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Annual membership is \$35 for regular members, and \$10 for

student members (limited to students enrolled at a high school, community college, or university.) The Hotline is also the Mentor line if you need help. Guests are welcome to attend one or two meetings to get acquainted with HAAUG, but participation in certain activities may be limited to members only. For a full list of membership benefits as well as a form to join HAAUG by mail, see the Membership Benefits page later in this issue.

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by Phil Booth, 2017 HAAUG President

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Thanks to all the members and non-members who joined us in the new meeting location at the CenterPoint Community Center. We have moved to the meeting facility over the Bellaire Aquatics Center. Thanks also goes to Ryan Esworth for his presentation on the Photos app on the Mac and Adobe Lightroom. This month Mike King will demo the Amazon Echo and the Google Home. Join us on May 20th at the CenterPoint Community Center.

Apple posted its calendar first quarter results this week. It reported revenues of 52.9 billion, which equates to \$2.10 per share. The same quarter last year showed revenues of 50.6 billion (\$1.90 per share,) so Apple is not going away anytime soon. Apple reported sales of over 50 million iPhones, 8.9 million iPads, and 4.2 million Macs. This showed slight drop in sales except for Macs from the same quarter last year. Company services (App Store, Apple Pay, Music) generated a significant amount or revenue this quarter.

Apple CEO Tim Cook announced that the company will create a billion dollar fund for advanced US manufacturing. While the company was a little vague on what it means, speculation is that the funds will be used to develop an advanced chip fabrication facility.

There was more evidence that I am a luddite; a CDC survey showed that in the second half of 2016 50.8% of US house holds are wireless. I have two landlines, one a POTS line and the other a U-Verse VOIP line, which is how I get my Internet.

I find it interesting that change causes many dedicated Mac users the “vapors” when Apple changes the OS. Change is hard and I include myself in that group. We get used to how something works and then a software update changes some of the look and feel of the app and we complain.

The calendar has turned to May and we are about to start Hurricane season and other heavy weather. Remember the Memorial day floods? If you haven't prepared for emergencies, now would be a good time to start. What will you do with your data if you need to evacuate? We depend on our computers to keep so much information that we use everyday.

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9:00 am	Mac 101 and Fundamentals, iOS Jonathan Magnus and Rick Roberts*
9:30 am	
10:00 am	
10:30 am	
11:00 am	Intelligent Assistants Mike King
11:30 am	
12:00 pm	
12:30 pm	
1:00 pm	
1:30 pm	
2:00 pm	

HAAUG Member Mike King will demo the Amazon Echo and Google Home, and discuss the setup process and usage of these devices.

New Meeting Location

We will be meeting in a new location (the CenterPoint Energy Community Center) that is very near to the old Bellaire Civic Center but which lacks the partitioning afforded by the old location.

Special Interest Groups

Mac 101 and Fundamentals with Jonathan Magnus: The SIG for basic to advanced Mac topics.

iOS with Rick Roberts: Discuss all things iPhone, iPad, iPod, iTunes, and iCloud.

Special Interest Group and Ad Hoc Meetings: Groups are welcome to use the casual spaces to meet on other topics. Scheduled SIGs take precedence. If you have an idea for a SIG, email the HAAUG SIG Coordinator at SIG_Coordinator@haaug.org!

Join the HAAUG Board of Directors!

We will soon be asking for members to volunteer to serve on the Board of Directors. Please consider putting your name up for a leadership position. For more information, talk to any board member at a meeting or send an email to president@haaug.org.

Meetup Group

The Houston Area Apple Users Group is now on Meetup.com! Click here to visit our group's Meetup page and join. We will of course continue to publish all meeting news on our website at haaug.org, to our Facebook group, and all other outlets as usual; this is simply an additional way to market our organization to the local community. If you are already a HAAUG member and join the Meetup group we will mark your dues as paid on the Meetup website, so you won't have to pay HAAUG dues twice!

HAAUG Website Updates

If you haven't visited the [HAAUG website](http://haaug.org) recently, stop by and check it out. Learn more about the organization, get up-to-the-minute news and updates, and browse the Apple Barrel archives, dating back to 1996!

Submit Your Content to Apple Barrel!

Have you tried a new Mac or iOS application? Found a neat accessory for your iPhone? Want to share a cool tip you've come across? Write about it, and send your column to editor@haaug.org. You can help make the Apple Barrel a better publication while providing valuable insight and opinion to your fellow HAAUG members.

Meeting Minutes for March will be included in the
next issue of the Apple Barrel

Membership Benefits

Monthly Meetings

This is where the excitement begins. On the third Saturday of each month, members of HAAUG meet for a day filled with activities, including presentations by major software and hardware vendors, special interest group (SIG) meetings, raffles, and much, much more. Swap Meets are held twice each year, in January and July.

Social Media & Internet Presence

The HAAUG web site at <http://www.haaug.org> is the place to go for up-to-date information on what we are doing. In addition, there is a [HAAUG group on Facebook](#), where people can go to interact with fellow HAAUG members on topics of interest related to Apple and its products.

Club Magazine

Club and industry news, meeting information and special member offers are published in our monthly newsletter – The Apple Barrel, which is available to members on the HAAUG website in Adobe PDF format.

Mentor Program

The HAAUG Mentor Program puts people with hardware, software, system or network problems in contact with volunteers who can provide solutions. Contact with the mentors can be made through the HAAUG Hotline, e-mail, or at the monthly meetings.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

People with common interests, including Macintosh and OS X basics, iOS, Internet, games, educational computing, databases, publishing, graphics, desktop video, programming and more gather for in-depth discussion, product demonstrations, tutorials and general knowledge sharing.

HAAUG Hotline

Call the HAAUG Hotline at 832-305-5999 for the latest meeting information and to leave voice mail for officers.

Lots of Fun & Friendships

HAAUG is a not-for-profit volunteer group founded in 1978, three years before there was an IBM PC. Approximately 200 members enjoy the benefits of HAAUG. We range from beginners to experts, but we all know the secret to making our computers more valuable: a HAAUG membership!

Learn more about the benefits of HAAUG membership at www.haaug.org.

Join by Mail

Please print out and complete the following form. Send a check or money order payable to HAAUG and mail it to the address shown below. Dues for regular members are \$35 per year. Student memberships are available for full-time students at a high school, community college or university for the rate of \$10 per year.

Your membership card will be mailed to you. You may pick up your starter kit at the next HAAUG meeting.

First: _____ Last: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Type of Computer: _____

Membership:

___ New Membership (\$35.00) ___ Renewal (\$35.00)

___ Two-Year Renewal (\$70.00) ___ Student (\$10.00)

Requires Student ID

Check # _____ Member # (if renewing): _____

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Do you know someone who would be willing to join HAAUG? Y | N

Would you be willing to volunteer in HAAUG?

