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by Phil Booth, 2018 HAAUG President

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It comes around like clockwork: June starts the tropical weather season and there is a flurry of stories in the media imploring you to get prepared. Well, this is another one of my rants about having a good backup and a good plan to keep your data safe. Many of us found out tragically that disaster is a moment away. One of the HAAUG Board Members is finally moving back into his house after many months of repairs.

We keep so much of our lives on the hard drive of our computers — email, photos and videos of family, vital financial records — some things we need to recover from disaster, some that allow us to remember the good times with family and friends. During Harvey there were many stories of families losing physical photos and other documents, glad to be safe, but sad over the loss.

Now is the time to make plans with your family about the steps to take during a storm. I know that my house took a little water during the flood, so I am changing my plans. Now is the time to subscribe to a cloud backup service, make a backup drive and send it to a family member or friend in another part of the country.

Scan and create PDFs of vital documents, such as Birth Certificates, the ID page of your passport, driver's license, car title, and insurance policy information. I can go on and on. Put these files on a thumb drive and store it in your emergency kit, so you have them available to you.

Apple released updates to iOS and macOS recently. The big addition to iOS was the ability to bind two HomePods to create stereo "sound system." The macOS update added the ability to store messages in iCloud, and there are also some under the hood updates. As always, check out the documentation before you clicked on the update button.

Apple's World Wide Developers Conference started on June 4th with the Opening Keynote. I am writing this on the weekend prior to the event. If you missed the stream of the event live you can view it from the Apple Website. Reading some of the tech press, they talked about the new versions of the operating systems, but they discount any major hardware announcements. Both macOS 10.14 and iOS 12 are expected to have under the hood tune-ups with fewer new features. WWDC is a place where software developers can pick the brains of Apple Engineers to make their apps better.

Last month's meeting's discussion of "Net Neutrality" was interesting. Lee Hutchinson laid out the issues in a very neutral manner. I have my feelings on this issue but this is not the forum to air those opinions. Lee explained the issue from all sides. Thanks to Lee for another great presentation.

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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!

Upcoming Events

July 21, 2018: No Swap Meet – Topic TBD

August 18, 2018: Phil Booth (HAAUG President) – *Final Cut Pro*

November 17, 2018: Mike King, Marcy Spears, Ryan Esworth (HAAUG Panel) – *Three Case Studies in Home Automation*

Discounts for User Group Members

As a member of the Houston Area Apple Users Group, you're eligible for a wide range of discounts for User Group members! To see the current deals and offers, visit the [Apple User Group Resources](#) site, and enter the special access code in the emailed newsletter.

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](#) 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.

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?

