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## NOCCC meetings for Sunday November 5, 2023

### MAIN MEETING .

With only a little bit of luck, on November 3, Micro Center will have the Raspberry 5 computer available for purchase. If it does, we will have a show and tell demo of the new device. If not, plan B will be video reviews and discussions of the RPi 5.

### Special Interest Groups (SIGs) & Main Meeting Schedule

#### 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

- Beginners Digital Photography** .....Science 129  
Questions and Answers about Digital Photography
- Linux for Desktop Users**.....Science 131  
Beginners' Questions about Linux

#### 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM Noon

- 3D Printing** .....Science 127  
Questions and Answers about 3D printing
- Advanced Digital Photography**... Science 129  
Questions and Answers about Digital Photography
- Linux Administration** .....Science 131  
More topics about the Linux operating system
- Mobile Computing**.....Science 109  
We discuss smart phones, tablets, laptops, operating systems and computer related news. **We need a new leader.**

#### 12:00 PM Noon – 1:00 PM

- 3D Printing**..... Science 127  
Questions and Answers about 3D printing

#### PIG SIG ..... Irvine Courtyard

Bring your lunch. Consume it in the open-air benches in front of the Irvine Hall or join the group that goes to the student cafeteria. Talk about your computer and life experiences.

#### 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Main Meeting

See above

..... Science 131

#### 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Board Meeting.....  
Science 129

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**Mark your calendars for these meeting dates**  
2023: Nov 5, Dec 3,  
2024: Jan 7, Feb 4, Mar 3, Apr 7, May 5, Jun ?

Coffee, cookies and donuts are available during the day in the Irvine Hall lobby.  
Food and drinks need to remain outside the Irvine Auditorium.

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since April 1976

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## Editor's Report

### ODDS and ENDS

Windows 11 Laptop built on smart phone CPU

Qualcomm has brought excitement to the stagnant Windows 11 notebook market with today's announcement of the new ARM-based Snapdragon X Elite platform at the [Snapdragon Summit](#). This new platform, equipped with the custom-designed Qualcomm Oryon CPU, is poised to set a new benchmark in mobile computing by offering up to double the CPU performance of its competitors at a fraction of the power.

At the heart of Snapdragon X Elite is its custom integrated Qualcomm Oryon CPU. The platform not only matches the peak performance of competitors but achieves this feat with just one-third of the power.

The Snapdragon X Elite isn't just about raw performance; it's a testament to Qualcomm's continued focus on artificial intelligence (AI). The platform is capable of executing generative AI models with over 13 billion parameters on-device, which is a noteworthy achievement. This capability underscores a whopping 4.5 times faster AI processing power than what the competitors offer.

## A little History

There has been a fair amount of news lately about China, in particular the CCP ruling government, buying a lot of farm land in the United States. I ran across a list of American companies that are owned by Chinese companies in whole or in part. This is far, far from a complete list but contains some names that surprised me.

**Smithfield Meats** largest meat co. in U.S. Owns 500+ farms. Bought in 2013 by WH Group, China

**Ironman** competition in Hawaii, owned by Dalian Wanda Group of Ghina

**Forbes Magazine** Owned by Integrated Whale Media China

**General Electric** (Appliances division only) Haier China

**Dirt Devil** vacuum cleaners, Techtronic Industries, China

**Motorola** Owned by Lenovo, China

**IBM (PC Division)** Owned by Lenovo, China

**Legendary Entertainment** Group Dalian Wanda Group, China

**Hoover US vacuums** Techtronic Industries, China

**Strategic Hotels** Anbang Insurance Group, China

**General Motors** General Motors isn't entirely owned by a Chinese company, but significant.

**Spotify Music** Tencent Holdings Ltd. China

**The Waldorf Astoria Hotel** Anbang Insurance Group. China

**Tesla** Tencent Holdings Ltd owns 5%. China

**Snapchat** Tencent Holdings Ltd. China

**Ingram Micro electronic parts** HNA Technology Co. Ltd. China

**Universal Music Group** Tencent, 10+ percent. China

**WeWork Work spaces** Legend Holdings Corp. China

**Segway Inc** Ninebot Inc. China

**Brookstone Inc** Sanpower Group Corp. China

**Fab.com Inc** Tencent Holdings Ltd. China

**The Cleveland Cavaliers** Jianhua Huang Investor Group. China

**Riot Games Inc** League of Legends, Tencent Holdings Ltd. China

**Uber Technologies Inc** Baidu Inc. large stake, China

**OmniVision Technologies Inc** Surgery tools, Will Semiconductor Co. Ltd. China

**Baby Trend Inc** all things baby, Alpha Group, China

**University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center**

Owned 20 % by Concord Medical Services, China.

**Hilton Hotels** 25% owned by HNA Group Co Ltd, China

**AMC Cinemas** Dalian Wanda Group Corp Ltd. China

**California Grapes International Inc** China Food Services Corp

**Fisher Price** owned by Matel, all factories in China

**Barbie Dolls** owned by Matel most made in China

**Huffy bikes** Russell Corporation, made in Taiwan, Mexico, China.

**Converse shoes** owned by Nike, made in China

**American Eagle Outfitters** Retail Ventures, Inc. China

## A LITTLE HUMOR

OK, you know that in Hollywood, every movie producer has his "Yes Man" whose job is to follow the producer around and say, "Yes, CB", "Right, CB" and so on. Well, one of these Yes Men got depressed, so down in fact that he was unable to function. So he consulted a psychiatrist. The psychiatrist quickly determined the problem, and told the Yes Man that he just had to find a release for his negative feelings, and say "No."

"But if I said 'no' I'd get fired!" The yes man protested.

The psychiatrist said, "Oh, I don't mean on the job, I mean go out to the Grand Canyon and find a ledge off the trail, and there you can yell 'NO!' to your heart's content and no one will be the wiser."

Well, the Yes Man decided to try it. He went to the Grand Canyon and found a spot off the trail, and stood there and very timidly said, "no." It felt good, so he tried it a little louder, "No." Even better! soon he was shouting "NO, NO, NO, NO, NO!!!!" at the top of his lungs and feeling great.

He went back to work a changed man, and said "Yes!" with all the proper enthusiasm, because on the weekend he could escape to the Grand Canyon and say "NO!" Other Yes men decided to try this also, and soon every weekend the Grand Canyon was crammed with Yes Men shouting "NO!"

A new Yes Man came to Hollywood, and he too felt the need of such a release, but when he tried to find a ledge in the Grand Canyon, all of them seemed to be taken. He hunted and hunted, but everywhere he found was already taken by another Yes Man.

Finally he found a small ledge which had been overlooked because of its size. Thankfully he scurried out on it and stood there and said "No." It felt great! So he wound up and released an enormous "NO!" and in so doing lost his balance and fell to his death. Which just goes to prove that:

a little No Ledge can be a dangerous thing.

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Individual Member .....	35	90
Each Additional Family Member ....	15	40
Full-Time* Enrolled College Student	20	
Enrolled High School Student	15	

\*Minimum 12 Semester Hours

Business Member + Ad (Business Card)	180
Business Member + Ad (¼ Page, ½ Page)	465, 800
Business Member + Ad (Full Page)	1,475
Contributing Member	75
Supporting Member	100
Advocate Member	250
Patron Member	500

**Directions to the NOCCC meeting location**



Enter CA-55 N (Costa Mesa Freeway) crossing Interstate 5 toward Anaheim/Riverside for 9 miles. *Notice freeway and street signs stating "Chapman University."* Exit toward E Chapman Ave. Turn right onto N Tustin St. Turn left onto E Walnut Ave.

1) Turn left past N. Center St. for the **best place to park** in the underground parking structure ( Lastinger under the sports field). Pay the small fee (\$2) to park Ask members or [help@noccc.org](mailto:help@noccc.org) about parking details, restrictions, and our price break!

2) Turn left onto N Center St. On the right is the Hashinger Science Center, 346 N Center St. Orange California. Parking on the University side is free. Parking on the residential side is a city violation that may cost you a tow away and a ticket!