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PLATINUM

→ Clean Energy Film Festival This Saturday!

Delta Energy Club at CGCC is hosting a **free** Clean Energy Film Festival at The Discovery Center in The Dalles on Saturday, October 29, 2011 from 11 am until 5 pm. The festival features three award-winning documentaries including Kilowatt Ours, Last Mountain and Wind Uprising. Local non-profit organizations and businesses working in renewable energies will have tables and outreach materials at the event. All community members are invited to attend for one film or all day. [Read more...](#)

→ First Electric Vehicle Charger Comes to Stevenson

GTA Member the Port of Skamania County partnered with the City of Stevenson and the Stevenson Business Association (SBA) to bring the first Level II Electric Vehicle Charging Station to Washington's side of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.

The station is located at Teo Park along the Columbia River Waterfront in Stevenson, adjacent to shops, restaurants, spas, and art galleries. It will allow people to reach the area from the I-5 corridor (50 miles west) and recharge for their return trip.

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Gorge Technology Alliance
Mission

To promote the technology business sector of the Columbia River Gorge and build new alliances to strengthen our surrounding communities.

Congratulations to everyone involved!



→ Gorge Youth Robotics Info

Planning is in the works for the three GTA-hosted FIRST LEGO League (FLL) Tournaments in the Gorge in December, with support from Google. Approximately 47 teams of 9 to 14 year olds will be competing on Dec. 3 at The Dalles Middle School, or Dec. 10 and 11 at Wy'east Middle School in Odell. Volunteers and sponsors are still needed! Contact [Jessica](#) **TODAY**. Be sure to mark your calendars to come watch the fun and excitement!

→ Job Openings with GTA Members

[Custom Interface Inc.](#) is hiring for an Accounting Agent/ Clerk II (Oct 29 deadline).

[Sightline Applications](#) is seeking an Embedded Software Engineer to join their Hood River or Portland team.

[Columbia Gorge Community College](#) is seeking an ITS Computer Support Tech II (Nov. 15 deadline) and an Online Services Specialist (Nov. 4 deadline).

[Sagetech Corp.](#) is hiring for several positions, including Electronics Hardware Design Engineer, Software Engineer and others.

[Innovative Composite Engineering](#) is seeking a Machinist.

[Google](#) is hiring for several Engineering Operations and Management positions at their data center in The Dalles.

GTA Members, have an opening? [Email it to us](#)

We focus on "lifestyle entrepreneurs;" individuals who take advantage of the area's recreational resources and business opportunities, combining their drive for recreational activities with an industry cluster that continues to expand.

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→ Gorge Commercial / Industrial Real Estate Snapshot

As a quarterly piece for our newsletter, our members involved with real estate are invited to provide a snapshot of news, trends or properties in the Gorge to serve tech businesses. Read on...

Ast Commercial Real Estate announces a new business to serve the Washington-side techies - with food! "Killer Burger has opened in Bingen in one of my buildings, two doors down from the Post Office, and they're quickly winning the reputation for the most awesome burgers (and prices) in the Gorge." Check out the reviews using [Google](#) and stop by!

Commercial properties for lease are listed on **Colt Listing Service's** [website](#). Current listings include Cascade Locks, Hood River, Odell, Mosier and The Dalles.

The **Port of Hood River** only has 7,500 square feet of lease space left in the Halyard Building, their newest green industrial building on the Hood River waterfront. [Read more](#) and contact [Mike Doke](#) today!

→ Pacific NW Cleantech Open Finalists Announced

The Pacific Northwest Cleantech Open - a chapter of the world's largest business competition devoted to finding, funding and fostering successful cleantech businesses - recently announced the three finalists to represent the Northwest at the national competition on Nov. 16 in San Jose for a chance to win \$250,000. The winning companies are:

- [Indow Windows](#) (Portland, OR) - builds thermal inserts that press on the inside of a window frame without any nails, screws or adhesives to deliver the performance of double pane windows, at a fraction of the price.

- [HM3 Energy](#) (Troutdale, OR) - uses proprietary technology to convert biomass into clean fuel to replace coal in coal-fired power plants.
- [GridMobility](#) (Redmond, WA) - is a smart grid company that enables utilities, power balancing authorities, commercial and residential power customers to significantly increase their consumption of renewable energy and reduce energy costs.

→ GTA November Events

Mark your calendars for our regular series of events in November:

- November 13: Geek Lunch at noon, China Gorge in Hood River.
- November 29: Featured Event at 6:30pm, Springhouse Cellar Winery in Hood River.
- November Happy Hour date and location TBA soon

→ Gorge OEN Events

Next Gorge PubTalk November 10 in Carson, WA

Hosted at the Old School Grill, 5:30 to 7:30pm
\$10 entry at the door includes snacks

This month's presentation: "Ask the CPA's" Panel with experts on Entity Formation, Equity & Compensation and thinking of your CPA as a Strategic Business Partner. November's company presenters include

[Mad Mike's Food](#) (zesty ketchup, relish & BBQ sauce) and [Sam Cole LLC](#) (casual accessories for the college crowd). RSVP to Kari at kfagerness@skamania-edc.org.

November 15: Paul O'Brien presents "Entrepreneurship- Inspiration, Innovation and Visionary Decision Making"

6:00-8:00pm, Columbia Center for the Arts, Hood River

\$!0 entry. Registration Deadline is Nov. 11 @ Noon.

To register, [click here](#).

Paul O'Brien, who founded Visionary Networks/ Tarot.com, will share his experiences and perspective as entrepreneur who bootstrapped an innovative Internet-based content business, invented his own unique approach to monetizing it via "micropayments", turned Yahoo, AOL, MySpace and others into major partners in helping grow a following for the company's horoscope readings to millions of users per month then sold the company for \$21M in 2007.

→ OEN's Venture Northwest, Nov. 3

This annual Portland-based conference draws institutional investors and investment bankers from across the US and Western Canada, who are interested in early and growth stage companies. Ten great investment opportunities, presentations from business leaders about trends in social media and mobile computing, plus hear why some leading venture firms are plotting their course to the Northwest to find real treasures. 8am to 5pm at the Governor Hotel in Portland. [More...](#)

Start thinking now about Angel Oregon, April 18, 2012 and the Gorge Angel Conference, April 24, 2012!

→ U.S. Export Assistance Center Events

Managing Compliance with Today's U.S. Defense Trade Regulations (ITAR), November 2

Participate in this day-long seminar on the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR). Experts will discuss compliance with the regulations and export controls.

Nov. 2, 7:30am-5:30pm at The Sheraton Hotel-Portland Airport. [More...](#)

Deemed Exports - When Export Licensing Requirements Can Impact You in Troublesome Ways, November 3

Some companies do not realize that the sharing of technology or source code with a foreign national is also an export - even when the foreign national is within the United States. This seminar will provide an overview of the deemed export regulations and measures and practices necessary to comply with

the rules. Learn how to structure a compliance program so that company, university and research staff are aware of the regulations and their responsibilities.

Nov. 3, 2:00-4:30pm at Portland State University.
[More...](#)

SAO Event: Evolving Virtual Teams for Software Development

Software development teams now are commonly project-based and geographically distributed. How can we work effectively with team members in different physical locations? Learn from key open source leaders that with the help of virtual teams produce some of the highest quality, most widely used software today.

December 9, 2011, 8:30am to 5:00pm, Multnomah Athletic Club in Portland. [More...](#)

Time to Renew Your Membership - *or to Join In!*

It's that time of year again to renew your GTA Membership or finally show your commitment and join. Join the list of individuals and businesses who support the tech sector of the Gorge while enjoying all the benefits of [membership](#) or [sponsorship](#). Renewals or joining is easy using PayPal through [our website](#).

Many thanks to these businesses and individuals who have already pledged their support!

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[Hood River County Library District](#)

Jeff McMullin, Assoc. Member

Lisa Soule-Brown



Calendar of Events

November

- **Nov. 2:** ITAR event in Portland (see above)
- **Nov. 3:** Deemed Exports event in Portland (see above)
- **Nov. 3:** OEN's Venture NW in Portland (see above)

- **Nov. 10:** Gorge OEN PubTalk in Carson, 5:30pm
- **Nov. 13:** GTA Geek Lunch, Noon at China Gorge in Hood River
- **Nov. 15:** Gorge OEN Event with Paul O'Brien, Columbia Center for the Arts, 6pm
- **Nov. 29:** GTA Featured Event, 6:30pm, Springhouse Cellars in Hood River

December

- **Dec. 3:** GTA FIRST LEGO League Tournament at The Dalles Middle School
- **Dec. 9:** Evolving Virtual Teams event in Portland (see above)
- **Dec. 10 and 11:** GTA FIRST LEGO League Tournament at Wy'East Middle School

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