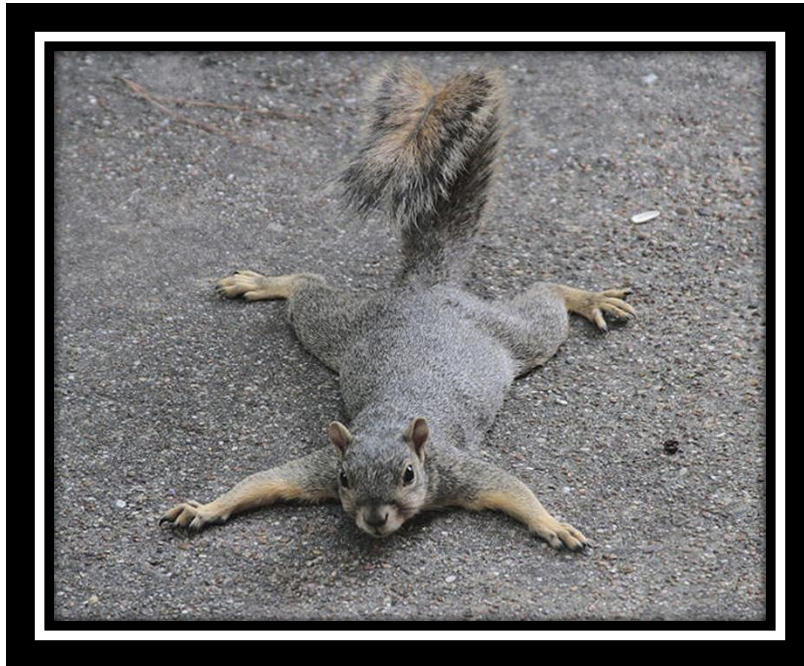




October 2010 Newsletter



Craig Loomis Photo

This photo from September's Share and Learn should capture your attention. Craig was there with his camera at the right moment, just as some of you could step in at the right moment for the 1960 PCUG. It is nomination time for the 2011 Board of Directors. Many of the current officers have agreed to place their names on the ballot again, but we have three positions, President, Vice President of Programs, and Secretary, with no nominees at this time.

An announcement was sent out on September 27 to all members from the Nomination Committee encouraging your active participation on the Board. You may run for the office of your choice or submit another member's name (with his/her permission) for nomination. The By-Laws and duties of office are available on our Website: <http://www.1960pcug.org>. The best part of being an officer is the return you receive for the few hours of your time of service each month. We would like to encourage your sharing of your talents to enrich our organization. You may submit nominations to beaannkelly@gmail.com by October 1st, or nominations can be submitted at the October 7

General meeting. Nominees should be present in order to agree to serve in the nominated position.

Digital Photography and General Meeting SIG

Thursday, October 7, 6:30 – 9 p.m., Jim Sandham, SIG Leader Our presenter will be **Therese Tusa**. Her topic will be "**Macro Photography**." Therese has been a professional photographer for about 15 years. One of her images will appear in the October issue of Texas Highways on the inside back cover (look for a Monarch butterfly in its transparent chrysalis). She shoots nature photography using natural lighting and minimal post-processing.

This is a normal presentation, NOT a workshop, so leave your cameras at home. Therese will share a short story regarding how she captured each image, or give basic advice about capturing similar images yourself. You might want to bring a small notebook to take a few helpful notes to improve your own macro photography techniques.

Jim would like to share the following articles with tips to improve your photography:

"How to Photograph Waterfalls and Moving Water" -- PC World Magazine

<http://www.pcworld.com/article/202854>

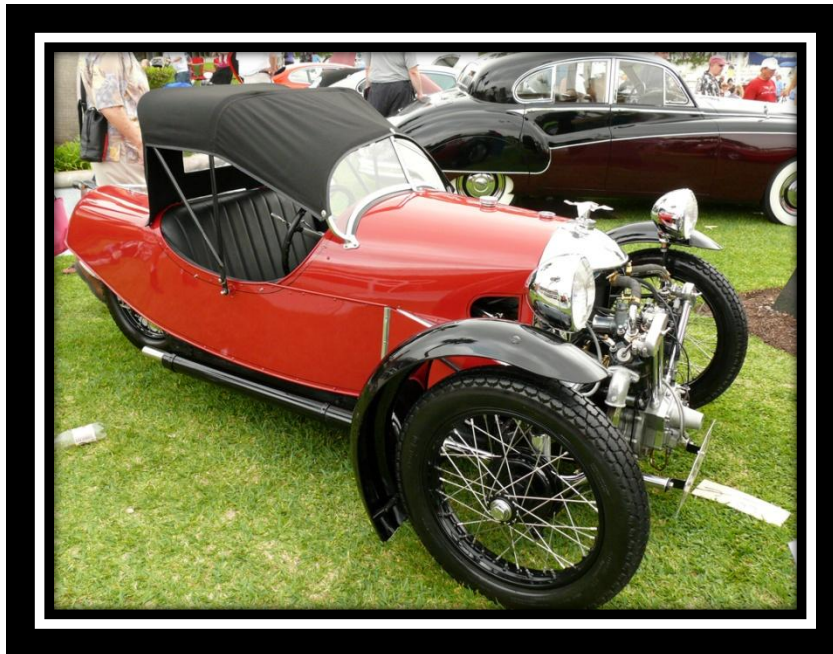
"Taking Care of Your Camera's Memory Card" -- PC World Magazine

<http://www.pcworld.com/article/188813>

Also, remember to submit your Share and Learn images to Jim at jsandham77@gmail.com by Sunday, October 3, 2010.

Jim Sandham

Photo



All photos throughout this Newsletter were selected from September's Share and Learn.

Software SIG

Tuesday, October 12, 7-9 p.m., Don Marvin, SIG Leader, Last month Don discussed the history of computing and the subject of passwords. This month's topic is to be determined, but we will spend as much time as needed to help with attendee's questions or problems. You may have the answer to a question the person next to you has and this is an opportunity to help someone else. This is an important function for our group so come prepared to ask any questions you have. Remember there is no such thing as a dumb question, it is only dumb not to ask.

Lastly, as usual, Don will share some interesting programs that he has found that some of you might find useful. If you have any you would like to share with the group bring the links to them and we will look at them as a group.



Jean Franklin Photo



Bill Franklin Photo

Investors SIG

Thursday, October 14, 7-9 p.m. Larry McKee, SIG Leader. The objective of the meetings is to provide helpful and interesting investment information to the attendees through presentations, group discussions, web site references, and information exchanges. Hopefully, this information will provide a better knowledge base for making decisions for those who manage their own portfolios or want to have a more meaningful critique with their investment advisor.

Instead of the normal agenda, the Thursday October 14th meeting, we will try something different.

The topic will be "Investing in Dividend Paying Securities".

There is considerable concern from most investment advisors that yields on bonds are declining and that there is a risk that bond prices may fall a lot when the Federal Reserve begins to tighten credit and raise rates. There seems to be a consensus that dividend paying blue chip stocks, whose yields are now similar to or better than bond yields (many times from the same company) offer a better investment choice today since they not only offer the dividend yield but may have price appreciation also.

During the meeting, we will profile several securities that appear to be promising investments for the buy and hold (at least for a while) investor.

I invite our members to contribute their most recommended dividend paying securities also.

Graphics SIG

Thursday, October 21, 7-9 p.m., Alex Dumestre, SIG Leader.

We devoted most of the September session to viewing and creating advanced slide shows with ProShow (pan-n-zoom, transitions, timing, sound track, captions, etc). We did not get through the Captions part and will pick that up this month. We will also take a closer look at the use of Layers in the show. We will look at parts of my most recent shows.

Some of the Layer work mentioned above requires preparing some graphics with transparency so we will spend some time demonstrating how to turn out such transparencies using a graphics editor.

We will be sure to leave more time for the "Beyond Auto" presentation for Point-n-Shoot camera users. I suggest that those toward the *beginner* end of the experience spectrum might want to bring their camera (and manual) to the SIG.

I hope to see you there.

Windows SIG

[Tuesday, October 26, 7-9 p.m.](#) Sam Sanderson, SIG Leader. Sam solved several problems for members at the September SIG. Many members contributed their expertise and suggestions. The 2 hours whizzed by as everyone became a part of the problem solving. What fun!

At the October Windows SIG there will be a discussion of Windows features aimed at beginner and intermediate level users. The primary subject matter will be driven by the specific questions from the attendees.

Past meetings have covered a wide range of subjects including copy-paste, system configuration, HD television, virus detection and removal, setting up home networks, choosing the best ISP to use, and all MS Office products.

As always, I'm sure there will be lively discussion about everyone's new challenges brought on by our favorite operating system. Come and join in on the fun!

You can email your questions in advance to Sam by going to the Windows SIG page at the 1960 PCUG website.



Paul Severson Photo



Greta Snow Photo

Genealogy SIG

Thursday, October 28, 7-9 p.m. Betty Hesketh and Alex Dumestre, SIG Leaders.

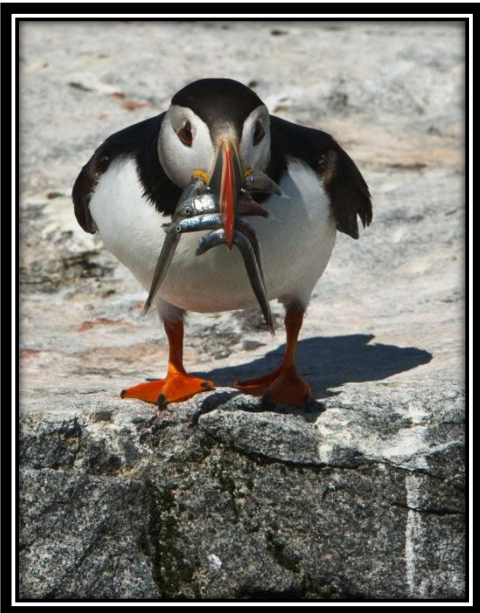
Last month our member, Lee Smith, reviewed the latest release of Family Tree Maker 2011. This was a "don't miss" meeting for our many members who use this popular genealogy software. Even if you use another genealogy software program, this afforded an opportunity to see the latest trend in genealogy computing and gave ideas about the use of your favorite program. In October we will continue our pursuit of Internet research by visiting some favorite archives and libraries. Beginning and experienced researchers are welcome.

Members who would like to sign up for our genealogy newsletter, please e-mail Betty at bhesketh1@gmail.com.

SIG Co-Leaders:

[Betty Hesketh](#)

[Alex Dumestre](#)



Jim Kelly Photo



BeaAnn Kelly Photo

New Members

Welcome to new members, Walter and Sally Woods, and Rick and Cathynn Fitzgerald. We hope to meet you at many of our SIGs.

Reminders

Check out all the resources and archives available on each SIG web page. Our SIG leaders have provided a wealth of information for you to access.

Don't forget to participate in the nominations for 2011 Board positions.

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