



# OMUG



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## OMUG Special Activities—Picnic in August

**By Paul Braget**  
OMUG President



First and foremost I would like to give thanks to John Gerech for his delightful and informative presentation for the June's General Meeting. Now I am looking forward to the Mac presentation in September.

There are a few OMUG activities coming up this year that you may want to mark on your own calendar as a reminder. *Reading* the calendar, however, is up to you!

You are invited to attend the OMUG Annual Picnic, which is scheduled for Saturday, August 15, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

The Board plans this event each year to thank you for all the times you have come forward to help share the word about OMUG, for all your help at the meetings and behind the scenes, for introducing your friends to OMUG, and particularly for helping at events such as the Rest Stop, IPMA, and SIG's (special interest groups) throughout the year.

The picnic will be at the Rose Garden picnic area at Priest Point Park in Olympia. This is the last special activity of the summer. It should also be the most relaxed. Just an opportunity to come together as a group of friends and enjoy conversation, stories (fables) and good food. Please bring your spouse or significant other, kids and grandkids. Stay for an hour or the entire day.

OMUG will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, beverages and eating utensils. We are asking that you bring your favorite potluck item to go with them ( please call Huldah Martin, Vice President, at 360-486-4531 to let her know what you will bring, so we'll have a variety).

We would like to make this a family picnic and there is a children's play

area and horse shoe courts in the park. I believe there is also room for volleyball or badminton if someone has the equipment and wants to bring it. All OMUG members and their families are invited and encouraged to attend.

We hope to see you on Saturday, August 15, at Priest Point Park, Rose Garden area. We plan to eat around Noon, but feel free to come anytime after 10:00 am and enjoy visiting or helping with any setup.

On September 12-14 we are once again doing the Rest Stop fundraiser, something I gather is a very popular event. From 2 AM, yes **AM**, September 12 until 2 PM September 14 we will be serving coffee and cookies at the Maytown rest-stop. This rest stop is located on Southbound I-5 at mile post 93.25. It is imperative that we have the entire 36-hour period covered by at least three people (and preferably four) at all times. I would hope that during the periods

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**General Meeting:**  
**July 9 Program**  
**Popcorn & A Movie:**  
**"You Know Bill Gates,  
Now Meet Richard  
Stallman"**  
Richard Stallman is founder of  
the GNU Project and the Free  
Software Foundation

### Glossary of PC Messages

+It says: "Press Any Key." It means: "Press any key you like but I'm not moving."

+It says: "Press A Key." (This one's a programmers joke. Nothing happens unless you press the "A" key.)

+It says: "Fatal Error. Please contact technical support quoting error # 1A4-2546512430E." It means: "...

where you will be kept on hold for 10 minutes, only to be told that it's a hardware problem."

+It says: "Installing program to C:\<Directory>..." It means: "... And I'll also be writing a few files into c:\windows and c:\windows\system where you'll NEVER find them."

+It says: "Please insert disk 11." It means: "Because I know darn well there are only 10 disks."

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# Digital Imaging with John Gerecht

The June 11 General Meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. There were approximately 26 people present.

The meeting started almost immediately with our own John Gerecht doing a presentation on digital imaging and photo editing techniques (John does the Digital Imaging SIG monthly so if this is your interest check the Special Interest Groups schedule in this OMUG News edition for place, date and time. Beginners are welcome).

John started with the question, "Who owns a digital camera?" As he pointed out, this is where it all starts. He recommended a website called Digital Photography Review (dpreview.com) that would help a beginner or expert to find and select needed equipment. He demonstrated that this site is a must as it has information on a wide range of cameras, associated equipment, including consumer reports. John also answered technical questions such as the number of mega pixels desired in a camera and also told of other sources of information such as the July 2009 issue of Macworld that has an article on digital cameras under \$100.00.

Discussion continued as John answered questions about picture taking techniques such as the "red eye"

**By Richie Cunningham**  
OMUG Assistant Secretary

problem before moving on to processing photo images.

A camera's User's Guide must be understood to handle and manipulate images, but John passed on many invaluable tips that would augment what a person might learn from just reading the camera's User's Guide.

For instance a person could transfer images from the camera to a computer using the provided cable, but a safer way would be to use a card reader to transfer images to a person's computer. Organizing photo images was also stressed. Since digital cameras afford a person the opportunity and encouragement to take literally thousands of pictures (sometimes on a single extended trip) it is important to name pictures (keywords) to search, find and view them at a later date.

John demonstrated the metadata program (which should be described in the camera's User's Guide) which provides the option to name images, but provides much additional image information. John touched on jpg files, JPEG files, cropping images and a shareware/freeware website (tu cows.com) that has computer programs of all kinds including programs to manipulate or manage photo images. There are a number of commercial programs to edit and process

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## Thanks for Renewing!

- Ted Chenery  
John Webster  
Leslie Kreger  
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William Cosgrove  
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Juanita Hart  
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## Welcome, New & Returning Members!

- Barbara Bradshaw  
Julio Orta  
Merlin Pinson  
Pete Hansen

# Plan Now To Be At The Annual Picnic!

**By Sr. Dorothy Robinson**

For Richie Cunningham, OMUG Secretary



**Present:** President Paul Braget, Vice President Huldah Martin, Secretary Richie Cunningham, Treasurer Bill Smith, Webmaster Conrad Schuler, Newsletter Editor Sr. Dorothy Robinson, Directors Noral Baughman, Vivian Forrester and Arlene Kapner.

President Paul Braget called the June 18 OMUG Business meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He announced Bill Proffitt has agreed to be the new Windows SIG leader, and that the SIG will meet on the first Thursday of the month. Paul will let Gary (Assistant Leader of the SIG) know about the meeting day change.

Huldah reported that she and Paul are working to make sure we are in compliance with the state rules for raffles. She is also working on Reflector management and updating the vendor list for mailing newsletters with Bill Smith. Noral suggested we make up ahead sheets of labels for libraries so that no matter how many we need each month (to make up our bulk count of 200) it will be easy to adjust the number sent. Noral questioned whether we should continue to mail the newsletter or go all electronic. There was discussion, and Noral will research the minutes to bring us up to date on what the board has been saying about this during the past couple of years.

Richie reported that he had a conversation with Max Whipps about membership cards. He filled us in, and part of our discussion was about how membership cards could "do more" for OMUG, for example--if a member could show the card to a local vendor and receive a discount, this would make the card more valuable both to current and prospective members.

Bill reported that we are "in the black" for the first 6 months of the year. He has set up a Postage Due account with the Post Office and deposited \$20.

Conrad reported on his work on our website. He is setting it up to be more "Web 2.0"—that is, more user-interactive. It will also be easy for various people, including SIG leaders, to update information in their areas. Conrad noted that whoever comes after him as Webmaster will be able to update the website using standard HTML or a WYSIWYG editor like FrontPage. The president and vice-president will soon have full access to the new website (which will be at a "test" address until approved) so they can try it out. Others will have viewing access to see how they like it. After that Conrad will submit it to the board for approval, and then it will be uploaded to our real address, i.e. <http://olymug.org>.

Huldah announced upcoming programs; July will be a popcorn and movie night "You Know Bill Gates, Now Meet Richard Stallman;" in August Bill Proffitt will talk about Windows 7 &/or Vista; and September will be an introduction to the Mac by John Gerecht.

Huldah will meet with Max Whipps to take OMUG property he has been storing and place it locally.

The Annual Picnic is coming up, and so is the Rest Stop fundraiser. We discussed both these activities with an eye to talking to those who have helped with them before so we don't have to reinvent the wheel. The picnic is Saturday August 15 at the Rose Garden at Priest Point Park. The Rest Stop is Saturday September 12 at 2:00 a.m. to Monday September 14 at 2:00 p.m. at the Maytown Rest Stop (Southbound I-5, MP 93.25). We also have a Rest Stop reserved for 2010.

Paul announced that Super Saturday has been "retired" by The Evergreen State College.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. ☞

## OMUG Income & Expenses May 2009



### Income: \$325

(Membership Dues \$320, Raffle Sales \$4, Bank Interest \$1)

### Expenses: \$85

(Senior Center Donation \$50, Presenter gifts \$33, Newsletter postage \$2)

### Net Increase: \$240

### OMUG Treasury as of 6/18/09

<b>Savings Account Balance:</b>	\$2,873
<b>Scholarship Account Balance:</b>	\$2,012
<b>Checking Account Balance:</b>	\$ 697
<b>To Be Deposited:</b>	\$ 0
<b>Less Outstanding Checks:</b>	\$ 0
<b>Treasury Total:</b>	\$5,582

# MagicJack

By **Walt Jorgensen**  
OMUG Member

MagicJack is a small device you plug into a USB port on your computer—to make free phone calls.

I have been using two of them since November of last year. They work great! I liked them enough that I bought six more and gave them as Christmas gifts.

The initial hardware looks like a slightly oversized flash drive with a window displaying some circuitry and LED's. It costs \$40 and includes the first year of service. You can buy five additional years of service for \$60 (\$1 per month). I bought an additional year for \$15, thinking I'd wait to see how long they stayed in business.

Everything is contained in the small hardware unit including your contact list. It's completely portable. I have unplugged it and taken it to someone else's computer and been online with a dial tone soon after plugging it in. I'm not sure where the voice mail box is (probably on their web site) but in addition to listening to messages, they send them as attachments to email messages which, of course, is an audio file that you can save on your computer.

All U.S., Canada, Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands calls are toll free. As a sample of overseas rates, India is 5-cents/minute.

You have to dial the area code for all calls. You can pick what area code you want assigned, presumably to make it toll free for people in that area, but then, who doesn't have nationwide toll free service themselves these days?

Although they suggest plugging it into a dedicated USB port, my main line is plugged into a USB hub which in turn is plugged into a USB

1.0 port. Straight into a USB 2.0 might be even better.



I would like to see them simply post a comprehensive operating guide on their website, but they prefer to operate through FAQ's and email chat sessions. So far that has been adequate.

Some additional information from <http://magicjack.com>:

When you register your magicJack, you will be assigned a traditional 10-digit telephone number; you can make and receive calls. You will have caller ID, that is, you can see the phone number of someone calling you on magicJack, and when you call someone else who has caller ID, they will be able to see your number. They will not see your name.

If someone calls you, whether or not they are charged for long distance will depend on their own plan. MagicJack does not charge anyone for incoming calls.

Children can't run up phone bills with magicJack. International calls require purchase of minutes in advance, and "fee per call" services are not permitted through magicJack (900, 976, etc).

Your computer must be on and you must have an active Internet connection to be able to place and receive calls. Voicemail and Call Forwarding WILL work if your computer is off or your magicJack is unplugged. If the computer is off OR if you do not have an active Internet connection OR if the magicJack is unplugged from your computer...your magicJack **voicemail** will receive the call.

If you enabled magicJack's Call Forwarding feature, you can have your magicJack number forward to an alternative mobile, home or business number.

There are some things to remember about 911 emergency service when using magicJack:

911 Emergency Services **requires activation**. They recommend activating 911 Emergency Service at the time of registration.

1. Register your current U.S. address during the registration process.
2. Make sure that your address information is always complete, up-to-date and accurate. (If you travel, you must update your 911 service address.)
3. Wait for a confirmation email from magicJack that your 911 service address is registered.

#### **NOTE:**

\* Our 911 Emergency Service is different than 911 service offered on traditional phone lines.

\* magicJack may not work during a power or internet outage.

\* Only use 911 in case of an **actual emergency**.

#### **Dialing 9-1-1:**

1. **REQUIRES** prior activation on your part. You must register your current service address and update your registered address if you use your magicJack from another location.
2. **WILL NOT** function during a broadband or power disruption/outage.
3. **WILL NOT** function if the magicJack is damaged or disabled.
4. **IS** subject to the limitations of the 911 emergency response system where your registered address is located.

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You should maintain an alternate means of dialing 911 and make sure other users of your magicJack know this.

Note that as of this writing the website states the price is \$39.95 + shipping and handling. This includes the first year of service, and a second year is \$19.95. 🖨

### Saving a Web Page for Later

It would be nice if *everyone* had broadband Internet access, but that hasn't happened yet. If you want to read a web page offline, saving telephone time, you can do that!

In your browser, while on the page you want to save, click File—Save Page As—Web Page Complete, making sure the “Save as type” box says Web Page Complete. Then choose where to save it on your hard drive and click Save.

When you're ready to read it offline, open your browser and click File—Open and browse to the file, then double-click it to open it in your browser, and enjoy. 🖨 —Editor

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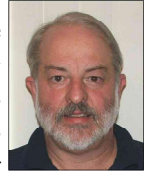
photo images and some like Photoshop can be very expensive. John recommended a less expensive version of Photoshop named Photoshop Elements. It can be purchased at Costco for about \$75 (\$50 on sale). There was also some discussion about the free Google program, Picasa. John cautioned that some inexpensive programs may require that you lose the rights to your pictures. Finally John gave some DOs and DON'Ts about reformatting the recording medium as well as using image recovery software.

After you have achieved success and have some dynamite pictures to show off, the question is where to display them to the admiring public. John had some recommendations here too. A first stop might be a county fair (i.e. Thurston County Fair), which would be reasonable competition, but he cautioned against a regional fair (i.e. Puyallup Fair) which could be very competitive. John showed samples of some of his own photography. The evening went too fast and much more could have been said. It was a very

informative and enjoyable talk. John offered to do a follow-up if asked, but in the meantime his monthly SIG is available for all digital camera buffs.

The evening wrapped up with the following announcements by President Paul Braget:

—Bill Proffitt will be the new Windows SIG leader. People are advised to watch the calendar, but it is planned for the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month.



—The Summer Picnic will be August 15<sup>th</sup>.

—The Rest Stop fund raiser will be in September.

—The July General Meeting Program will be Pop Corn and a Movie with the movie being, “You Know Bill Gates, Now Meet Richard Stallman.”

The cash drawing was won by Bill Paynter, who also won the water bottle and lanyard. Merlin Pinson won the door prize which was a multifaceted gadget including a pen, pad, flashlight and measuring tape along with a mouse pad and pen. 🖨

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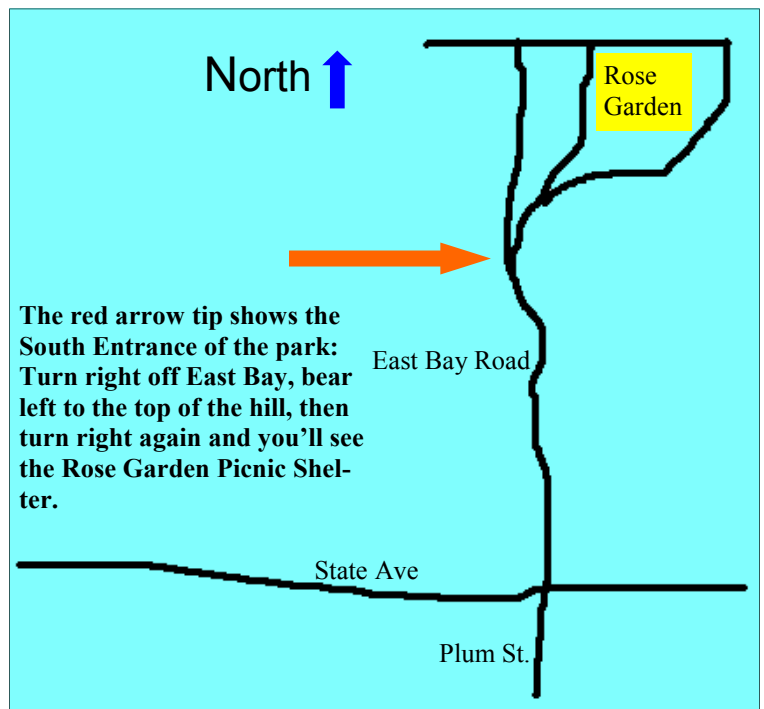
of 10 p.m. and 6 am., there are two males present. As in the past, the coverage will be divided into four hour shifts.

Sadly, Super Saturday is no more. After 30 years, The Evergreen State College is retiring its annual Super Saturday community celebration in its efforts to deal with state budget cuts. The free, family-oriented event included entertainment, food, arts and craft vendors and community service groups—including OMUG. It was held each June on the same weekend as graduation.

A little farther off in the future is the annual Potluck & Silent Auction, held at our December 10 General Meeting; start thinking about goods to auction off! Call our VP Huldah and tell her what you've got.

See the map and directions to Priest Point Park's Rose Garden picnic area at right. Hoping to see you there! 🖨

### How to Get to the Picnic



- +It says: "Cannot read from drive D:...." It means: "... However, if you put the CD in right side up..."
- +It says: "Please Wait...." It means: "... Indefinitely."
- +It says: "Directory does not exist...." It means: "... any more. Whoops."
- +It says: "The application caused an error. Choose Ignore or Close." It means: "...Makes no difference to me, you're still not getting your work back." ☞

### Programmers

Two computer programmers are driving on a Highway. They switch on the radio and there is a warning: Please note that a car is driving on highway 75 against the traffic. The programmer in the passenger's seat looks at the driver and says: "One? There are hundreds of them." ☞

### Computer Terminology

- +486 - The average IQ needed to understand a P.C.
- +State-of-the-art - Any computer you can't afford.
- +Obsolete - Any computer you own.
- +Microsecond - The time it takes for your State-of-the-art-computer to become obsolete.
- +Keyboard - The standard way to generate computer errors.
- +Mouse - An advanced input device to make computer errors easier to generate.
- +Portable Computer - A device invented to force us to work at home, on vacation—and on business trips.
- +Power User - Anyone who can format a disk from DOS. ☞

## OMUG Supporters

We are thankful for the many people, organizations and businesses who support OMUG.

Below is a list of a few who have given back to the community by assisting OMUG in its mission to help computer users help computer users and their community.

Our supporters provide services and discounts, give of their time, provide space for OMUG activities, introduce OMUG members to new products, share knowledge and expertise, provide OMUG with software and hardware, or provide educational opportunities. All of them are appreciated.

- Senior Services for South Sound
- Olympia Computer Central
- IPMA
- Adobe
- Microsoft
- Cartridge Care, Inc
- Ubuntu
- Canonical, Ltd.

**Idea for a new SIG?  
Tell any OMUG board member!**



## MEETING LOCATIONS

**Capital High School:**  
2707 Conger Ave NW  
in Olympia. Follow the signs to the computer lab from the lower parking lot.

**El Sarape Restaurant:**  
1200 Cooper Point Road  
in West Olympia near Staples and the Post Office.

**The Olympia Center:**  
222 Columbia Street NW  
in Olympia.

**Note:** The computer lab at the Olympia Senior Center is on the second floor behind the boutique.

