



HAPPY MOTHERS DAY WEEKEND

My Dad always said that his birthday landed on Mother's Day. He thought that was special. My Mom, born in 1926 is a few years less than him, she is still alive and kicking. This would be my Dad's 90th birthday - born 1922! He passed in 1995. We miss him. Buried in Eagle Point United States Military Cemetary in Eagle Point, Oregon.

Build to Order (BTO) versus OEM Computers.

The latest development is the Ivy Bridge from Intel.

While Mountain Computers has loved Intel technology since our inception, the AMD platform is priced more aggressively, and Intel tends to push their price for performance as quality - is overrated.

The latest AMD FX and now FM1 platform is taking serious note to the Intel 22nm platform. Did Intel release Ivy bridge 10 years in advance. I think so. In fact, a fellow of Intel told me at a public presentation, Intel has technology 20 years in the future, that they will not release because it is too hot.

Too hot? Too hot for whom? The response was that the technology was so advanced that they could wait 10 years and live on their current technology and still do well.

Obviously, 10 years became 1 year, and now we have 22nm technology that is moving past 45nm technology.

The business math is simple: customers need computing power that is cost effective for their business needs.

AMD and INTEL will compete in the market space; Intel wins on technology, AMD wins on price piont. Compatibility was a factor 10 years ago - not any more.

What is the call for a consumer - buy the AMD FM1 solution, skip the Intel i7 core.

Build it on the ASUS board, and 1866 RAM options, and SSD hard drive OEM drives.

SATA III and USB 3.0 -- ahead full. Buy SSD drives only.

... Call if you need assistance with build to order options.

TECH TIPS OF THE WEEK

1. USB 3.0 versus 2.0. -- the latest external hard drives are USB 3.0. They will work with your current computers, but you should consider upgrading your computers soon to take advantage. Call us for advice.
2. SATA III versus II. When hard drives start to go, one should consider Serial ATA 3.0 (III) drives instead of Serial ATA 2 (II) drives. The replacement price is negligible. Just be sure your computer motherboard can support it. There are controller cards to support SATA III devices within your computer. We have fixed a few this week!
3. Buy SSD SATA III drives instead of the SATA II drives. Skip the Thai flooding price gouging. Move past the foreigners price fixing and move directly to SSD.
4. Video - Go Displayport as fast as possible and keep HDMI and DVI on standby.



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