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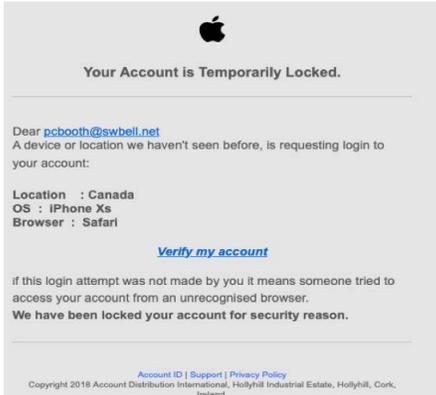
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Boss HAAUG Speaks by Phil Booth

Happy New Year! Was 2018 good for you? What are you looking forward to in 2019? Is there a life change scheduled for this year? Well, I hope all of your plans work for you.

Resolution 1: Do not fall for phishers. They are evil. Keep your BS antennas up and functioning. In December I received an email stating that my Apple account was frozen because someone tried to use my Apple ID in a strange location (Canada) on an iPhone X. See graphic below.



I did not think about it because I don't use my Apple ID that often. But I was home and making some calls and decided to contact Apple about the message. I spoke to an Apple rep and he quickly reassured me that I was right not to take any action he asked me to forward the message to the Apple Security group and delete it.

I have gotten email from Phishers that looked like it was from my bank. Again I contacted customer service and was assured that the message did not come from the bank. What I worry about is when the fraudsters start calling saying that they are from your bank, credit card company, or Apple. I watched a YouTube video with an attorney who strung a fraudster until the guy hung up. The fraudster claimed to be an IRS Agent and was trying to get the attorney to purchase gift cards to pay back a fake debt.

Apple sent shock waves through the markets when CEO Tim Cook announced that iPhone sales in China were going to miss the predictions by the company and analysts. The announcement caused Apple

shares and the markets to drop. Analysts pointed to a general slowdown in the Chinese economy, and the move away from Apple to local producers.

Tech pundits have complained that the iPhone has not really changed. The iPhone when it was introduced was a revolutionary product, but subsequent iterations of the iPhone look like the previous version. I own an iPhone 6 it can use the most recent OS. It still works and I am not looking to move to an iPhone X at this time. Apple products are of such high quality that people continue to use them and are not clamoring for the next new thing.

HAAUG lost an old friend the first week in January. Barbara Long, former Treasurer, passed away. Barbara kept HAAUG functioning during some very hard times. She dealt with poor health for several years. Her spirits were buoyed by using her iPad to view her favorite shows.

It's not too late for you to get a table for the January Swap meet. Go to haaug.org and click on the purple button at the top of the page. In February, Bob LeVitus will again present at the meeting.

2019 Meeting Dates

Mark your calendars! Below are our planned meeting dates for the upcoming year. Most meetings are our typical third Saturday of the month, but two meetings (April and December) will likely be moved forward or back to accommodate for holidays. Watch for an upcoming announcement regarding these meeting dates.

January 19	July 20
February 16	August 17
March 16	September 21
April (TBD)	October 19
May 18	November 16
June 15	December (TBD)

All our meetings in 2019 are planned for our normal meeting location at the CenterPoint Energy Community Center, 7001 Fifth St., Bellaire TX, 77401.

Upcoming Events

January 19, 2019 – Community Computer and Electronics Swap Meet

Did you get some fancy new gadgets over the holidays? Bring your unused electronics and computers to our annual swap meet! Registration is open now at <https://haaug.org/swap>.

February 16, 2019 – Bob “Dr. Mac” Levitus

“Dr. Mac” will be joining us at our February meeting. The topic of his presentation has not been finalized, so check the HAAUG website for updates as the meeting date nears.

May 18, 2019 – 3D Modeling in AutoDesk Fusion 360 (Ryan Eisworth)

In July 2018, Ryan Eisworth discussed and demonstrated the potential of home 3D printing. At our May meeting, he will explain the basics of 3D modeling with AutoDesk's powerful Fusion 360 software.

Board Meeting Minutes – June 2018

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
June 16, 2018

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

Attendees: Phil Booth, Clair Jaschke, Mike King, Steve Bridgham, David Jaschke, Mike Epstein, Marcy Spears, Ryan Eisworth

Call to Order: By President Phil Booth at 1:05 p.m. following the conclusion of the presentation.

Monthly Reports

General Announcements: Ryan Eisworth's presentation on Mac and iOS Tips for Everyone was really enjoyed by HAAUG members.

Secretary's Report: Acceptance of the minutes of March 2018, and April 2018 BOD meetings was proposed by Phil Booth, and seconded by Mike King and Ryan Eisworth, and were approved unanimously. The May 2018 minutes were not ready for review by the Board of Directors at the June meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Clair Jaschke reported our checking account balance as of the end of May 2018 was \$4,215.89. Our savings account balance was \$8,005.30, for total cash on hand of \$12,221.19. All bills were paid and all funds deposited for May.

Membership: David Jaschke presented the HAAUG Membership Count Report. At the end of May, we had 121 members, down by one from April. In 2017, we had 134 members at this time. We had a total of 5 renewals in May of which 2 were two-year renewals and 3 were regular renewals. We had 1 renewal by web and 1 renewal using credit card.

Programming Report: Proposed future meetings:

(July, confirmed): There will be no SWAP meet in July. Ryan Eisworth 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 Eisworth, 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 Eisworth released the June issue of the Apple Barrel. Both the HAAUG Facebook and Meetup sites were up-to-date.

New Business: None.

Adjournment: David Jaschke motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:29 p.m. and it was seconded by Clair Jaschke.

Meeting Recap: Case Study in Home Automation with Marcy Spears, Mike King, and Ryan Eisworth

HAAUG Members Marcy Spears, Mike King, and Ryan Eisworth presented three Case Studies in Home Automation at the October general meeting, discussing how they've used smart devices in their own homes. For a recap of their presentation, click the graphic to the right. Thanks to our members for a great presentation!



Presenters

Marcy Spears
Mike King
Ryan Eisworth

October 20, 2018



Case Study on Home Automation

Board Meeting Minutes – July 2018

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
July 21, 2018

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

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

Call to Order: By President Phil Booth at 12:47 p.m. following the conclusion of the presentation.

Monthly Reports

General Announcements: Ryan Eisworth's presentation on 3D Printing was quite engaging and ran into overtime.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the May and June BOD meetings were not presented by Marcy Spears at the July meeting and remain outstanding. It was suggested that the outstanding minutes be completed and submitted to the board members to approve online by next Saturday, July 28, 2018. Family matters prevented Marcy Spears from completing this task.

Treasurer's Report: Clair Jaschke reported our checking account balance as of the end of June 2018 was \$4,530.93. Our savings account balance was \$8,005.36, for total cash on hand of \$12,536.29. All bills were paid and all funds deposited for June. We will owe the City of Bellaire for the month of July because we cancelled the Swap Meet.

Membership: David Jaschke presented the HAAUG Membership Count Report. We ended June with 117 members down by 4 from May at 121. In June 2017 we had 134 members. However, the month of June was good for renewals. We had 10 renewals of which 4 were by web. Of the 10 renewals, we had 6 two-year renewals, one of which was a lapsed renewal, and 4 regular renewals

Programming Report: Proposed future meetings:

(August, confirmed): Phil Booth (HAAUG President), Live Streaming with Open Broadcaster Software.

(September, tentative): Reagan Atkinson (Houston Camera Exchange) will speak about the latest developments in cameras and photographic technology.

(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 Eisworth, 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). We will use the tables that are available here. Begin inviting vendors to this meeting, such as Experimac Katy. An ad should be placed in the SW News about the Swap Meet.

HAAUG Electronic Communications Systems: Ryan Eisworth released the June issue of the Apple Barrel. Both the HAAUG Facebook and Meetup sites were up-to-date.

New Business:

FileMaker

The board members discussed issues related to Filemaker that affect membership information management.

Filemaker 13 should launch but keeps crashing.

Discussed hosting of Filemaker Software for managing membership list and data.

E-mails, domains and domain host, access to server, redundant backups, etc.

Jeff Davis has the HAAUG domains going through MacHighway; will have further discussions on how best to manage this. Redundant backups are not set up either. David will contact Jeff about a meeting.

Set up domain host so that it can be paid for using the HAAUG debit card.

Discuss how best to resolve the backups of HAAUG emails.

Trademarks for HAAUG

For T-shirts; HAAUG.com; HAAUG.org

Vector file for HAAUG logo

Phil said it cost \$70 to have the vector image done for the current T-shirts.

Ryan said he has a vector file for the HAAUG logo.

Phil used CafePress.com; he has an account and can have a logo put on anything.

Adjournment: David Jaschke motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:31 p.m. and it was seconded by Clair Jaschke.

Board Meeting Minutes – August 2018

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
August 18, 2018

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

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

Call to Order: By President Phil Booth at 12:29 p.m. following the conclusion of the presentation.

Monthly Reports

General Announcements: Phil Booth (HAAUG President), program on Live Streaming with Open Broadcaster Software was well received by the members. September 2018 will be the 40th anniversary of HAAUG. We will celebrate with cake and “better give-aways.”

Secretary’s Report: Marcy Spears was absent for the August meeting. May, June, and July minutes of the BOD meetings are outstanding. Clair Jaschke took minutes for the August meeting.

Treasurer’s Report: Clair Jaschke reported our checking account balance as of the end of July 2018 was \$4,745.10. Our savings account balance was \$8,005.43, for total cash on hand of \$12,750.53. All bills were paid and all funds deposited for July. Phil has the rent check for August and will submit it.

Membership: David Jaschke presented the HAAUG Membership Count Report. We ended July with 114 members, down by 3 from June with 117. In July 2017 we had 134 members. July was a slow month for renewals. We had only four renewals, three of which were by the web and one by credit card at the meeting. One web renewal was for two years.

Programming Report: Proposed future meetings:

(September, confirmed): Reagan Atkinson (Houston Camera Exchange) will speak about the latest developments in cameras and photographic technology.

(October, pending): 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 Eisworth, 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). We will use the tables that are available here.

HAAUG Electronic Communications Systems: Ryan Eisworth released the July/August issue of the Apple Barrel before the August meeting. Both the HAAUG Facebook and Meetup sites were up-to-date. Ryan noted he is waiting for the approved minutes. Robin Cox scanned Apple Barrels from 1979 through the 80’s + 1993. He will post them on the website. The January 2018 Swap Meet sign-up is up on the website.

New Business: Clair will draft and bring the 2019 budget to the BOD meeting in September.

Old Business: Dinner with Jeff Davis to discuss issues noted in the July minutes has not been set yet. We are still waiting for a response from Jeff.

Adjournment: David Jaschke motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:46 p.m. and it was seconded by Clair Jaschke.

Board Meeting Minutes – September 2018

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
September 15, 2018

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

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

Call to Order: By President Phil Booth at 12:27 p.m. following the conclusion of the presentation.

Monthly Reports

General Announcements: Reagan Atkinson (Houston Camera Exchange) spoke about the latest developments in cameras and photographic technology. We are grateful that Atkinson shares his knowledge with us as a regular speaker. HAAUG members celebrated HAAUG's 40th anniversary with a special cake adorned with the HAAUG logo AND great giveaways.

Secretary's Report: To recap, the March and April 2018 minutes were unanimously approved in June. Four months of minutes (May–August 2018) were presented for approval by the secretary, Marcy Spears. The minutes were approved as follows:

David Jaschke proposed acceptance of the May board of directors minutes. Mike King seconded the approval. The May 2018 minutes were unanimously approved by the board.

Clair Jaschke proposed acceptance of the June board of directors minutes. Mike King seconded the approval. The June 2018 minutes were unanimously approved by the board.

David Jaschke proposed acceptance of the July board of directors minutes. Clair Jaschke seconded the approval. The July 2018 minutes were unanimously approved by the board.

Clair Jaschke proposed acceptance of the August board of directors minutes. Mike King seconded the approval. The August 2018 minutes were unanimously approved by the board.

Treasurer's Report: Clair Jaschke reported our checking account balance as of the end of August 2018 was \$4,541.12. Our savings account balance was \$8,005.50, for total cash on hand of \$12,546.62. All bills were paid and all funds deposited for August. Clair reported that the new budget was not yet ready. Clair clarified that the rent check provided to Phil Booth in August was for the months of August, September, and October 2018.

Membership: David Jaschke presented the HAAUG Membership Count Report. We ended August 2018 with 112 members, down by two from July with 114. In 2017, we had 133 members at the end of August. We had four membership renewals in August. Of them, 1 was by mail, 1 was by credit card and 2 were by web. One renewal was for two years. David said that he thinks September will be another light month, making it the fourth light month in a row.

Programming Report: Proposed future meetings:

(October, confirmed): Ryan Eisworth, Mike King, and Marcy Spears, Three Case Studies on Home Automation. This session was originally scheduled for November, but Dave Hamilton had a scheduling conflict, so Home Automation was bumped to October, and Dave Hamilton is scheduled to present in November.

(November, confirmed): 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.

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). We will use the tables that are available here.

Phil suggested that we needed another programming summit meeting to plan programs for February and March 2019. He will schedule and send out notice with the time and date of the meeting.

HAAUG Electronic Communications Systems: Ryan Eisworth was absent for the September meeting. The September issue of the Apple Barrel was not released before the meeting. Both the HAAUG Facebook and Meetup sites were up-to-date. Ryan previously noted he is waiting for the approved minutes (May–August 2018). The January 2018 Swap Meet sign-up is up on the website.

New Business

Clair will draft and bring the 2019 budget to the BOD meeting in September.

The board members discussed the storage of HAAUG's legacy documents and will consider setting up a Dropbox (or something similar) account to store documents going forward. Issues to be included in the discussion is who would have full access and which permissions (e.g. read and/or write access) would be assigned to others. The board will discuss this further at the October meeting.

Phil Booth sent a letter to Tim Cook of Apple telling him about HAAUG's 40th year anniversary as a user support group. He did not receive a response of any kind.

Old Business

Jeff Davis said (per Phil Booth) that Filemaker will work with the High Sierra OS. We are currently paying Jeff for the domain and Filemaker hosting at the rate of \$64.90 per month (\$10.77 + tax for the website and \$50.00 + tax for the Filemaker hosting). The board will further discuss the direction they want to move regarding the hosting and related costs.

Doug Smith (bdsjr@me.com) sent an email to HAAUG Club Business regarding special deals available to members. Tidbits publications are one of special deals if members are interested in taking advantage of the offer.

Adjournment: Steve Bridgham motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:07 p.m. and it was seconded by Clair Jaschke.

Board Meeting Minutes – October 2018

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
October 20, 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, Ryan Eisworth

Call to Order: By President Phil Booth at 12:27 p.m. following the conclusion of the presentation.

Monthly Reports

General Announcements: Ryan Eisworth, Mike King, and Marcy Spears presented, Case Studies on Home Automation. It was received well by the members and ran overtime because of member interest.

Secretary: Marcy Spears presented the minutes of the September 2018 BOD meeting. Acceptance of the minutes for the September 2018 BOD meeting was proposed by Phil Booth and seconded by Clair Jaschke. They were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Clair Jaschke reported our checking account balance as of the end of September 2018 was \$4,528.62. Our savings account balance was \$8,005.56, for total cash on hand of \$12,534.18. All bills were paid and all funds deposited for September. Clair will be sending the rent to the City of Bellaire for the last quarter of the year.

Membership: Clair Jaschke presented the HAAUG Membership Count Report. We ended with 110 members, down by 2 from August at 112. September 2017 we had 129 members. We had four renewal transactions in September of which 1 was by web, 1 was by mail and 2 were by credit card at the meeting.

Programming Report: Proposed future meetings:

November: Dave Hamilton has been rescheduled for March 2019. Update as of November 9, 2018, a presentation about the new Apple Hardware releases will be prepared by David Jaschke and Ryan Eisworth. David Jaschke will present.

December (confirmed): Ryan Eisworth will present 3D Modeling in Fusion.

January 2019 (confirmed): The Swap Meet will be held at the same location as the monthly HAAUG meetings (CenterPoint Energy Community Center, 7001 5th Street, Bellaire, TX). We will use the tables that are available here. The January 2018 Swap Meet sign-up is up on the website.

February 2019: Bob LeVitus, topic to be determined. Steve will confirm with LeVitus.

March 2019 (tentative): Dave Hamilton of The Mac Observer will present on a topic yet to be determined. Reimbursement for airfare and hotel reimbursements are expected.

April 2019: Dwight Silverman, topic to be determined.

Programming Summit

Phil suggested that we needed another programming summit meeting to plan programs for February and March 2019. The meeting was scheduled for Thursday, November 11 at Cafe Express.

HAAUG Electronic Communications Systems: The October Apple

Barrel was released to members Tuesday, October 16, 2018. Both the HAAUG Facebook and Meetup sites were up-to-date. The January 2018 Swap Meet sign-up is up on the website.

A bigger problem is that the HAAUG email and website are down because of a problem with MacHighway (pkcranebooth.com) server.

Ryan explained that he is having a problem with the HAAUG email account. He said we need DKIM key to "white list" the server to keep the HAAUG emails from going to everyone's junk mail.

Domains will be expiring as follows:

haaug.org expires 5/24/19

haaug.net expires 9/30/19 (clarify this - is it haaug.net or haaug.net.org?)

haaug.com expires 8/5/19

The HAAUG group also needs a new email, like for domain management.

New Business

Anniversary of the first Mac release (1/24/84) is coming up in January.

Ryan proposed that we send announcements for the meetings to members—and after the meeting send out the Apple Barrel.

Clair pointed out there are two meeting dates in 2019 that will be a problem.

She proposed that the 4/20/19 (3rd Saturday of April which is the Saturday before Easter and is also Passover) meeting could be changed to either 4/13/19 or 4/27/19.

The 12/21/19 (3rd Saturday of December which is the weekend before Christmas and the day before Hanukkah starts) meeting could be changed to 12/14/19.

Clair presented the new 2019 budget which will be submitted and voted on by the membership in November. The budget was based on an average membership of 100 members. Ryan Eisworth moved that the new budget be approved. It was seconded by Mike King and unanimously approved by the directors. It will now go to the membership for approval.

The board of directors agreed that the domain hosting for the HAAUG website and email should be moved.

Phil Booth suggested that the gift cards could be up graded for giveaways.

Current board members are willing to serve next year. We need to check with Steve Bridgham to see if he is able to continue.

Jeff suggested that we post stuff for sale on the HAAUG website and/or Facebook. This can be explored further as a user support group. He did not receive a response of any kind.

Websites that may be considered to store HAAUG documents:

Dropbox: They have discounts for non-profits and business class. It is \$12.50 per user for \$750 per year. It assumes three users, 3 x \$12.50 x 12 months = \$450.00

Or, we could use FTP (does this apply to Dropbox?)

BitTorrent: This storage shares a key with a defined number of people.

BackBlaze: This approach may have to have some infrastructure behind it.

SyncThing: This is an open source approach. The files are stored there and each authorized person receives a key. It is

not IOS compatible.

Old Business: Still need to get in touch with Jeff Davis to resolve Filemaker version and hosting issues.

Adjournment: Clair Jaschke motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:53 p.m. and it was seconded by Mike King.

