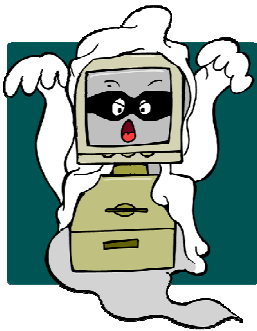


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## General Meeting- October 25- 2 PM



What's new in Let's Compute you ask? Well, now, it's the Kindle SIG! We've had our first meeting in the lab with a full house in attendance – and as we all know, a full house in the lab is 37 people. If you're interested in the Kindle, read the article in this issue of Bits and Bytes.

As most of you know, things have been slow this past month, with few classes being offered. Still slim picking (an Ozark expression) this month for classes, but that should pick up a bit in October when people begin returning from cooler climates. Shelia Harbet, VP of Education, is still looking for teachers willing to offer classes. It's a rewarding experience to share what you know and to see someone smile when they've learned something new – large or small.

I haven't mentioned lately how to exit the lab in the event of a fire drill or worse case scenario, a real fire! Push in those chairs first! That makes it possible for those not on the aisle to exit quickly also. I highly recommend you not exit into the hallway; the fire door will be closing between the lab and the post office. Exit through the door in front of the lab – just be aware that it is hinged on the opposite side from what is normal, so push the bar on the left side. That door is your quickest exit from the building.

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Matt Mardini, President of Wolverine, will present a program on Card Readers, Scanners and Portable Scanners at our General Meeting.

Check out their web site at [wolverinedata.com](http://wolverinedata.com)

General meetings have started, so if you missed the September meeting, mark the third Tuesday of the month so you don't miss the one this month. If you have a suggestion or know of someone who might give an interesting presentation, contact Jerry Katler.

I'd like to thank June Cross for her many years of getting volunteer greeters to work the tables and doors at the general meetings. June always found friendly people to greet us as we entered Speakers' Hall.

At the same time, I'd like to welcome Jean Ferrull, one of those friendly people, who has volunteered to take over that position. Jean has volunteered at the tables for several years; you'll still see her as you enter, only in a different capacity.

Do take time to look at the last page of B & B. It's filled with names, telephone numbers and email addresses of people you might need/want to contact that month.

And now I leave you with a thought from Albert Einstein: "There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle."



By Len Heller

Computer Club President Lyn Morse opened the meeting promptly at 9:00 AM and introduced guest speakers Kent McDonald and Len Heller.

Kent McDonald, gave a brief reminder regarding the Printers at the back of the Computer Room. Please DO NOT turn the power to the Printers off if it starts a run away print job, just pull out the paper tray and that will stop the Printer.

Len Heller spoke briefly about the new Magic Trackpad. It's great for scrolling and manipulating photos, but is extremely sensitive. If you work with text or spreadsheets, it seems to have a mind of it's own. It appears to work well for specific applications only.

Subject: The new Lion Operating System has not yet been installed on any of our Mac Computers. This meeting was an opportunity to point out the potential problems and/or differences between Snow Leopard and Lion. Several members had already downloaded Lion to their computers and seemed to be pleased with it (after overcoming some of the new features). The cost to download Lion is about \$30.00, and it takes about four to five hours to download. It is not available on a CD. It is available on a "Thumb Drive" for \$70.00. Not all of your present programs will be operable on Lion. You can determine this in advance by going to: [roaringapps.com/apps:table](http://roaringapps.com/apps:table). At the top of that page you will see

an alphabet. If you have Photoshop, click on the "P" to find Photoshop, which will tell you Yes, No or Maybe.

Shirley Allan, (who has been working her nine good fingers to the bone) will be giving a demonstration of Lion at the October 21st meeting. With Kent's help, she will hook her laptop to the projector and she will give us a Heads Up on some of the new features (or gestures) in Lion. With luck she may even start teaching Lion this November!

**The next Mac SIG will be on October 21 at 9:00 in the computer lab.**



By Lyn Morse

On September 6, 37 people met in the computer lab for the first meeting of what became, that night, the Kindle SIG. The meeting was led/moderated by Sharon Kiel and Lyn Morse. An hour and a half was spent in Sharon and Lyn sharing information they had gathered, and with those in attendance sharing their knowledge and experiences. Discussion ranged from the very basic to topics about lending and sharing Kindle books, draining of the Kindle's battery (check Tip of the Month at the end) and the syncing of books on two Kindles.

Several people had questions involving problems they had experienced; those were success-

fully answered. This is one great benefit of any SIG, having contact with others with similar interests (and problems).

During the evening, many ideas/topics were brought up that merit discussion at future SIGS.

Future meetings of Kindle SIG will be the third Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be October 18 at 7:00 in the computer lab. Topics to be presented are: How to put music on your Kindle and working with bookmarks.

You must be a member of Let's Compute to attend. Membership cards will be asked for when you sign in. Number is limited to 37 people. Look for the person with the clipboard in the hallway area; you need to sign in there to ensure your seat at the meetings. Yes, people were turned away at the first meeting because the 37 people limit was reached before the meeting started.



**TIP of the MONTH:**

Be sure you have turned off the wireless connection when you are no longer using it. This is a major reason batteries do not hold their charge. Remember, wireless doesn't need to be on to read your books.

**The next Kindle SIG will be on October 18 at 7:00 PM in the computer lab**





Arlene Faber and Kent McDonald

Seventeen hardy souls arrived on a rare rainy evening for the first session of the season.

Kent McDonald started out with news. He told us that Zagat was just bought by Google and will use their UGC (user-generated-content) restaurant ratings in their Google+ social network site.



A digital billboard has an included camera that can analyze you and then run an ad tailored to your sex/age. Carnegie Mellon University tried an experiment using facial recognition to match nameless photos from an online dating site with photos on Facebook to find names. More than half of the photos could be identified by name. So much for privacy of online dating.

The police have an iPhone facial-recognition application that can take your picture at the crime scene and check it with their data base to identify the suspect.



Time Warner is rolling out a local free WiFi system for current TW users in some areas of the Los Angeles basin totaling 40 square miles. Non-TW customers will be charged \$3 per hour.

Windows 8 was introduced today by Microsoft, with plans to release it late in 2011. It is designed to work with touch screen

applications and will run on both desktop and mobile hardware chips. The user interface is derived from "Metro" used on Windows Phone 7.

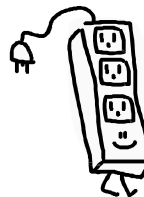
IE9 offers more security than earlier versions. It may be time to upgrade if you have not already done it. The latest Chrome and Firefox browsers also include protection from the stolen-SSL-certificate fraud that has impacted Skype and gmail users around the world.

Zumbox is a start-up company trying to get involved with the delivery of your mail. They are offering secure delivery of bills, statements and similar mail. It will require the sender to pay the mailing fee (less than US postage) and you get it free in your private, secure, electronic mailbox. This type of service is now available from at least four companies.

An electromagnetic pulse can wipe out the chips in computers, cars and everything else.

Netflix seems to have limited stock of movies for streaming. The mailed discs seem to be a better way to go. Some films are available in Blue Ray format. Streamed movies may not be available in HD format, and definitely not in 1080p format, which is only on Blu-Ray DVDs.

In light of the recent power outage we discussed surge protectors and backup power supplies. There are surge protectors with battery backups that can help smooth out and regulate the power flow to keep it at 120 volts. These units are called uninterruptible power supply units.



Popular brands are APC and Tripp-Lite. They will give you time to save your work and close safely. AVR (automatic voltage regulator) is the key term to look for. It may be called a power line cleaner or regulator.

Kerry Green shared some materials about a free tool to clean up your computer. It does a good job on the registry. It can be found at *Glaryutilities.com* and is available as a free download. He led us through what it can do and how to prevent the downloading of unwanted toolbars. It should be updated before a scan.

Kerry demonstrated how to hide Microsoft Windows updates you don't want to see again and again.

Next month Kerry plans to show us how jump lists work in Windows 7. **The next meeting will be October 11, 2011 at 7 PM in the computer lab.**

HELLO!

Stop by the lab and give John a thumbs-up

**New Monitor**

**John Hicks**



Thank you for all the messages and cards.

I'm happy to return to teaching in October with iWork-Pages and Holiday Cards and Newsletters in Pages. I am still in a cast but with the doctor's OK.

Be sure and attend the Mac Sig this month on the 21st where Lion will be a show-and-tell by yours truly. I've found ways to tame Lion so that you can keep the changes you like and alter those you don't.

Look for more new Lion classes in November!

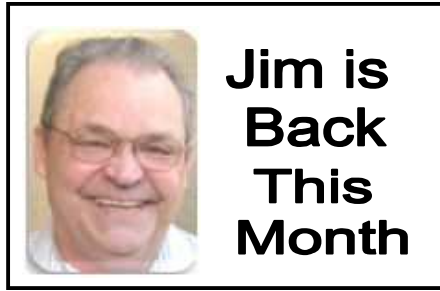
## Print Shop Getting Started



By Arlene Faber

Calling all folks who never tried this program before. We will start out with three basic tools of the program. With them you can create a wide variety of projects like fliers, labels and greeting cards. If you know your way around the key board and can use a mouse, you are ready for this class.

Later in the fall season we will have classes that go into greater detail with more tools, but now is the perfect time to begin. Look for the sign-up sheet in book 4. This class in on **Monday, October 10 at 1 PM, right after open lab time.**



## Jim is Back This Month

By Jim Calvert

I'm finally back after the summer away and I have planned some classes for October. We start with another look at the free suite of programs called, "LibreOffice." Jan has already presented some classes on the word processor program in LibreOffice. We will look at the spreadsheet program in LibreOffice.

I have done more work on the beginning PC classes. There will be three classes instead of five in each series and they will be for real beginners. There will be two sessions of the same three beginning classes in February.

In November I plan to offer some Windows 7 classes that will be a little more advanced.

We will also look at Photo-shop Elements. Students taking the classes will receive a CD containing 28 handouts and the photos for doing the exercises presented in the handouts.

It will be great to see you all again.



## Meet Jean Ferrull

By Jan Grenert

Jean Ferrull has graciously taken on the duties of organizing the General Meeting Volunteers. They are the friendly computer club members who welcome you at the door for the General Meetings, check your membership status and hand out the tickets for the free raffle of gifts provided by the club.

We appreciate them and their friendly smiles....and maybe the possibility of a winning ticket pulled out of the trick or treat bag!



## Foot Prints

Those things we leave behind where ever we go.

When you are using the lab computers for your personal email, be sure to log out and remove your digital "Footprints"

Keep your email safe and private.

# October Schedule of Classes

DAY	DATE	TIME	CLASS	OS	Book	TEACHER
Sat	Oct 1	10:00	<b>Open Lab 10:00 to Noon</b>			Lab
Tue	Oct 4	1 – 2:30	Pages (1/2)	Mac	1	Shirley Allan
Wed	Oct 5	1 -2:50	Intro to Spreadsheets with LibreOffice	PC	5	Jim Calvert
		3 – 4:30	Pages (2/2)	Mac	1	Shirley Allan
Thu	Oct 6	1:00	Email –attachments and managing contacts	PC	7	Shelia Harbet
		3 – 5	LibreOffice Text 1&2/4	PC	2	Jan Grenert
Sat	Oct 8		<b>Open Lab 10:00 to Noon</b>			Open Lab
Mon	Oct 10	1:00	PrintShop – Getting Started	PC	4	Arlene Faber
		2 – 3:50	PC for Beginners 3/3 (series 1)	PC	3	Jim Calvert
Tue	Oct 11	2 – 3:50	PC for Beginners 2/3 (series 1)	PC	3	Jim Calvert
		7:00	<b>PCI SIG</b>			Lab
Wed	Oct 12	2 – 3:50	PC for Beginners 3/3 (series 1)	PC	3	Jim Calvert
Thu	Oct 13	1:00	Intro to Firefox 6	PC/Mac	7	Al Sabsevitiz
		3 – 4:30	LibreOffice Text 3/4	PC	2	Jan Grenert
Fri	Oct 14	9:00	Passwords	PC/Mac	15	Chuck Hellman
Sat	Oct 15		<b>Open Lab 10:00 to Noon</b>			Open Lab
Mon	Oct 17	2 – 3:30	Quicken Basics	PC	8	Dave Rosenthal
Tue	Oct 18	1 – 2:50	Intro-PhotoShop Elements (1/3)	PC	14	Jim Calvert
		3:00	Holiday Cards in Pages	Mac	1	Shirley Allan
		7:00	<b>Kindle SIG</b>			Lab
Wed	Oct 19	1 – 2:50	Intro-PhotoShop Elements (2/3)	PC	14	Jim Calvert
Thu	Oct 20	9:00	<b>Board Meeting</b>			Idyllwild Rm
		1 – 2:50	Intro- PhotoShop Elements (3/3)	PC	14	Jim Calvert
		3 – 4:30	LibreOffice Text 4/4	PC	2	Jan Grenert
Fri	Oct 21	9:00	<b>Mac SIG - Lion Demo</b>			Lab
Sat	Oct 22		<b>Open Lab 10:00 to Noon</b>			Open Lab
Mon	Oct 24	1- 2:30	Quicken Basics	Mac	8	Dave Rosenthal
Tue	Oct 25	2:00	<b>General Meeting</b>			Speakers Hall
Wed	Oct 26	1 – 2:50	PC for Beginners 1/3 (repeat of series 1)	PC	3	Jim Calvert
		3:00	Holiday Newsletter in Pages	Mac	1	Shirley Allan
Thu	Oct 27	1 – 2:50	PC for Beginners 2/3 (repeat of series 1)	PC	3	Jim Calvert
Fri	Oct 28	1 – 2:50	PC for Beginners 3/3 (repeat of series 1)	PC	3	Jim Calvert
Sat	Oct 29		<b>Open Lab 10:00 to Noon</b>			Open Lab
Mon	Oct 31	1 – 2:50	PhotoShop Elements Workshop	PC	14	Jim Calvert



# October Classes Listed by OS



<b>PC CLASSES</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>
Email –attachments & managing contacts	Oct 6	1:00
Firefox 6 - Introduction	Oct 13	1:00
LibreOffice Intro to Spreadsheets	Oct 5	1 -2:50
LibreOffice: Text Documents		
1 and 2 of 4	Oct 6	3 – 5
3/4	Oct 13	3 - 4:30
4/4	Oct 20	3 – 4:30
Passwords	Oct 14	9:00
PC for Beginners (series 1)		
1/3	Oct 10	2 – 3:50
2/3	Oct 11	2 – 3:50
3/3	Oct 12	2 – 3:50
Repeat of above PC for Beginners		
1/3	Oct 26	1 – 2:50
2/3	Oct 27	1 – 2:50
3/3	Oct 28	1 – 2:50
PhotoShop Elements Intro:		
Class (1/3)	Oct 18	1 – 2:50
Class (2/3)	Oct 19	1 – 2:50
Class (3/3)	Oct 20	1 – 2:50
PhotoShop Elements Workshop	Oct 31	1 – 2:50
Print Shop- Getting Started	Oct 10	1:00
Quicken Basics	Oct 17	2 – 3:30

## MAC CLASSES

<u>MAC CLASSES</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Firefox 6 - Introduction	Oct 13	1:00
<u>Pages Classes</u>		
Pages (1/2)	Oct 4	1 – 2:30
Pages (2/2)	Oct 5	3 – 4:30
Holiday Cards in Pages	Oct 18	3:00
Holiday Newsletter in Pages	Oct 26	3:00
Passwords	Oct 14	9:00
Quicken Basics	Oct 24	1- 2:30





# October Monitor and Open Lab Schedule



Date	Day	10-12	12:00 -12:50
Oct.3	Mon	C. Chu	B. Crowley
Oct.4	Tue	H. Cook	H. Cook
Oct.5	Wed	C. Voelker	J. Hicks
Oct.6	Thu	B. Osborn	N. Alpert
Oct.7	Fri	J. Manion	S. Shiffman
Oct.8	Sat	L. Rowe	CLOSED
Oct.10	Mon	C. Chu	B. Crowley
Oct.11	Tue	H. Cook	H. Cook
Oct.12	Wed	C. Voelker	J. Hicks
Oct.13	Thu	B. Osborn	N. Alpert
Oct.14	Fri	J. Manion	S. Shiffman
Oct.15	Sat	L. Rowe	CLOSED
Oct.17	Mon	C. Chu	B. Crowley
Oct.18	Tue	H. Cook	H. Cook
Oct.19	Wed	C. Voelker	J. Hicks
Oct.20	Thu	B. Osborn	N. Alpert
Oct.21	Fri	J. Manion	S. Shiffman
Oct.22	Sat	L. Rowe	CLOSED
Oct.24	Mon	C. Chu	B. Crowley
Oct.25	Tue	H. Cook	H. Cook
Oct.26	Wed	C. Voelker	D. Feign
Oct.27	Thu	B. Osborn	N. Alpert
Oct.28	Fri	J. Manion	S. Shiffman
Oct.29	Sat	L. Rowe	CLOSED
Oct.31	Mon	C. Chu	B. Crowley



By Shelia Harbet

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# October General Club Information

## Meeting Schedule



PCI SIG .....	Oct. 11 .....	7:00 PM
KINDLE SIG .....	Oct. 18 .....	7:00 PM
BOARD MEETING .....	Oct. 20 .....	9:00 AM
MAC SIG .....	Oct. 21 .....	9:00 AM
GENERAL MEETING .....	Oct. 25 .....	2:00 PM



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