

**MISSION OAKS  
COMPUTER  
CLUB**

MAIN MEETING  
SECOND THURSDAY  
4701 GIBBONS DR.  
CARMICHAEL CA 95608

**From the President:**

Welcome to the February 2011 issue of the President's Newsletter. This month's meeting highlights a hot current topic—e-book readers. There are a lot of options. Our speaker will explain why you should consider one of these electronic devices. Our SIG groups continue to move along, but without volunteers they could be short lived.

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# President's Newsletter

## February 2011 Club Activities

**Main Meeting  
Feb. 10, 1-3 PM**



e-Book Readers

- Ross Rojek,  
Sacramento Book Review

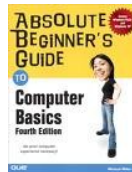
**Problem Solving  
Clinic, 3-4 PM**



Following the Main Meeting, **Adam Lacey** will answer your personal questions about anything computing.

**Special Interest Groups (SIGs)**

**Beginner Plus  
Feb. 9, 1-3 PM**



Topic:  
*A Beginner's SIG* with  
Graham Paul

**Bits 'n Bytes  
Feb. 24, 1-3 PM**



Topic: Cloud Computing  
with Rik Larson

**Intermediate Plus  
Feb. 16, 1-3 PM**



Topic:  
*Basic Computing & Internet* with  
Rik Larson



All activities are held at:  
**Mission Oaks  
Community Center  
4701 Gibbons Drive  
Carmichael CA 95608**

**Executive Board Meeting  
No Meeting Scheduled**

## Membership Information

MOCC Membership dues are accepted at the main meeting. They may also be mailed to:

**MOCC Membership  
6218 St. James Drive  
Carmichael CA 95608-0941**



**2011 MOCC Memberships**

Individuals...\$12  
Couples.....\$15



**Mission Oaks Community Center Memberships**

\$15 per Person per Year  
(separate fee)



## Upcoming Main Meetings

[Subject to Change]



March 10, 2011

Laptop and Netbook Computers

- Adam Lacey, Applications, Etc.



April 14, 2011

Smart Phones—  
What's Available and  
How Do They Work?

- Alan Drew, Wireless Toyz



May 12, 2011

Library Services for  
e-Books and Smart  
Phones

- Presented by Megan Wong & Scott  
Miller, Sacramento Public Library

June 9, 2011

To Be Announced

July 14, 2011



Planning your Travel  
using Online Re-  
sources.

- Carol Siegner, Travel

Agent



August 11, 2011  
Got Questions? Adam  
Will Answer Them in

This Extended Question & Answer  
Session.

- Adam Lacey, Applications, Etc.

September 8, 2011

To Be Announced

October 13, 2011

23rd Anniversary Potluck

## Recycle Your Old Gear

It's likely that you have old electronics lying around. You could just throw them away, but that's not a good idea. Many electronics contain materials that are bad for the environment. It can even be illegal in some areas.

Recycling or donating the gadget to charity are better options. In the past, finding a place to drop off the electronics was tough. And you might have had to pay.

Goodwill Industries Sacramento Valley & Northern Nevada is certified by the State of California to collect electronic waste from California residents.



CERTIFIED  
e-Recycle  
COLLECTOR

You can drop off virtually any type of computer gear or electronic waste at Goodwill stores and Donation Xpress locations. It will either be resold or recycled. And it's free for you. You can even get a receipt for tax purposes. There's now no excuse to not recycle!

[www.goodwillsacto.org](http://www.goodwillsacto.org)

*“Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.”*

— Thomas Edison

*“Things don't go wrong and break your heart so you can become bitter and give up. They happen to break you down and build you up so you can be all that you were intended to be.”*

— Samuel Johnson

## E-book Readers

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### The Amazon Kindle



In July, 2010, Amazon.com introduced the third generation Kindle. As of late October, 2010, Amazon.com, the world's largest online retailer, said sales of the Kindle e-reader had surpassed total Kindle sales during the final three months of 2009.

The bestselling 1,000 book titles on Amazon are selling more quickly for the Kindle than in print form. The Kindle is growing into a multibillion dollar business for Amazon, even as Apple and Barnes & Noble, among others, introduced competing computers that display digital books. The Kindle will generate \$5.3 billion in sales for Amazon in 2012, an increase from \$2.8 billion in 2010, according to industry sources. That figure includes sales of books that can be read on the device.

Amazon doesn't say how many Kindle devices it has sold, or how much it generates in revenue from them. The newest Kindles are lighter and thinner than previous versions and have faster page turns and sharper resolution. Apple's iPad costs \$499 to \$829. The Kindle sells for \$139 for the WiFi only model and \$189 for the 3G/WiFi model.

### Available e-book Readers

Some of the more common brands:



← Kindle 3—\$139.00

Kindle DX—\$359.00

BeBook Neo—\$299.00

← Barnes & Noble Nook—\$199.00

Alex eReader—\$399.00

← Sony Reader—Touch Edition—\$169.72

Pandigital Novel—\$179.99

Kobo eReader—\$149.00



Think you know how many different brands there are? Try this listing:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparison\\_of\\_e-book\\_readers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparison_of_e-book_readers)



*“Human beings are perhaps never more frightening than when they are convinced beyond doubt that they are right.”*

— Laurens Van der Post

*“Everything is easy if you don't know what you're talking about.”*

—Author Unknown

## MISSION OAKS COMPUTER CLUB

All meetings held at:

Mission Oaks Community  
Center  
4701 Gibbons Drive  
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The *Mission Oaks  
Computer Club* meets  
on the 2nd Thursday  
of each month from  
1-3 PM



## Mission Statement



The mission of Mission Oaks Computer Club is to assist its members to use computer technology effectively; to promote ethical and professional standards among users of personal computers; and to stimulate exchange of ideas and information about personal computers and their use.

*We're on the Web!*

[www.missionoakscomputerclub.org](http://www.missionoakscomputerclub.org)



## Keep Your Computer Awake & Running

Occasionally, you run into a long download or you need to render a long movie clip. Whatever the case, there are times when you need to make sure you PC stays on.

Clearly, having your computer go to sleep during these situations is counter-productive. And manually changing your power setting each time is tedious.

Insomnia is a neat little program that eliminates all of the hassle. Don't want your computer to go to sleep? Just open up Insomnia.

As long as the program is open, your computer will not go to sleep. It even tells you that in a little pop-up window.



[www.lifehacker.com.au/2010/10/insomnia-keeps-your-windows-pc-from-going-to-sleep/](http://www.lifehacker.com.au/2010/10/insomnia-keeps-your-windows-pc-from-going-to-sleep/)

## Problem Solving Clinic Form

Check appropriate topics:

Email  Software  Hardware  Internet  Printing  Security  Other

OS:  XP  Vista  Win 7 Software Title/Ver: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the problem as clearly as possible. Attach sample of problem if possible. (please print clearly):

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Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print clearly)

→ Clip top half of page and turn into membership desk by meeting break.




## Door Prize Drawing Ticket

**Door Prize Drawings** - The Mission Oaks Computer Club holds door prize drawings randomly throughout the membership year. The Club requires that individuals must be a member of the club in order to participate in these drawings. You must be present during the drawing to win.

**Ticket** - In order to enter the drawing, each member must complete a *Door Prize Drawing Ticket*.

Print the ticket below, clip it, fill in your name and turn it in at the General Meeting.

**Limit** - One entry per person.

Mission Oaks Computer Club		
Door Prize Drawing Ticket		
_____	(Please print)	
Print, clip and fill in name to enter drawing.		
MOCC members only, one entry per person.		