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It is September and Apple usually has an iPhone announcement event. According to an August 22 ArsTechnica article Apple is poised to announce new iPhones, a redesigned MacBook Pro, updates to the iPad line, and Apple Watch. The successors to the iPhone XS were reported to carry a "Pro" designation, for instance "iPhone XS Pro 11". Improvements include a camera with a wide-angle lens allowing users to get a bigger field of view. The XR will see a better camera and both models will include an updated True Depth Sensor.

The Apple MacBook Pro is thought to have a 16" display while keeping almost the same form factor by doing away with the screen bezel.

Apple has already announced the new Mac Pro and Super display which should be released soon. Apple's TV Streaming service that was announced in the Spring should start in the Fall. The updates to the OS's should be dropped either late September or early October, but I would wait to install the Mac OS to make sure all the software you depend on will work with Catalina. So, it will be a busy month for our favorite fruit company.

Some of you may know that I bought a new car in July. I am getting to know the ins and outs of it and so far, I like it. Getting the hang of the user interface was like learning

Photoshop. You think you know how something is done but you really don't. I was driving one Sunday and used the windshield washer to clean some spots on the glass. A few minutes later I got an indication that the washer fluid was low. I made a note to get some fluid and fill the tank. Monday morning there's an email from the car company saying that they received an indication that my fluid was low, and I could take it to my dealer to have fluid added. That was just a little Big Brotherish. I didn't take their suggestion about taking it to the dealer and bought a gallon at an auto-parts store and filled it myself.

The September 21, meeting will feature Reagan Atkinson of Houston Camera Exchange. He will bring us up to date on "What's going on in photography." If you have some extra cash burning a hole in your pocket, he will tell you what the best buys are. I am sure that there will be discussion of whatever announcements that Apple makes.

Hurricane Dorian is churning around in the Atlantic as of me writing this. According to the computer models the storm is not a threat to Texas. This is the time to check your data backup plans, while it is bothering other folks. Also, when the storm clears consider giving a contribution to one of the disaster relief organization.

Nomination time is just around the corner and if you can contribute to HAAUG please think about running for the Board. It is actually fun and doesn't take a lot of time. Some members of the board often have lunch after the meeting.

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Upcoming Events

September 21, 2019 – All About Photography (Reagan Atkinson)

Reagan Atkinson of the Houston Camera Exchange will present on what's new in the world of photography.

We had a successful meeting in July with Ryan giving a presentation on 3D modeling with Fusion 360. The program is a fully functional demo with a few features removed. You will need to establish an account as all of your work will be stored on Fusion 360's cloud.

Next month your humble president will discuss the mysteries of Apple Mail. You either love it or just tolerate it. There are very few alternatives, email is just not sexy right now.

Another July another Apple earnings report for the quarter ending in June. Our favorite fruit company made a bucket load of cash this quarter. Total revenues were 53.8 billion dollars. This quarter saw an increase in Mac revenues, (up 11%) wearables (Watches and EarPods) (up 68%) iPads (up 8%), and services (up 13%). iPhone revenues declined (down 12%) Analysts are concerned about the decline in iPhone sales. This may spur Apple to come out with a new iPhone that will blow people away. I am still using my iPhone 6, and I don't

see the need for a change. The newest iPhones are great but not enough for me to pick one up, but I am a sample size of one.

Work on City facilities seems to be almost finished. There will be a new meeting hall attached to City Hall, and a new parking lot adjacent to the building. HAAUG will try to move to the new venue.

The reason that we use the Bellaire facilities is that they are relatively inexpensive, and Bellaire is centrally located in the Houston area.

Using the club's funds efficiently is the main goal of your board. That doesn't mean that we will not spend money when needed.

Well July has passed, and we are about to start a heavy weather season. I know that I hark on this every year. We dodged a storm earlier in the summer but, that doesn't mean that we won't get something sometime. Get your backup strategy ready (I say looking at myself.) Quick recovery from an incident will ease the stress.



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. Already a member? We'll 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!