

GTA Newsletter September 2011

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→ GTA Launches New Website!

The GTA is pleased to announce the launch of our brand new website! Many thanks to GTA Member [John Metta](#) for his in-kind assistance! Visit [crgta.org](#) to check it out, then [let us know](#) what you think. What do you like? Not like? What else do you want to see on there?

As a new benefit for members, we're also offering free hosting of WordPress websites through our new site. Details on this program will be released soon. Thanks for your patience as we finalize this new option!

→ GTA Member News: Hood River Hobbies Offering Classes

GTA Member Hood River Hobbies is offering classes starting in November, including **rocket building**, **R/C flying** and more. These are open to everyone; registration is through Hood River Community Education. Read more or register online [here](#). Rocket Building is Class A1998 and R/C Flying is Class A1999.

→ Gorge Robotics Fest a Success; Tournament Volunteers Needed



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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.

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.

Thanks to the 600 kids and adults who attended the Gorge Robotics Fest, hosted by Google and the GTA on Sept. 17 at The Dalles Civic Auditorium. Students from 6 to 22 years old were on hand showing off their amazing robotic creations while reps from the FIRST series of robotics competitions helped new children get involved. Many thanks to GTA Members [Insitu](#), [Cloud Cap Technology](#) and [Columbia Gorge Community College](#) for participating with great hands-on displays! The event also raised \$940 to support the GTA Youth Robotics Program - which Google will be matching!

As a result of all the attention and scholarships [Google](#) has provided to support youth robotics in the Gorge, there are so many Gorge FIRST LEGO League teams (students 9 to 14 years old) that the GTA will be hosting THREE local qualifying tournaments this year. Last year's single tournament with 14 teams was the first-ever held in the Gorge - this year we have over 40 teams! Because of this phenomenal growth, **there is a significant need for more adult volunteers.** Many of our volunteer needs require only a ten hour commitment. The Gorge Tournaments are being planned for the weekends of December 3 and 10. Please contact [Jessica](#) TODAY to help.

→ GTA Featured Event Next Tuesday

Steve Morrow, Insitu President and CEO

Join the GTA for our Featured Event every 4th Tuesday of the month for some of the Gorge's best



networking and an educational presentation for the tech business community. Our September 27 meeting features a discussion with [Steve Morrow](#), new President and CEO of Insitu. Prior to joining Insitu in April, Steve led Boeing's long-range weapons programs and has been with Boeing since 2002. Steve will

join the meeting to connect with other GTA

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members and for a discussion on his background and work at Insitu.

Event details:

Tuesday, September 27, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.
[Springhouse Cellar Winery](#), 13 Railroad Ave, Hood River

Free for GTA Members, \$10 for non-members.



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

The GTA is pleased to announce that we've updated our membership and sponsorship benefits. This year, we're bringing you **more value than ever at the same price** for Full Members and Sponsors. Full Members now enjoy free website hosting through the GTA's new website and discounted joint membership with Gorge OEN in addition to our other benefits. Sponsors will receive advertising space in our newsletter and visibility as a supporter of the GTA's robotics program. We also have a new Gold sponsor level at \$2500.

Now is the perfect time to renew your membership or finally **commit your business to the success of the Gorge's tech sector**. The GTA's work and events could not happen without the support of our members and sponsors. Read more about our full [membership benefits](#) and [sponsorship benefits](#), then join easily using PayPal through [our website](#).

Thank you to these businesses and individuals who have already pledged their support! JOIN TODAY to see your name below.

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New Member:

Eric Folkestad

Gorge OEN News

Mini Boot Camp: "How & Why to Seek Angel Investment For Seed Stage - Established Growth Companies"

Attendees will participate in a day-long immersion with legal, technical, marketing, financing and business planning experts. They represent a wide variety of fields and include members of the Gorge Angel Investor Network. They are eager to get to know you and help you to put your best foot forward when seeking angel investment. This is your chance to take a quantum leap in one day.

October 8, 2011

9:30am - 4:00pm

Columbia Gorge Community College in The Dalles

\$50 Gorge OEN Members, \$75 Non-Members

September 30 registration deadline!

[Read more or register...](#)

Upcoming Investment Conferences

PNW Cleantech Open Awards and Expo, Oct. 5

Join the Cleantech Open for their 3rd annual Exhibition and Awards Program with booths by PNW Cleantech Open Alumni from all three years, opportunities to meet their regional innovation partners and the announcement of their 2011 finalists who will receive a total of over \$50,000 in awards. The Keynote Session features an Investment Forecast Panel.

Wednesday, October 5, 2011 - 3:30 to 7:30pm

Bell Harbor Conference Center in Seattle

\$65 Registration.

[Read more...](#)

8th Annual Bend Venture Conference, Oct. 13-14

The Bend Venture Conference connects startup companies with investment opportunities. Now in its eighth year, BVC attracts over 300 of the Northwest's top entrepreneurs, investors, and

business leaders. The event includes intimate pre-conference seminars, a networking reception, the full day angel conference and an unconventional 'UnConference'. Keynote: Andy Sack, Executive Director, TechStars Seattle.

October 13 & 14, 2011
Tower Theater in downtown Bend
\$199 Registration
[Read more...](#)

→ Oct 10-12: Pacific Northwest Software Quality Conference

Pacific Northwest Software Quality Conference (PNSQC) is a collaborative environment for professional growth. Attendees interact with peers and industry leaders from major companies such as Microsoft, McAfee, Adobe, Tektronix and Intel. This year's conference will focus on 'Delivering Quality' with over 75 technical & poster papers covering best practices and valuable experiences.

October 10 - 12, 2011
World Trade Center in downtown Portland
Early registration discount ends Sept. 26
[Read more...](#)

→ Oct 13: AUVSI Cascade Chapter Fall Conference

The Cascade Chapter of the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI) is hosting their Fall Conference on October 13 at Clackamas Community College in Oregon City. Presenters include Janis Pamiljans with a briefing on the Northrop Grumman X-47B UCAS-D and Insitu's Marketing Director Christine Tichenor, among others.

October 13, 2011
9am to 6pm
Clackamas Community College, Oregon City
\$150 AUVSI Members / \$200 non-members
Read more or [register here...](#)

→ Oct. 27-28: Oregon Connections Telecommunications Conference

in Hood River

The Oregon Connections Telecommunications Conference, hosted by GTA Member [Mid-Columbia Economic Development District](#), draws attendees from all regions of Oregon to share ideas, experiences and knowledge about telecommunications. The 2011 conference presenters and attendees will explore the importance and value of broadband telecommunications adoption and utilization for business, government, education, healthcare, public safety, communities and individuals. Keynote presenter: Lee Rainie, Director of the Pew Research Center's Internet & American Life Project.

October 27-28, 2011

Hood River Inn

\$65 Registration

[Read more...](#)



Calendar of Events

September

- **Sept. 27:** GTA Featured Event, 6:30pm at Springhouse Cellar Winery with speaker Steve Morrow from Insitu

October

- **Oct. 5:** Pacific NW CleanTech Open Awards, Seattle
- **Oct. 8:** Gorge OEN's Angel Investment Boot Camp, The Dalles
- **Oct. 10-12:** Software Quality Conference, Portland
- **Oct. 13:** AUVSI Cascade Chapter Conference, Oregon City
- **Oct. 13-14:** Bend Venture Conference, Bend

- **Oct. 13: GTA Happy Hour, 6pm, Venue TBA**
- **Oct. 18: GTA Geek Lunch, Noon, China Gorge Restaurant**
- **Oct. 25: GTA Featured Event, 6:30pm, Springhouse Cellar Winery**
- **Oct. 27-28:** Oregon Connections Telecommunications Conference, Hood River