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Maybe the Microsoft Surface PRO 3 will have some competition.	

September General Meeting:

Tuesday, September 9th

6:45pm – 8:45pm

Gateway Elks Lodge

711 NE 100th Avenue

Cascade Room

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This Month's Agenda:

Amazon Fire Smartphone now on sale

3D Printers

PIN code vulnerability



DOOR PRIZES

Get a ticket for just showing up

Wear your name tag and get an extra ticket

Bring a friend for the first time and get an extra ticket

Find the secret word in this newsletter for an extra ticket

Q & A – Answers to your computer problems

***Door Prizes at closing
Know the secret phrase and get an additional ticket***

Join us for a great evening!

PPCUG

calendar of events

- 1st Wednesday — Computer Aided Investing SIG
- 2nd Tuesday — General Meeting
- 2nd Tuesday — Board Meeting
- 2nd Saturday — Wildcard SIG
- 3rd Saturday — Audio/Visual SIG
- 4th Saturday — Hardware SIG
- 4th Wednesday — POLUG SIG

<i>September 2014</i>						
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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September 3 Wednesday 6:00 pm	Computer Aided Investing SIG NW Branch Library 2300 NW Thurman St	Sr. René Foster cai(at)ppcug(dot)org	For people who have an interest in Conversations About Investing, like to monitor them and use a computer to get information.
September 6 Saturday 10:00 am	cancelled Legacy Emanuel Hospital 501 N Graham Street	Speaker Varies programs(at)ppcug(dot)org	Instructional session for programs of interest. Learn how to use the features of the programs selected.
September 9 Tuesday 6:45 pm	General Meeting Gateway Elks Lodge 711 NE 100 th St	Douglas Howard prez(at)ppcug(dot)org	Regular General Meeting. Guest Speakers, Q&A, Door Prizes. See our web site at: www.ppcug.org
September 9 Tuesday After General Meeting	Board Meeting Gateway Elks Lodge 711 NE 100 th St	Douglas Howard prez(at)ppcug(dot)org	Regular Board Meeting. Planning of our next General Meeting. All members welcome.
September 13 Saturday 10:00 am	Audio/Visual SIG Legacy Emanuel Hospital 501 N Graham Street	Mike Hazlett av(at)ppcug(dot)org	The Audio/Visual SIG covers a wide range of topics about Audio and Visual software, hardware and resources.
September 20 Saturday 10:00 am	Hardware SIG Legacy Emanuel Hospital 501 N Graham Street	Gralof de Vries hardware(at)ppcug(dot)org	Please arrange with Gralof to have your hardware problem or upgrade the topic of the next SIG meeting. This is a hands-on experience.
September 24 Wednesday 10:00 am	POLUG SIG Concordia University 2811 NE Holman Street	Beverly Walker polug(at)ppcug(dot)org	For people who have an interest in genealogy using Legacy software. See the web site at: www.legacyfamilytree.com

Maps & Directions

General Meeting

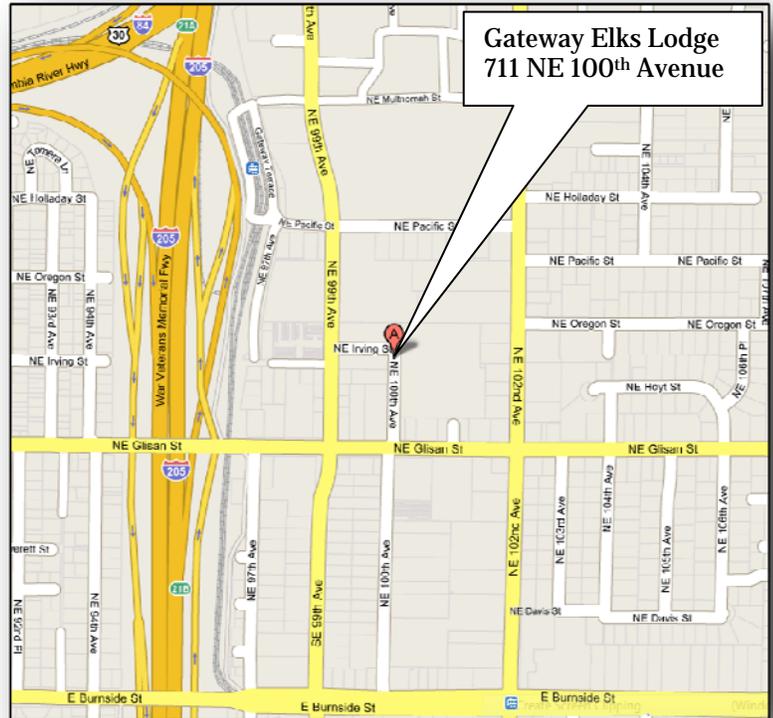
Gateway Elks Lodge 711 NE 100th Avenue

From I-205, take the Glisan Street exit and go East, then turn left at NE 99th Street.

The Lodge and parking lot are on the Northeast corner at NE Irving Street & NE 99th Street.

Cascade Room

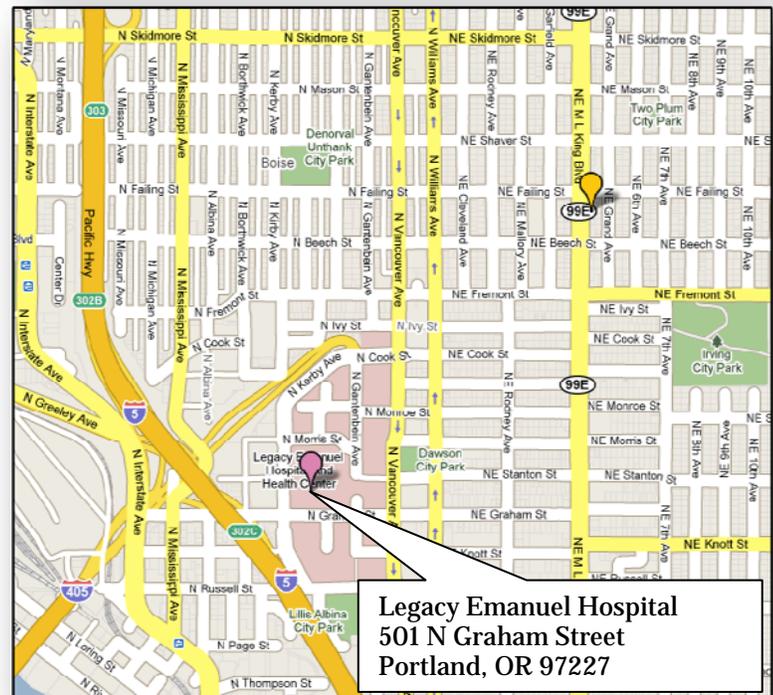
Down the stairs, turn left, down the hall, and turn left again.



Smartphone/Android (future))SIG

Legacy Emanuel Hospital

501 N Graham Street



Wildcard, Audio/Visual, and Hardware SIGs Meeting Place

Legacy Emanuel Hospital 501 N Graham Street

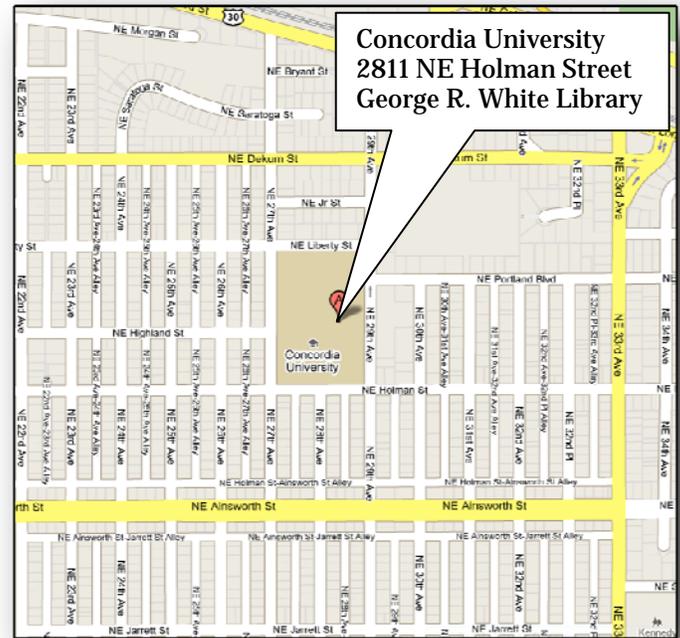
Park in Parking Structure 2, South side of Graham Street

Enter at Emanuel Medical Office entrance, take elevator to 4th floor, turn right, take walking bridge to other side, turn right, then left at end of hall, look for room 4128 on left.

POLUG SIG

**Concordia University
George R. White Library
2811 NE Holman Street**

Room 300 (Center for Volga German Studies) in SE corner of the 3rd floor of the George R. White Library Building.



President's Report, September 2014 General Meeting – September 9th

Program Topics will include some of those mentioned in this newsletter.

Smartphone Price Breakthrough

Amazon Fire Smartphone now on sale – 99 cents

If you have been waiting for the right price point, it won't get much better than this. The next iPhone has been announced, so this is the competition's answer.



3D Printers

You will probably own one soon. At the meeting will cover what they are and show a video or two. The price is dropping to \$349 now, so it is much more affordable now.

PIN code vulnerability

Be careful entering your PIN code with your debit/credit card. Someone behind you can record your PIN.

Field Trip – to OMSI Maker Faire Sept 13-14th

This is the place to see Makers and builders showing their wares. See many uses for Arduino and Raspberry Pi, robots and 3D printers. Take the young folks too.

<http://www.oms.edu/maker-faire-pdx>

CAI-SIG Report

Gold and silver are at long time lows, so it's not a good time to sell jewelry, but it's a good time to buy gold and silver coins, etc.

Alibaba IPO may be the biggest in internet history. You can't buy stock yet, but Yahoo owns 23 percent and you can buy Yahoo.

Watch the pc-grapevine for more SIG announcements.

See you at the General Meeting,

Douglas Howard
PPCUG President

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FUD's Follies

ANNUAL TRIP TO STATE FAIR

Some of these trips by FUD to the State Fair have been fruitful. For instance the year, long ago, when the fortune teller told FUD that she saw moving pictures in the crystal ball for the future of photography. How prophetic! Since then virtually all cameras take movies and half the content on Facebook includes how cute little Johnny looks playing in the sprinkler.

Here's a random clip from the 2006 visit to the fair:

FUD: No, small is still "IN". It's just that all hopes of running VISTA on your ultra-thin cell phone are dead. The ultra-portables will get smaller but it will be "Windows for cell phones" or something like that. As a generality, wireless and blue tooth headphone and microphone connections and maybe an upgrade to the transmitting systems borrowed from wireless "N" technology will let us transmit with lower power on our cell phones. And lower power means smaller phones because they can have smaller batteries.

Back to my rant:

Cameras are, of course ubiquitous, in every smart phone. This has its good side and, of course, bad side. I'm not even slightly alarmed, myself, but feel free to be as alarmed as you like. There are a bunch of celebrities that recently had their, err, "personal" photos published on the Web. They had very insecure passwords and were liberal with what pictures they took on their iPhones. For crying out loud, encrypt something if you want to better protect it and use at least a "strong" password! This ain't rocket science.



Probably called Nexus 9

I follow stricter codes.

The strictest is "Don't ever say out loud something that will endanger your life." Don't write it down, don't be in such a location; or at least, do it for a good reason.

A less strict code is "Don't ever publish anything on line that will endanger your job or your way of life."

A less strict code is never publishing online that you're on vacation or at such-and-such location. Why not just leave the keys in the front door?

A different way of thinking about it is that any phone can be monitored, most webcams can be hijacked, many streets can be monitored, and most email accounts and texting services are somewhat or very insecure.

My life is boring and I intend to keep it that way by following these simple observations. It should be common sense for you, too.

I saw a guy wearing a tee shirt "I'm the bomb." Don't wear that to an airplane terminal, especially with a turban. Many of the methods used in this country are computer-stupid literal. If you call a fellow worker and say you'll deliver the BOM (bill of materials) tomorrow because it's so big, you may be inviting the SWAT team over to your house. It's a changing world, so use slightly evolved survival tactics.

You don't at all have to stop communicating; just learn to live with computer stupidity until it evolves to being a little less literal.

I subscribe to the observation that anything that can be done, has been done. There are a lot of people that do it for the thrill and some business people that may want to do anything that they won't be caught doing, whether it's legal or not. The monitoring by Big Brother was never a surprise to me. The more stuff there is out there, the less likely tidbits will be noticed in the clutter. That should be common sense.

People and animals and birds and fish change their survival strategies over time to adapt to new conditions. Don't get so stuck in the past that you become an endangered species. People are remarkably adaptable. It's pretty easy to slightly alter your behavior.

FUD VISITS THE FAIR

FUD put on his most fashionable pair of pink and yellow plaid shorts and drove to Salem. “Gee, I hope the Oracle is there!” he said to himself. “I’ll try to find him,” came



back a response from his new phone. “You’ve got it all garbled, now” “Google Now, at your service!” “No! It was a serious thought to myself!” “Yes, this is Siri, I’m still looking for him.”

“Damn, the only way to get some privacy is to shut these things off!”

“Err, the only way to go dark is to pull the batteries.”

To FUD’s surprise, there stood the Oracle, in an X-File tee shirt. “I’ve been waiting for you. My latest app can contact the GPS chips in 20 phones at once,” commented the Oracle. “But I turned off GPS,” spoke FUD. “Well it can still find your general location from the cell tower,” and I knew you’d be parking that clunker out here in the cheap parking; enjoy the long walk?”

FUD got down to business. “What tablet should I buy?”

Oracle: Then you’ll have to wait till around Halloween. Android “L” is such a big jump that you’ll kick yourself if you buy now. Wait for the Nexus 9 tablet or the Nexus 6 phone. Both will have super-fast processors and extremely sharp screens. “L” will work with 64-bit processors and will usher in a change that will be built on for 3 or 4 years.

FUD: And what about the other guys?

Oracle: Apple’s new phone hits the streets now and Samsung is coming out with a great model. But Samsung takes at least half a year to get the latest software version. So, what you been up to, haven’t seen you around?

FUD: Working my butt off....

Oracle: You’ve got a ways to go.....

FUD: Ok, wise guy. I’ve been checking out some Bose QuietComfort 15 noise-cancelling headphones for places that are too noisy otherwise. They’re the “beloved family dog” of airplane and train and bus users. Occasionally I like silence at BigBucks.

Oracle: Yah, I find it hard to find a quiet jail cell, too. All that cup rattling on the bars and the...

FUD: Hold on there! What’s gunna happen in 2014?

Oracle: Not half what they pretend. Most of the ideas are tested in the arena of speculation, with a lot of things announced and only a few produced. I’d look for Android to make a real attempt to capture the Microsoft Surface PRO 3 market by coming in at half the price and having good-enough Office compatibility, and having an attachable keyboard and monster graphics. It’s a changing world; get used to it.

FUD: But what if I....



Oracle: Just eat this caramel apple and in no time you’ll remember that you feel just fine.

FUD walked off, eating the apple, feeling a little less worried about it all.



FUD

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