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by Phil Booth, 2017 HAAUG President

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It is July and there is not much Apple news. WWDC is finished and we are all waiting on the new versions of iOS and macOS that should drop in October. You can join the beta program but remember this is software that is not fully baked and should not be installed on a machine that you depend on. If you have a spare machine that will run the software it might be fun to tinker under the hood. See warning above.

Harris county got its first brush with tropical weather with TS Cindy. For most of it is was just a little rain. But once again, it is time to back up your data and make plans if you are in the evacuation zone.

Isn't it interesting how competition makes products better. Microsoft and Apple are still competing in the OS space and everyone waits for the announcements from Cupertino and Redmond about the features in the new operating systems. Apple's market penetration in the 80's and 90's was about the size of a gnat on an elephant's butt. Mac OS made Windows better and vice versa.

WordPerfect and Microsoft Word would compete and that would usually make the software better. Now Microsoft Word has triumphed in the word processing space with very little competition. Apple does have Pages, which is what I am using to write this piece, but it is not Word and many people need the power of Word to do their work.

In the early days of personal computers, desktop publishing was the killer application and there were two illustration packages: Aldus Freehand and Adobe Illustrator. I use to read in MacWorld and Mac User the reviews of these packages. They would compare and contrast the features of each package. Both Illustrator and Freehand had their adherents and I remember hearing spirited conversations (arguments) about the advantages of each.

The same was true about PageMaker and QuarkXpress. These programs were the two layout and design systems of the late 80's and 90's. If you wanted an argument you could get a debate between the proponents of either system. Aldus was bought by Adobe and they brought out InDesign. Quark is still publishing QuarkXpress.

Yes competition is good but messy. Just think what iOS would look like without Android. Competition keeps you on your toes. When you are a monopoly you sit back and watch the money roll in as the old phone company did.

Quick, what happened on June 29, 2007? If you were standing in line in the Galleria or at an AT&T store you were wanting to buy the first iPhone. Yes, iPhone turned ten last month. I am afraid to say that I did not get in one of those lines as at \$700.00 un-subsidized I could not afford the phone. Search the web you will find smarter people than I talking about the significant of the release of the iPhone. It is safe to say that is the most recent product that has changed the world. It set the basic design for phones/Internet devices since then. Many of the old line phone people thought it would go the way of the Newton, but it filled a hole that we all thought we needed. So happy birthday iPhone.

Don't forget Swap Meet is this month and we have a new location. Get your gently used technology gear together and bring it to the Hilton Houston Galleria Area at 7680 Southwest Freeway. The hotel is located near the Southwest Freeway and Hillcroft. Go to haaug.org and reserve your table. Also if you are not selling it is a good time to meet friends and see if there is a piece that will work with your system. The meet will be from 9:00 to 1:00 on Saturday, July 15.

Club and Meeting News

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	Main Room
9:00 am ~ 1:00 pm	Swap Meet
1:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting

Swap Meet

July 15, 2017

Our next meeting is the semi-annual swap meet! This is a great time to dust off that tech equipment you're not using and turn it into cash or trade it for something you'll use! Registration is open at <http://haaug.org/swap>!

The swap meet will take place at the Hilton Houston Galleria Area Meeting Room (6780 Southwest Freeway, Houston, TX 77074) from 9 AM to 1 PM. Vendor setup begins at 8:30.



The hotel has ample free parking. Look for the Grand Ballroom & Lobby Entrance. For a map of the meeting location, click the map image to the right.



Upcoming Events

August 19, 2017 - Lee Hutchinson of ArsTechnica

Lee Hutchinson, Senior Technology Editor for ArsTechnica, will discuss taking responsibility for your digital life. Learn the basics of cryptography, how to keep control of your privacy online, practical security tips, and more!

September 16, 2017 - Reagan Atkinson

Reagan Atkinson of Houston Camera Exchange will be back to discuss all things photography!

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.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for May 20, 2017

Location: CenterPoint Energy Community Center, 7001 5th Street, Bellaire, TX.

Attendees: Phil Booth, David Jaschke, Marcy Spears, Ryan Esworth, Mike Epstein, Mike King, Clair Jaschke. Steve Bridgham did not attend.

Call to Order: By President Phil Booth at 12:40 PM following the conclusion of the April presentation.

Monthly Reports

General Announcements: Phil thanked Mike King for his demo of Amazon Echo and Google Home devices and pointing out the pros and cons of each.

Secretary – Marcy Spears: Acceptance of the minutes of March and April 2017 BOD meetings was proposed by Phil, seconded by Mike King and were approved unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report - David Jaschke provided Clair’s reports: Clair reported our checking account balance as of the end of April 2017 was \$3,580.27. Our savings account balance was \$10,004.29, for total cash on hand of \$13,584.56. All bills were paid and all funds deposited for April.

Clair said she needed to figure out a time for the annual audit. She will be retiring from work at the end of May and would be available anytime.

Membership - David Jaschke: Dave reported that HAAUG ended April with 131 members, down by three from March.

Last year we had 132 members. We had 7 renewals in April—2 were made via the web. We had 2 two-year renewals. There were no credit card renewals or new members.

Programming Report - Phil Booth:

Main presentations confirmed and/or possible:

Phil said that he would contact Josh Centers of TidBits regarding his presentation on home automation. He would see if he could come for the June meeting or schedule it for a later date. Josh is the author of the “A Prairie HomeKit Companion,” which focuses on the what, when, why, and how of home automation.

Phil said we should try to schedule Dave Hamilton to speak in June or after July.

The bi-annual swap meet is scheduled for July.

The lack of convenient parking and the difficulty in finding the CenterPoint Energy Community Center prompted a discussion about moving the location of the swap meet.

Clair moved that we schedule the swap meet at a hotel, seconded by Mike King. The budget for up to \$2,000 was approved. Phil said he would check into using Embassy Suites or similar location for the swap meet.

Ryan moved that we allocate some money for advertising. Clair seconded it.

An amount up to \$300 for advertising was approved.

Lee Hutchinson is scheduled to speak on “Taking Responsibility for Your Digital Life and Social Media Privacy” in August.

Reagan Atkinson from the Houston Camera Exchange will be speaking at the September meeting.

October–December meetings are open for programming suggestions.

HAAUG Electronic Communications

Systems - Ryan Esworth: Ryan reported that the Apple Barrel was published on schedule. Both the HAAUG Facebook and Meetup sites were up-to-date.

Because attendance was down at the April meeting, some folks may not have been able to find the building because the address “shows up funny” on Google Maps. Ryan will put links to our new meeting location on the HAAUG Facebook page and on the HAAUG website.

Ryan reported only one outgoing e-mail message regarding a new home for an Apple IIe.

New Business

Phil said he has not purchased tables approved in April. He feels that we may not need them.

Adjournment: Phil adjourned the meeting at 1:07 p.m. and David seconded it.

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?

