-421194&cp=em-P0019310-421194&sr=em&Email_PageName=P0019310-421194&Email_OID=5d349f1684a893e-f854c5d5e8908950152ccb13c0bdf5e6cfe170ecd9ab76d90

iPadOS:

https://www.apple.com/ipados/ipados-preview/?cid=CDM-US-DM-P0019310-421194&cp=em-P0019310-421194&sr=em&Email_PageName=P0019310-421194&Email_OID=ce51ac6975ec48c3982598f2a8c9daad46b4a2513833aeb403490c0dc8f8a3da

watchOS:

<https://www.apple.com/watchos/watchos-preview/>

macOS Catalina:

<https://www.apple.com/macOS/catalina-preview/>

List of devices and models that will be compatible with the next OS releases:

<https://appleinsider.com/articles/19/06/03/apple-posts-list-of-ios-13-and-ipados-compatible-hardware>

<https://appleinsider.com/articles/19/06/03/apple-reveals-which-macs-will-run-macos-catalina>

<https://appleinsider.com/articles/19/06/04/how-to-prepare-for-macos-catalina-by-organizing-your-itunes-library>

VPN (Virtual Private Network) — making sense of it all?

<https://blog.macsales.com/48649-network-and-security-series-the-benefits-of-virtual-private-networks-vpns/>

<https://blog.macsales.com/48759-networking-and-security-series-popular-vpns-compared/>

Dark Mode has a dark downside:

<https://tidbits.com/2019/05/31/the-dark-side-of-dark-mode/>

Create your own {letterhead-or other} template in Pages.app:

<https://tidbits.com/2019/05/31/the-dark-side-of-dark-mode/>

Using Mission Control on your Mac:

<https://blog.macsales.com/49131-tips-for-using-mission-control-on-a-mac/>

Stanford commencement speech delivered by Tim Cook:

<https://9to5mac.com/2019/06/16/tim-cook-stanford-commencement-speech/>

As demonstrated at May General Meeting, create a virtual home button on your iPad screen VIDEO!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CyANbAsEvG0>

New User Report

By Bob Moffat

The June meeting was filled with lots of discussion about a variety of topics, as usual. By the time we got around to the announced topic, once again we ran a bit short of time. So, we'll pick another session to continue our look into Pages.app (and its companions Keynote and Numbers.)

For July we are going to explore two topics: your Internet connections (how, why, and what) as well as some time looking at using the built-in cameras we carry around on our iPhones and iPads. We'll check out some of the options and ways to improve our results before (and after) editing. NOTE: we are meeting a week after *Independence Day* and on a different day this month!

Please join us on **WEDNESDAY, JULY 10th**, 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, July 12th from 10 a.m. to Noon.**

**Mortvedt Recreation Center
1707 N. Vassault St.
Tacoma 9840**

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(No) General Meeting

By Bob Moffat

Summer has arrived! School's out and everyone is planning great ways to spend warm and wonderful weekends.

As usual, **we suspend our Sunday General Meetings during July and August** so our members have a chance to enjoy vacation time, too.

We *continue our other meetings* during July and August.

Our next Sunday get-together will be in September during The Washington State Fair (which runs from August 30 thru September 22.)

Have fun. Keep cool. Be careful with fire. Don't feed the bears. Use sunscreen. Pickup your trash.

Please join us on **Sunday, September 8th** from 3 to 4:45 pm at the **Lakewood Library**.

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Franke Tobey Jones

Apple Device Workshop

Our coaches meet the **second Monday** each month at Franke Tobey Jones to help residents and guests in the Wellness Center, offering one-on-one coaching for iPads, iPhones, and Mac computers. Folks are encouraged to bring their own devices. This will be chance to ask questions and get some answers about how to figure out these devices that connect us to the rest of the world.

Join us on **Monday July 8th
at 2 p.m**

**Franke Tobey Jones Wellness Center
5340 North Bristol Street
Tacoma 98407**

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NWAP Board Meeting

There was no board meeting in June

Membership Report For

May 2019

By Francette Beeler

As Of /6/18/2019

Active Memberships: 32

Recently renewed memberships:

Names in red are NEW MEMBERS!

Dick Lynch, Kathy & Gerald May, Pat

Lynch, Stewart Beels, David & Mary Fleck

Memberships Needing Renewal:

Due in July: Jerry Kunz, Maureen Howard,
Herman Diers

Meeting Report for past 30 days

New User Group : on 2019-06-06 had 11 members attend.

Mortvedt Center on 2019-06-14 had 8 members attend. Visitor(s):Dennis Raven:

Board Meeting on 2019-06-09 had 5 members attend.

General Meeting on 2019-06-09 had 12 members attend. Visitor(s):Dennis Raven: Guest

Franke Tobey Jones on 2019-06-10 had 6 members attend. Visitor(s):Dennis Raven:



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August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
June 30	1	2	3	4 <i>Independence Day</i>	5	6	Summer Schedule for July & August: <i>No Sunday</i> meetings					1 New User Group 7 pm Lakewood Lib	2	3
7	8 Franke Tobey Jones 2 pm Wellness Ctr	9	10 New User Group 7 pm Lakewood Lib	11	12 Mortvedt Session 10 – noon Mortvedt Rec	13 TAPCUG 9:30 am Lakewood Senior Ctr	4	5	6	7	8	9 Mortvedt Session 10 – noon Mortvedt Rec	10 TAPCUG 9:30 am Lakewood Senior Ctr	
No General Meeting this month	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
27	28	29	30	31										

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