

# THE APPLE BARREL

the **JOURNAL** of the **HOUSTON AREA APPLE USERS GROUP**

Volume 40 · Issue 10

October 2018

## Case Studies in Home Automation

Marcy Spears, Mike King, and Ryan Esworth

**Saturday, October 20**

**CenterPoint Energy Community Center**

7001 Fifth Street, Bellaire, TX 77401

**9 am - 1 pm**

*The Apple Barrel*  
is a monthly publication of  
**The Houston Area Apple Users Group (HAAUG)**  
**P.O. Box 430244**  
**Houston, TX 77243-0244**

*The Apple Barrel's* editors have a policy to protect the creative rights of authors. The Editors acknowledge that authors' works are copyrighted and intend to honor those copyrights by: 1) this statement of policy, 2) providing, where considered significant, copies of edited text to the author for review prior to publication, 3) seeking permission to reprint previously published pieces from the author whenever possible, and 4) printing acknowledgment of reprints used.

**Houston Area Apple Users Group** is Houston's oldest and largest Apple User Group. If you are interested in joining HAAUG, please call the HAAUG hotline at (832) 422-8437 or sign up via our web site at [www.haaug.org](http://www.haaug.org).

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.

HAAUG is an independent support group of Apple product users and is not affiliated with Apple, Inc. The following are trademarks of Apple, Inc.: Apple, Macintosh, Mac, OS X, macOS, iOS, watchOS, tvOS, iMac, MacBook, MacBook Pro, MacBook Air, Mac mini, Mac Pro, iPhone, iPad, Apple Pencil, iPod, and the Apple logo. All other brand names are registered trademarks or trademarks of their respective holders, and are hereby acknowledged.





by Phil Booth, 2018 HAAUG President

## 1 Boss HAAUG Speaks

by Phil Booth

## 2 Club and Meeting News

## 3 Board Meeting Minutes

May 2018

## 4 Membership Benefits

Well I jumped with out a parachute and upgraded to both iOS 12 and Mojave. So far I have had no problems, with either device. I'm sure that I will hear of some horror story of someone's needed application broke. If you are a Backblaze backup subscriber there is an issue with backing up Apple Applications data because of enhanced security. Backblaze is working on an update to it's application and has posted a temporary work around. Check <https://roaringapps.com> to check if an app you use has issues.

The tech press erupted with reports of Chinese installing malware chips on server motherboards. The chips would connect the server to a remote operator and modify the OS to allow entry into the system. A company called Super Micro designed the servers; and the motherboards were produced in Taiwan and China. Apple, and Amazon denied the Blumberg report. Apple said that they discontinued purchasing Super Micro products in 2016 over other issues.

If you missed last month's meeting we had a great presentation on what new in photography. We also celebrated HAAUG's fortieth anniversary, complete with cake and enhanced door prizes. Meetings for the balance of the year look interesting so keep your eyes on your email or visit [haaug.org](http://haaug.org).

It is that time again HAAUG elections are coming up and we are looking people who would like to help. Sitting on the HAAUG board is a way you can influence the direction of the group. I would like to see HAAUG continue for another forty years. To volunteer contact me or David Jaschke to get your name on the list.

# Club and Meeting News

## Case Studies in Home Automation

Marcy Spears, Mike King, and Ryan Esworth

**Saturday, October 20**

CenterPoint Energy Community Center

7001 Fifth Street, Bellaire, TX 77401

9 am - 1 pm

	CenterPoint Energy Community Center
9:00 am	
9:30 am	
10:00 am	<b>Mac 101 and Fundamentals, iOS</b> Jonathan Magnus and Rick Roberts
10:30 am	
11:00 am	
11:30 am	
12:00 pm	<b>Case Studies in Home Automation</b>
12:30 pm	
1:00 pm	
1:30 pm	
2:00 pm	

## 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](mailto:SIG_Coordinator@haaug.org)!

## Upcoming Events

**January 19, 2019: Houston Area Community Electronics Swap Meet and Sale** – This event will be held at the normal meeting location at the CenterPoint Energy Community Center. Registration is open now at <<https://haaug.org/swap>>.

### 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](http://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](mailto: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 Meeting Minutes

Houston Area Apple Users Group

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors, May 19, 2018

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

**Attendees:** Phil Booth    Clair Jaschke    Mike King  
Steve Bridgham (absent)    David Jaschke    Mike Epstein  
Marcy Spears (absent)    Ryan Esworth

**Call to Order:** By President Phil Booth at 12:15 p.m. following the conclusion of the presentation.

## Monthly Reports

**General Announcements:** Lee Hutchinson of Ars Technica provided the membership with a terrific presentation on Net Neutrality.

**Secretary:** No Minutes were taken for the April Meeting. Marcy Spears was absent.

**Treasurer's Report:** Clair Jaschke reported our checking account balance as of the end of April 2018 was \$4,224.08. Our savings account balance was \$8,005.23, for total cash on hand of \$12,229.31. All bills were paid and all funds deposited for April. In addition, the meeting space rent has been paid for the next three months, through August 2018. The annual audit was completed after the April board-of-directors' meeting. The audit results were emailed to the membership reporting that the audit was clean.

**Membership:** David Jaschke presented the HAAUG Membership Count Report. HAAUG ended April with 122 members, down by two from last month. April 2017 we had 131 members. We had 8 transactions in April, of which 1 was a two-year renewal, 1 regular renewal and 6 renewals by Web. (No Credit Card charges at meeting.)

## Programming Report:

Proposed future meetings:

(June, confirmed): Ryan Esworth (Redline Networking),  
Mac Tips That Everyone Should Know.

(July, confirmed): There will be no SWAP meet in July.  
Ryan Esworth will do a presentation on 3D printing.

(August, confirmed): Phil Booth (HAAUG President),  
Presentation on Final Cut Pro.

(September, tentative): Reagan Atkinson (Houston Camera Exchange), Adobe Photoshop.

Steve Bridgham will confirm.

(October, tentative): Dave Hamilton (The Mac Observer),  
topic to be determined.

Reimbursement for airfare and hotel reimbursements are expected. Mike King and/or Steve Bridgham will confirm.

(November, confirmed): Ryan Esworth, Mike King, and Marcy Spears, Three Case Studies on Home Automation.

December (TBD)

January 2019: The Swap Meet will be held at the same location as the monthly HAAUG meetings (CenterPoint Energy Community Center, 7001 5th Street, Bellaire, TX).

**HAAUG Electronic Communications Systems:** Ryan Esworth issued the April issue of the Apple Barrel. Both the HAAUG Facebook and Meetup sites were up-to-date. Ryan said that he received articles for May, but needs articles for every month.

**New Business:** The drinks are working well. David or Phil keep funds each month to offset the expenses. Next meeting will discuss increasing the amount of the gift cards.

**Adjournment:** David Jaschke motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:39 p.m. and it was seconded by Mike King and Steve Bridgham.

# 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](http://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): \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about HAAUG?

---

---

---

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

Would you be willing to volunteer in HAAUG?

---

---

---

