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Boss HAAUG Speaks by Phil Booth

In January we had the annual swap meet. There were lots of folks with things to sell, but what we did not have were folks looking to buy. Our usual meeting location worked well as a venue for the swap meet. Its size made the meeting more intimate. Don't get me wrong, there were sales. I just wish that more folks would have attended.

February 16, HAAUG welcomes Bob Dr. Mac LeVitus. Noted author of macOS for Dummies, will visit us for his annual State of Apple presentation. Bob's visits are highlights for the year and should not be missed.

Apple rocked the markets when they announced that iPhone sales were going to underperform. Apple released its 2019 first quarter results: Gross Revenue of \$83.5 billion, down 5% from the same quarter last year. Apple's net profit was \$19.96 billion, which works out to \$4.18 per share. While iPhone revenue declined, other areas of the company showed steady growth. Mac revenues were up 9%, iPad 16.9%, and the new category of Wearables, Home, and Accessories showed 33% increase and Services showed 19.1% increase. Despite the doom and gloom Apple seems to be holding its own. They will need to work on the iPhone as the smart phone seems to be becoming a commodity and not the new thing. Also, many of us are not replacing our phones every year.

Apple got hammered in the tech press when they discovered a bug in the multi-person FaceTime. The bug would allow

people to listen in to a conversation before the party was connected. They had to put the system on hold while they came up with a fix for the bug. I was reading in the loopinsite.com that CNBC reported that the young man that found the bug was visited by a "High Level" Apple executive and collected a bug bounty for finding the bug.

Apple took another hit when it was announced that retail chief Angela Ahrendts will leave the company in April "to pursue other interests." Ms. Ahrendts was with apple for five years. The company further announced that Deirdre O'Brien, currently Vice President of People, will combine those responsibilities with managing the Apple Retail.

Please make plans to come to the February Meeting. I hope to see you on the sixteenth.

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 accomodate 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

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 Esworth)

In July 2018, Ryan Esworth 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.