



February 2011 Newsletter

David Gustine, President for 2011, would like to share the following letter with the entire membership to keep all of you informed of plans for the year. Please note some of the changes, helpful suggestions, request for some of your talents, and encouragement to attend multiple SIGs.

Hi Members,

It's a new year for the 1960 PC Users Group and the Board of Directors wants to make 2011 a good year for you.

You may have noticed that sometimes the SIG meetings are not scheduled on the same weekday each month. That's because the Cypress Creek Christian Community Center (CCCCC) occasionally needs to schedule events in the rooms that we use. CCCCC is very good to us, and we really appreciate having such a fine facility. 2010 club President Marj Krisman worked out our SIG schedule for 2011 with the CCCCC staff last November.

We recognize that some of our speakers don't have a loud voice like Jim Sandham, our Digital Photography leader, so we'll have a microphone and speaker system set up in the large meeting room for our General Meeting/Photo SIG from now on.

We invite you to try an additional SIG meeting of interest to you. SIG leaders work very hard to share useful information and help club members. Even fellow members can address questions or problems you might be having. The leaders always appreciate receiving input on topics that you want covered. Check out our SIGs at <http://www.1960pcug.org/index.html>.

In light of the never-ending advances in hardware, including desktop computers, smartphones, and new Apple iPad-like devices, you may have some questions. Our Software/Internet SIG leader Don Marvin, and Windows SIG leader Sam Sanderson

can help you. Sam is using these devices in his computer shop, and Don uses a smartphone.

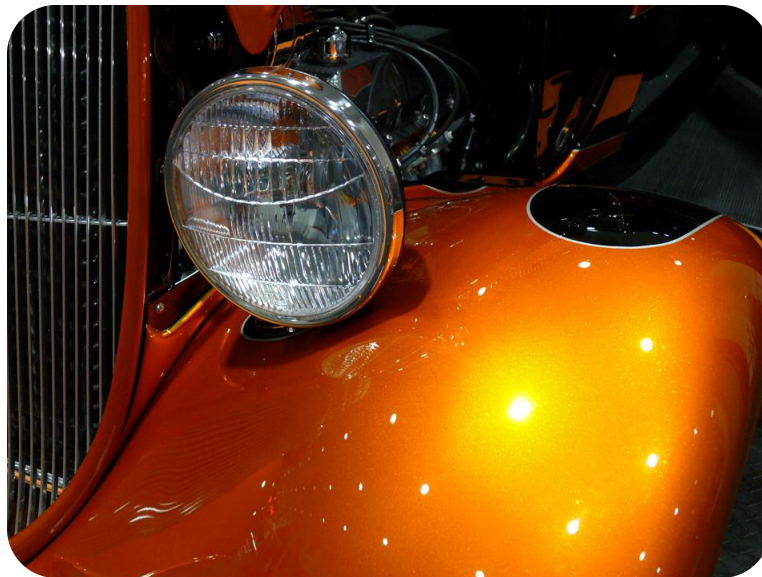
[If you would like to help the club, and you have some experience in web design, we could use your assistance. Please contact David Gustine at 1960pcug@gmail.com.](#)

The club's number one source of income is membership fees. Our 2011 expenses are expected to be about \$3,100. More new club members are needed to help us meet these expenses. The best way to increase our club's membership is to have each of us invite a friend or neighbor to a SIG meeting, and then encourage them to join the club. Who could you invite to a future 1960 PCUG meeting?

David Gustine, President

Co author: Jim Sandham, Director at Large/SIG Leader - Digital Photography

Here is an example of Jim Sandham's photography. Obviously, his favorite subject has to be automobiles.



Please bring a neighbor, relative, or a friend to a SIG. There is always new information, answers to your questions, or a review of topics or tips you may have forgotten. With the rapid changes in the technology world, we all need an update more frequently. Our SIG leaders will help keep you in the forefront.

General Meeting and Digital Photography SIG

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY SIG

SPEAKER: Brad Wright, Owner of Photo Rental Source

TOPIC: "Photography Gear Explained"

Thursday, February 3, 2011, at 7:00pm

Activity Room - Forum Building

6:30 PM:

- Membership sign-in, pay dues, and greet visitors.
- Spend time with other members and share your questions and answers (refreshments will not be provided at this time)

7:00 PM to 7:15 PM:

- General Meeting Announcements

7:15 PM to 9:00 PM:

- Digital Photography SIG

Brad Wright is the owner of Photo Rental Source, an online rental photo equipment provider. Visit his website at <http://www.photorentalsource.com>, or communicate with him at his e-mail address rentals@photorentalsource.com.

Brad will be discussing several SLR equipment topics, including Full Frame vs. Crop Sensor, macro lenses, zooms, telephotos, tripods, flash units, filters, and more. It's a must-see for SLR users, and will be very educational for anyone thinking of moving from a point & shoot camera up to an SLR.



Craig Loomis Photo

Software SIG

Tuesday, February 8, 7-9 p.m. Don Marvin, SIG Leader. In February's meeting we will look at some interesting programs, both new ones and others that have been updated I have found. Some are designed to help keep you computer tuned-up and running at its best and others are tools for the storage of passwords, and synchronizing files between computers. Links will be provided for all of the programs for anyone interested in trying them out.

We will also have time for everyone in attendance to share any programs, or helpful hints with the group. Please feel free to bring any problems you have been having with your computer and we will see of the group can help you solve it.



Sylvia Tucker Photo

Investors SIG

Thursday, February 10, 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 advisors.

The next meeting of the Investment SIG will be on Thursday, February 10th. I will be out of town on that date and one of our long time members, Al Williams, has agreed to conduct the meeting. Al has significant expertise in the Energy Sector Investments and is especially knowledgeable in Master Limited Partnerships. He will update the attendees on the current status and opportunities in that area.

Please note that the past months' PowerPoint presentations are now available in the archives of the Investment SIG part PCUG Web Site (they can be found at the end of section)

Future months probable topics

- On line sources of Investment Information
- Technical Analysis as a guide / assist to investing
- Utilities Sector Investments
- The American Association of Individual Investors' concept of "The Other Stock Market"
- How to find and evaluate investment candidate securities
- China—Should you invest in its securities?

Information Exchange

During the month, we maintain an information exchange for useful data regarding current investment developments. If you wish to receive these, please provide me your email address. Attendees are encouraged to email suggested articles to me at: mckeelarryg@hotmail.com

Although we provide information about good performing securities, we do not make recommendations for specific investments. Each recipient of information should decide what to do with the information he or she receives, if anything.



David Gustine Photo

Graphics SIG

Thursday, Feb. 17, 7-9 p.m. Alex Dumestre, SI After a two month hiatus we can jump right back into "doing Graphics". This would be a good time for you to e-mail me suggestions about what you would like to have covered this month (and in future months). I know that you have heard me (and other SIG leaders) say that the toughest part of leading a SIG is just deciding what subject to talk about -- and that's what I'm doing right now.

At the end of last year I was encouraged to see that several members had bought or were doing a free trial of the ProShow Gold slide show creation program. We would be very glad to have you bring your shows to the SIG where we can all view some of them. I made another trip since the November SIG but have not made a slide show yet but we may be able to look at a few of the pictures to see how several of them had to be rescued from the delete bin because of some common "tour" problems (e.g., shooting through bus windows that were not obviously tinted).

So, without going into too much detail, we will again look at photo editing and slide show creation -- and anything that you bring up before or during the meeting.



Al Gill Photo

Windows SIG

Tuesday, February 22, 7-9 p.m. Sam Sanderson, SIG Leader. At the 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!

At the January 25th SIG we worked with external hard drive problems, partitions, email questions, and blocking senders' lists. These are some of the topics Sam covered in the Tuesday evenings discussion. As Sam says, "come and join in the fun!"

You can always email your questions to: Sam_Sanderson@administaff.com.



Jean Franklin Photo

Judith Tooth Photo



Genealogy SIG

Thursday, February 27, 7-9 p.m. Betty Hesketh and Alex Dumestre, SIG Leaders. Please join us for our second meeting of 2011. It's a new year and time to take a fresh look at our research projects. With that in mind, we will discuss using computers to manage your family research project and to assist in finding your ancestors. We will take a look at various genealogy software programs, structuring a digital file cabinet, backing up your records and researching your ancestors online. Beginning and experienced researchers are welcome

Be sure to sign up for our newsletter by contacting [Betty](#) and visit our genealogy web pages at www.1960pcug.org/gensig for the latest Genealogy SIG information.

Our next bus trip to Clayton Library is Wednesday, February 23, 2011. Contact Bill Nation to sign up for the trip.



Pat Tucker Photo



Bill Franklin Photo

Jim Kelly Photo



Hope to see you at a SIG or Board meeting on February 18 at 7 p.m.

Also remember to check the archives available on the 1960 PCUG website for all SIGs.

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