



"October gave a party; The leaves by hundreds came. The Chestnuts, Oaks, and Maples, and leaves of every name. The Sunshine spread a carpet, And everything was grand, Miss Weather led the dancing, Professor Wind the band."
George Cooper

A Message from President Joyce Klonc



With fall fast arriving, our activities at the Grand Computers Club start picking up. Two things of which you need to be aware:

1. Fall classes begin on October 9. See the timeline on page eight for registration details.
2. All memberships will expire on October 1 and need to be renewed before you can register for classes.

Dues are \$20 per membership year per person for the October 2012 through September 2013, membership year. The preferred method for membership renewal (or joining) is online through the club website www.grandcomputers.org and paying through PayPal. You can also stop by the club open use room in the Chaparral Center and renew or sign up in person with the monitor on duty.



Our education department has been hard at work preparing for the courses that will be offered beginning October 9.



New courses include:

1. iPad: I Own One, Now What?
2. iPad: Buying One
3. iPad & iPhone: Photo Sharing
4. Kindle Fire in Depth
5. Photo Album on Your Handheld Device

Class information is now posted on line for your perusal. On-line registration begins at 8AM on Sunday, September 30 and will stay open until late in the term (December). Go to our website, then click on "Education" on the left side of the page. Then click on "Class Schedule" to see when courses are offered. There is a listing of the courses at "Course Listing" under "Education." Click on a specific course to bring up its detailed description and prerequisites. (Club volunteers can register early September 29 from 4 to 6 PM online only.) ("Message," con't on p. 2)

On Thursday, October 4, there will be three FREE half-hour seminars on “**How to Register Online.**” Members may sign up in advance at the club for seminars at 9 AM, 10 AM or 1 PM.

On Saturday, October 6, anyone needing in-person-help in signing up for courses will be assisted from 9 - 10:30 AM in the club open use room in the Chaparral Center.

Don't forget our **Coffee Chats** the second Thursday of each month in the Hopi room of the Chaparral Center, from 8:30 - 10 AM. Invite your friends; you don't have to be a club member to attend. Coffee and rolls will be available.

The fall topics will be:

- October 11: **Overview of the Computer Club**, its special interest groups, classes and technical support for members.
- November 8: **Tech Toys** that make great gifts: iPhone, Blackberry or Palm? iPad, Droid, tablets, e-Books. Tom-Tom, Garmin or Magellan?
- December 13: **How to Buy a Computer** PC or Mac? Desktop, laptop, netbook, tablet? What to look for when you purchase a new computer.

We are pleased to announce that the Grand Computers Club now has **nine** Special Interest Groups (SIGs). Last spring the **Flight Simulator SIG** was formed. Over the summer a new console was built for the club by Grand Woodcrafters Club that has three monitors which simulate the cockpit of aircraft. Come in and look it over. It's a stunning display! Thanks to Jack Gossett for being the inspiration and organizer of this new SIG.

During the summer two new SIGs were formed: **Devices SIG** and **Social Networking SIG**. Thanks to Leon Chapman and John Nuerenberg for spearheading these two new SIGs. Find out more about all of our SIGs on the last pages of this newsletter.

The Grand Computers Club will be participating in **Oktoberfest** on Saturday, October 13, from 9 AM to 1 PM. We will have displays in the two Grand Learning rooms, next to the club room. Each of our SIGs (Special Interest Groups) will have a display with a handout of what that SIG offers. We encourage you to stop in and visit with us and bring your friends and neighbors with you to find out about our Grand Computers Club.

And don't forget that the computer club owns equipment to convert VHS tapes, video cassettes, vinyl records, and slides to digital files. Members are encouraged to use that equipment located toward the back of the club room. Instructions are provided next to the equipment.

I hope that you have had a great summer, and I'm looking forward to seeing you soon.

Joyce Klonecz, President,
Grand Computers Club



**An Update
From the
Membership
Director.**



Joey delaConcepcion reports that as of September 27th the Grand Computers Club has 1222 active members: 979 are PC users, and 244 are Mac users.

If you wish to set up a free e-mail address contact Gretel Coursol at 623-214-7999. She will be happy to help you with that.



October Coffee Chat

*Oct. 11, 8:30 AM
Hopi Room
Chaparral Center*

This meeting will provide an overview of the Computer Club and it's Special Interest Groups: Compose Yourself, Genealogy, New Technologies, Mac, Financial Education, Graphics, Devices, Flight Simulator, and Social Networking. Class offerings and online enrollment procedures will be explained. Find out how our weekly Tech Help Desk can assist you with your computer problem. More information will be obtained in our Q & A session to kick off the new session.



From the Education Department



Course prerequisites have been implemented so as to allow a student to determine their own abilities, skill levels, and other classes they have taken before registering for a class. Too often a student enrolls in a class and is totally unprepared to participate due to lack of previous training.

This not only slows the progress of the class, makes the class less interesting to those that are properly trained, but also causes frustration for our instructors. Please review the prerequisites carefully before registering for a class. If attending a class in which you may be ill-prepared, we may need to dismiss you from the class and apply your fee toward another class that would be more appropriate, or refund your fee. This is not intended to be a punishment, only to assist you to accomplish your ultimate computer experience and

*("From the Education Department,"
con't in column 2)*

OFFICER CANDIDATES FOR 2013 GRAND COMPUTERS CLUB SUN CITY GRAND

PRESIDENT	JOYCE KLONCZ
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EDUCATION DIRECTOR	LINDA MORRISON
MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR	JOEY DE LA CONCEPCION
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT	LOREN LUNDQUIST

Nominations will be made from the floor at the November 3 General Meeting, with election being December 1st. We thank the nominating committee of **Jim Geffre, Chair**, Sharon Hoobler, Don Exner, Leon Chapman, and C.J. Rainaldi.

training which can't be done if you are lost throughout the class.

Go to www.grandcomputers.org > Education > Course Listing. When you click on the class you are interested in, the preferences appear as the first entry on the page.

One last very important reminder: our membership period runs from October 1 - September 30. If you are currently a member but you let your membership lapse by the end of September, you will not be able to enroll in classes of your choice. Suggestion: renew your membership before expiration. To do this, login to by entering your CAM number in the Member ID field, all seven digits, then your password, which is your first name and the first four numbers of your CAM number, such as John1234, with no space or dash between the name and numbers. One of the first links is to renew your membership. You cannot do this prior to login in.

We Are "Up to Snuff" Now!

While the rest of us have been enjoying our summer, the tech folks have been busy making changes in the computer club rooms. Twelve new iMac computers have been installed in the classroom. The Mac partition will operate on OS X Lion. The PC partition will operate on Windows 7.

Some of the computers that were in the classroom were moved to the open use room to replace some of the aging PCs. These computers will be running Windows 7 and OS X Lion. There will also be a few computers running XP or Windows 8.

The photos below will give you a "sneak peak" at changes made in the two rooms.



MONITORS' CORNER

Bill Remling, Monitor Director



As Monitor Director, I want to thank all those monitors worked through the long hot summer months to keep the "Open" room open for our members. Without your service we would have had to close. I am happy to report that did not happen ... not even once. Many of you put in more than one session a month ... a special thanks to you for going above and beyond in service. Some of you switched to cover for unexpected events ... thank you for that as well.

With the start of October we are now open for both the morning session and the afternoon session. More are needed. If you know anyone who is a member of the club and frequents the computer room see if you can encourage them to volunteer as a monitor. We will do our best to get them trained and at the desk as easily as possible.

As our winter residents return to Grand, we will also see an influx of renters as well. I have been informed by Joey de la Concepcion, our Membership Director, that their membership lasts only as long as their lease which may not be a full year's membership. We will have to inform them of this at the desk. Their end of lease date is on their blue CAM card.

October is a busy month for us with membership renewals, new member registrations, a new class schedule and registration for classes. It is an exciting time as well. At times we may have to take a deep breath, calm down and simply do the best we can with the challenges we will be presented with. If you feel you need help, just ask ... I am sure it will be closer than you think. I have no doubt, knowing the quality of our monitors, that we are up for this task.

Monitors of the Month for:

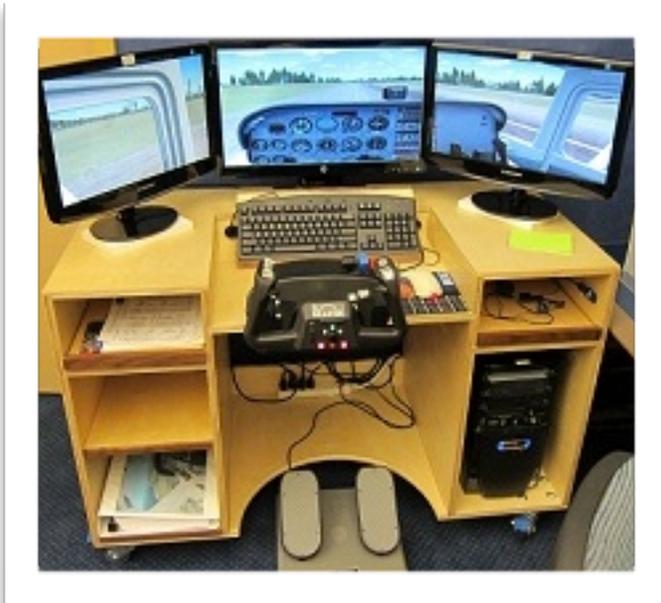
May	Nora Spencer
June	Nora Spencer
July	Nora Spencer
August	Ginger Haack
September	Marie Larsen

WHILE WE . . .

While we were on summer vacation and not watching those left behind, they were doing all sorts of wonderful things. Would you believe they created three new SIGS?! Very interesting SIGS! Something for each of us.

Flight Simulator SIG

The focus of the Flight Simulator SIG is to review and share information concerning flight simulators. The group will provide demonstrations and training on Flight Simulators. They will encourage members to share their digital/video/web/graphic experiences in the world of Flight Simulators. Assistance will be given to members in further developing their knowledge base and enhance their "flight" skills. Classes related to the SIG will be offered, and they will be coordinated with the Education Director. Check the last page of this newsletter to find out date, time, place of the meetings, and also the name, phone number, and e-mail address of the contact person.



Devices SIG

The focus of the Devices SIG is sharing knowledge and experience and helping to understand the devices (iPad, iPhone, iPod Touch, Apple TV, Android Devices, tablets, etc.) and others along with their applications, settings, management, and syncing of the devices. Members will be encouraged to share knowledge and information on their devices and device problems and issues. Assistance will be given to members in developing skills for each of the devices. Advice will be given to members on best practices on installing, managing, backing up and operating a device. Check the last page of this newsletter to find out date, time, and place of the meetings, and also the name, phone number, and e-mail address of the contact person.



iPad



iPhone



iPod Touch



Apple TV



7"



10"

Tablets



Android Phones

Social Networking SIG

The focus of the Social Networking SIG is to provide demonstrations and training on social networking programs. The group will review many of the social networking programs for their purpose, functionality, and practicality. Members will be kept abreast of new developments and changes in the social networking programs. They will meet, work and exchange ideas about various social networking programs. Members will receive assistance in further developing their knowledge base to enhance their social networking communication skills. Members will also receive help to determine which program is best for them. Classes will be offered related to the SIG and coordinated with the Education Director. Check the last page of this newsletter to find out date, time, place of the meetings, and also the name, phone number, and e-mail address of the contact person.



Facebook



Linkedin



Twitter

Need a new Home for Your Old Desktop?



If you have purchased a new desktop, and need a place for your old one to reside, contact Ted Gray. Ted will take desktop computers, both PC and Macs, as well as any working LCD monitors. It would be good to have the original Operating System software, but it's not absolutely necessary. Ted is not interested in CRTs because of their size and weight.

Printers are also acceptable but only if currently working without problems. Normally he is not too interested in printers, because new ones cost about the same as the ink cartridges.

Once these items have been updated they go to students in the area. This is a project through the VFW who funds it.

If you have a donation to make of any above mentioned items, you can contact Ted at:

(623)215-7473 or trirat07@mac.com
PLEASE CALL OR E-MAIL AHEAD



Request for Laptops



Jim Geffre is still in need of your old computers. The students would like to have Windows 7 now, so Jim would like to have any laptops you have that are Windows 7 compatible. If you have any **newer** XP laptops or laptops that have Windows Vista on them Jim can update those very easily to Windows 7. Jim buys the \$40 licenses for the machines.

Please include the restore disks if you have them. The power cord is also very important to have with the laptop. Jim puts in new hard drives if needed, adds memory to at least 1GB, adds Word or Open Office and sets the students up with Juno, 10 hours free for a dial-up service.

To date Jim has rebuilt and given 102 computers to students in area schools, but more are needed as Jim would like to finish installing laptops in the classroom. If your old laptop works or not PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING IT!!! You can contact Jim at:

[623-544-3394](tel:623-544-3394) or

geffre1949@yahoo.com

NOTE: Jim will accept Macs as well.



Important Reminder

2012 memberships expire on September 30. We are now accepting renewal payments for 2013. You can join the Computer Club online by filling out the Membership Application, or by stopping by the club room. In either case you can pay your dues, \$20 from October 1, 2012, through September 30, 2013, using PayPal or by coming to the Grand Computers Club open use room Mondays through Fridays between 9:00 AM and 3:30 PM. Members who are leasing or renting need to be aware that although they pay for a year's membership, it is only good to the extent of their lease.

Bits and Pieces

LIFE BEFORE THE COMPUTER

- * Memory was something that you lost with age
- * An application was for employment
- * A program was a TV show
- * A cursor used profanity
 - * A keyboard was a piano
 - * A web was a spider's home
 - * A virus was the flu
 - * A CD was a bank account
- * A hard drive was a long trip on the road
- * A mouse pad was where a mouse lived
- * And if you had a 3 1/2 inch floppy
....you just hoped nobody found out



- Sept. 29 - Volunteer Registration 4 - 6 PM
- Sept. 30 - Online Registration Opens 8 AM
- Oct. 3 - Grand Computers General Meeting
1 PM
- Oct. 4 - FREE 1/2 Hour Seminars, "How to
Register Online" 9, 10 AM, 1 PM
- Oct. 6 - Assistance Available for Those Needing
Help Registering for Classes 9-10:30 AM
Computer Classroom
- Oct. 9 - Classes Begin
- Oct. 11 - Coffee Chat 8:30 AM
- Oct. 13 - Oktoberfest 9 - 1:00 PM

Hidden Treasures

In the back of that closet you seldom open do you have a box (or boxes) of vinyl records that you can't bear to throw away because they hold the music of your favorite bands, vocalist, pianist. etc.? As they are, these recordings are of no use to you.

But, the Grand Computers Club has a solution for you. Bring those vinyls and some CDs to the club room and use the piece of equipment that sits at the end of the counter along the left wall.

Or maybe in that closet you find the VHS tapes or video cassettes that hold precious memories that you can't unlock. You will find the piece of equipment that will release those precious memories for you. It sits on the small table at the end of the counter, and transfers the contents of your tapes or cassettes to DVDs.

And then there are all those slides! The old slide scanner in the clubroom has been replaced by a high powered flatbed scanner that will retrieve those pictures for you and save them to a CD or DVD. This piece of equipment is located in the far right corner of the clubroom on the counter against the front wall.

There is a set of instructions to follow with each piece of equipment.

So there you are. You now have a way to save those hidden treasures. Don't let them fade into the past!

(I am repeating this article from last year's October newsletter to remind you of the wonderful equipment our club has for our use.)





Special Interest Groups (SIG) of Grand Computers

If you are a member of the GCC, you may attend any of these SIG meetings.



Compose Yourself SIG

Provides club members a forum
for writing about their family memoirs

Meetings: 3rd Monday of each month (Oct-May)
Time: 1 - 3 PM

October 15

Topic: Memoir Writing

Place: Aqua Fria Room, Cimarron (Oct.-May)
Computer Classroom, Chaparral (Jun-Sep)

Contact: Gloria Young, 623-910-2299
CY@grandcomputers.org



New Technologies SIG

Provides members with a
forum for the open discussion
of technologically advanced ideas

Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of each month
Time: 4 - 5:30 PM

October 17

Topic: Near Future of Computer Tech

Place: Classroom, Chaparral

Contact: Joe Parla
NewTech@grandcomputers.org



Genealogy SIG

Provides club members a forum
for researching family history

Meetings: 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month
(Oct-May)
Time: 3:30 - 5 PM

October 4 and 18

Topic: Cropping & Sizing of Pictures
Using Faststone Image Viewer
by Dr. Leon Chapman

Place: Computer Classroom, Chaparral Center
Contact: Leon Chapman, 623-398-8900
Genealogy@grandcomputers.org



Grand Mac SIG

Provides members a forum for
Mac users and for classes
on the Mac platform

Meetings: 3rd Monday of each month (Oct-Apr)
Time: 4:30 - 6:30 PM

October 15

Topic: What's New for Mac SIG This Fall?

Place: Pima Room, Chaparral Center
Contact: Joyce Klonecz, 623-215-2397
Mac@grandcomputers.org



Graphics SIG

Provides club members a
forum to discuss
graphic applications

Meetings: 2nd Thursday of each month
Time: 2:30 - 4:30 PM

October 11

Topic: Cool New Graphic Websites &
What About the Social Media Craze

Place: Hopi Room, Chaparral Center
Contact: Rita Skarbek, 623-748-8992
Graphics@grandcomputers.org



Financial Education SIG

Provides club members a forum
for financial education

Meetings: 4th Friday of each month (Oct - May)
Time: 2 - 4 PM

October 26

Investments

Place: Pima Room, Chaparral Center

Financial Ed Investments Sub-Group meets
Mondays at 8 AM at the Cimarron Club
Contact: Diane Kurt, 623-214-7541
financial@grandcomputers.org

New Grand Computers Club SIGs

DEVICES SIG

Provides a focal point for people to meet and work together on hand-held devices.

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of the month (Oct.-May)

Time: 3:30 - 5 PM

October 16

Topic: New Devices (iPhone 5, iPad 4, Android, Windows)

Place: Computer Club Classroom, Chaparral

Contact: Dr. Leon Chapman, 623-398-8900

Devices@grandcomputers.org

SOCIAL NETWORKING SIG

Provide a focal point for members to meet, work, and exchange ideas about various social networking programs.

Meetings: 2nd Monday of the month (Oct.-May)

Time: 4 - 5:30 PM

October 8

Organizational Meeting

Place: Open Use Room, Chaparral

Contact: John Nuernberg, 623-975-0503

Social@grandcomputers.org

FLIGHT SIMULATORS SIG

Provide a focal point for members to meet, work, and exchange ideas about Flight Simulators.

Meetings: 2nd Thursday of the month (Sep. - June)

Time: 4 - 5:30 PM

October 11

Meeting

Place: Open Use Room, Chaparral

Contact: Jack Gossett 623-229-2433

Flight@grandcomputers.org



October 13 Oktoberfest

The Grand Computers Club will be participating in Sun City Grand's Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 13, from 9 AM -

1 PM. Our open use room will be open for membership renewal, new memberships, information about our fall classes, and to answer any questions you might have about the Grand Computers Club.

We are spotlighting our nine Special Interest Groups (SIGs) in the two Grand Learning Rooms, adjacent to the Grand Computers Club.

Our three new SIGs will be featured at Oktoberfest: Devices SIG, Flight Simulator SIG (they will be in the open use room near their new simulator console), and Social Networking SIG.

Each SIG will have a table with a SIG volunteer to talk with you who will provide you with information that you can take with you to familiarize you with our SIGs.

We hope you'll decide to join one or many of our SIGs. Membership in the Grand Computers Club admits you to any SIG meeting. As always bring your CAM card with you to SIG meetings. See the information on this page and previous page for SIG topics, dates, locations and times.

