

# CAMP NEWS

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## It's Party Time!

CAMP's annual holiday party will take place at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 10 at the home of Jeff Frankel in Windsor. For directions and a map, see page 3. Spouses, significant others and friends are all welcome.

Please bring an entrée or dessert for the potluck dinner. Jeff will supply beverages. And please also bring a wrapped gift item for the heart-stopping, stroke-inducing Yankee auction. The gift need not be computer-related.

## And Let's Not Forget the Annual Meeting...

CAMP's annual business meeting will also take place on December 10 as part of the holiday party. The only item on the agenda is the election of officers and directors for the coming year. All incumbents are running for their current positions (see page 2); however, \*any\* member is encouraged to run for any position, vacant or not.

## NewerTech Wireless Aluminum Keypad

by Jeffrey Frankel

Do you miss the number and navigation keys that got lopped off the compact wireless keyboard that has shipped with iMacs for years? Or do you have the same number key envy when pounding away at your Macbook? If so, you're in luck: OWC now offers NewerTech's wireless aluminum keypad, and at \$47 (plus shipping) it's a steal.



Extend your keyboard!

NewerTech managed to exactly replicate the shade and texture of the aluminum Apple uses in its wireless keyboard and trackpad, as well as the shape and color of the keys. The roundness of the corners, thickness of the aluminum, and height of the keypad all match the Apple products perfectly. The keypad is available with white keys to go with the Apple Wireless Keyboard and Macbook Air, or with black keys to complement the Macbook Pro.

And the keypad performs as good as it looks. Keypress action is crisp with no delay.

The keypad offers a calculator-style numerical layout. A column near the left edge contains forward delete, page up, page down, home, end, and function keys. (The function key allows the 4, 5, 6, 8 and tab keys to perform alternate

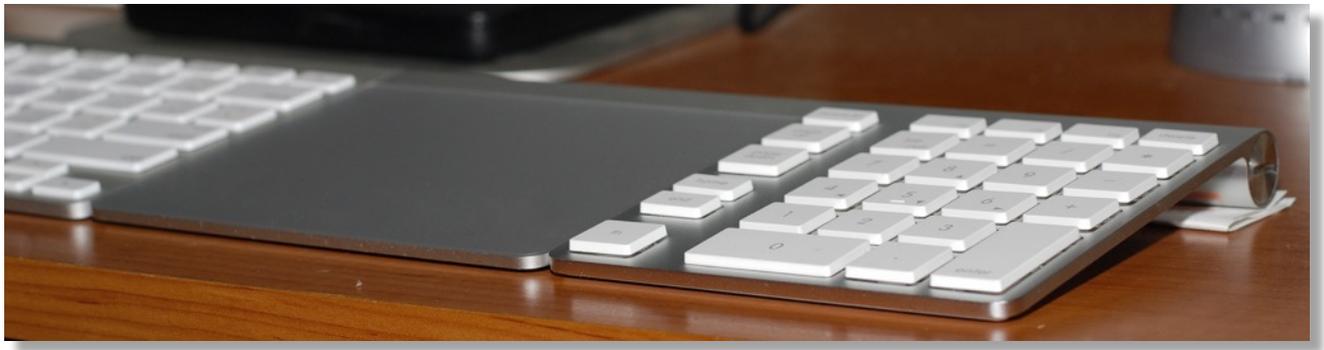
duties.) Plus, the top row of the number cluster contains F13, F14 and F15 keys—more fodder for your custom keyboard shortcuts.

The keypad is a bluetooth device, and it easily paired with my iMac. The unit is powered by two AAA batteries, which are included in the package. In the first keyboard I received from OWC, the internal tube that holds the batteries was too tight, and one of the batteries got stuck and wouldn't come out. The replacement unit OWC sent me thankfully didn't have that problem.

(Yes, even the battery compartment, twist-off battery compartment endcap and on-off switch endcap mimic the Apple Wireless Keyboard and Magic Trackpad.)

Also included in the package is an unsightly plastic bracket that securely attaches the keypad to the Apple Wireless Keyboard. I found this to be unnecessary, as the rubber strips and feet on the bottom of the keypad prevent it from sliding around my desk.

If it's the little things in life that count, chalk up a big win for NewerTech, OWC and their customers. Let the number crunching begin! ☼



The NewerTech Wireless Keyboard next to the Apple Wireless Keyboard and Magic Trackpad on Jeff's desk. (The paper shim beneath one corner of the keypad compensates for the unevenness of the desk surface.)

<b>2014 Annual Meeting Officer and Director Candidates</b>	
President .....	Steve Katz
Vice President.....	vacant
Secretary .....	Brenda Bennett
Treasurer .....	Sue Westlake
Membership Director .....	Mike Knight
Newsletter Editor .....	Jeff Frankel
Webmaster .....	Sue Westlake
Publicity Director.....	Sue Westlake
Director-at-large1.....	Holly Dominie
Director-at-large2.....	vacant

### Directions to Jeff's House 30 Erskine Road, Windsor

From Cony Circle in Augusta, go up Hospital St. to the traffic light at Rte 17. Proceed east on Rte 17 9 miles to Rte 32 north, also known as Ridge Road. Turn left onto Rte 32 north. Go 1.3 miles, past the Windsor Fairgrounds, and turn right onto Maxcy's Mills Rd (landmark: Resthaven Cemetery). Go all the way down Maxcy's Mills Rd to the T-intersection with Coopers Mills Rd (1.2 miles). Turn left, and in .4 mi, at the top of the hill, turn right onto Erskine Rd. We're the first house on the left. For a live map, click [here](#). If you get lost, call Jeff at 549-5965.