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### Apple on Intel® By Joe Muscara

To many a Mac user, including myself, the announcement that Apple would be "switching" from PowerPC to Intel processors seemed devastating. Had Apple given up? Had they switched to the "Dark Side"? Was this the end? Had the other side won?

The answer to all of these questions is simply "no." The only thing Apple has "given up" on is the PowerPC series of chips used in all Macs since the days of the first Power Macs. What this change means is that Apple is switching processors, and this time it happens to be to the same processors used by the Dark Side. So we won't have that to differentiate Macs from Windows PCs anymore, and we won't have any Toasted Bunny commercials.

This does not mean Apple has become another commodity PC maker. Apple Senior Vice President Phil Schiller said that there are no plans for Apple to sell or support Windows on the upcoming Intel-based Macs. "That doesn't preclude someone from running it on a Mac. They probably will," he said. "We won't do anything to preclude that."

Nor does it mean that Mac OS X will run on computers made by other companies such as Dell, HP, Sony, or Toshiba. "We will not allow running Mac OS X on anything other than an Apple Mac," he said.

So what does this processor change mean to you, the Mac user? In a way, nothing. Apple's goal is and has been to provide you with the best OS and the best user experience in computing. They want to make this transition as seamless as possible for users. If you happen to buy an Intel-based Mac in a year or two, Apple wants it to work for you just like your PowerPC-based Mac does now. They will continue to completely control the hardware and software so that everything works together. This is unlike the Windows world where Microsoft controls the OS but many manufacturers control the hardware, and some things just work and some things do not.

If you are in the market for a new Mac or will be within the next year, you're probably wondering if you should wait. If you really need a new Mac, then no, you shouldn't wait. The best advice about buying in the ever-changing world of computers is to buy the best machine you can afford at the best price you can get when you buy it. Everything works now and software developers will continue to support our "old" PowerPC Macs for a long time.

[this can be an aside] Why did Apple make this switch? While the most obvious reason was that IBM still hasn't delivered the 3 GHz G5 that was promised to arrive a year ago, and that they still can't put a G5 in a PowerBook, Jobs said there are a lot of products Apple envisions for the coming years, but "we don't know how to build them with the future PowerPC road map." Also, the PowerPC processors are only expected to give about a fifth of the performance per watt than Intel, meaning the Intel chips are more efficient.

[this can also be an aside; either way, attribute it to As The Apple Turns at http:// appleturns.com] When said transition is complete, people will no longer be able to differentiate Macs from Wintels by the numbers before the "GHz" in a Sunday circular, and then they'll have to fall back on making a purchasing decision based on the user interface and end-user experience—you know, the stuff they should have realized mattered all along.

#### Some quotes courtesy of

http://news.com.com/Apple+throws+the+switch,+aligns+with+Intel/2100-7341\_3-5733756.html?tag=macintouch]

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Bob "Dr. Mac" LeVitus www.boblevitus.com



# HAAUGraphy

A photographic journal of The Houston Area Apple Users' Group

#### We have a winner!

Hazel Greenberg shows off the goodies raffled away at June's General Meeting at the Rice Media Center. Photo credit Tamara Sasha Lewis

#### Tamara Sasha Lewis shows off her HAAUG gear. Photo credit Tamara Sasha Lewis

### Two heads are better than one...

Rick Roberts and Jeff Davis hold a discussion on the new partnership of Intel® chips and the future of Mac computers. Photo credit Tamara Sasha Lewis







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#### Friends come together for MacFest2005

Bob "Dr. Mac" LeVitus and MacFest Committee Chairman, Phil Booth, talk after an exciting day of presenting at this year's MacFest. Photo credit Tamara Sasha Lewis









#### HAAUG's welcome wagon for the 2005 Release of Tiger OS.

Amy Denton, Casey Sivula, and Joe Fournet stand in line at the Houston Galleria's Apple Store for the public release of the new Mac operating system. Photo credit Unknown

#### Dreux Ste. Marie's outlook on the new cat on the block...

Dreux Ste. Marie demonstrates the new tricks and secrets of the newly released Tiger OS, such as Dashboard and Spotlight. Photo credit Tamara Sasha Lewis

#### **Mac Hot Shots!**

Bob LeVitus and Chris Breen pose for a quick picture between presentations at MacFest2005. Photo credit Rex J. Covington

### A hard day's work pays off...

Rex Covington and Jeff Davis relax after an exciting MacFest. Photo credit Barbara Long

# Getting Clutter out of your life...

"Hello my name is Phil and I watch home improvement shows" ...

I have a 5 year-old Blue and White tower that started life with a 12 Gig hard drive that is two Gigs shy of being filled. I have put off installing 10.3 until I clear some of the clutter off the drive. I have removed some items but it is very hard to trash a file. "Gee I might need that sometime". Well since I wrote those words I have replaced the blue and white with a new G5 tower. Well it is time that my old "classic" applications hit the digital dustbin since I have not used classic in at least one and a half years. This also parallels the process that I am going through in my house. It was time to get rid of stuff that I did not need, clean in places that I haven't cleaned in a long time.

"Hello my name is Phil and I watch home improvement shows" One of the shows that I watch is "Clean Sweep" The premises is that a couple is so over whelmed with stuff that they agree to be the subject of this TV show; that in two days the show's cast will help them clear out their clutter and redecorate two rooms in the house. There is a professional organizer who helps, cajole, and forces them to look at the amount of stuff and get rid of it In one of the shows the organizer made a suggestion to the couple doing the first sort, "when you pick up an item ask yourself" is this a friend an acquaintance or a stranger." What he meant was is this item used, or has value, then that is a friend, an acquaintance is something that was useful or had value, but you needed to think about it, and a stranger is an item that you didn't know you had or has no value. So you keep friends, think about acquaintance, and strangers are either donated, sold or hits the trash heap.

Well my hard drive is in the same condition as some of those houses featured on the TV show. So I am now going through the Blue and White's boot drive looking for friends, acquaintances and strangers. I have cleaned out a lot of stuff already but it is amazing how small these files are so it looks like you have deleted a number of files to reclaim a little over a Meg of disk space. My next effort is to find those acquaintances that need to reside on a CD and not on my hard drive. And since I transferred my OX X home folder to the new machine I need to do that again to see what stays on the new hard drive and what gets burned to C/DVD

It might be time for you to reorganize your hard drive by taking time and looking at the data that you've saved on your machine. Use the Friend, Acquaintance and Stranger analogy, is this useless data that is just taking up space or is it a file that I will need to look at from time to time.

Another area that will need a major purge is my e-mail inbox. Again I have stuff from the first day the machine was put into service. I am very proud of my activities in HAAUG but do I really need to keep e-mails announcing things that were over two years ago. But I just can't seem to let go. It is under a K of disk space, but it does start to add up and clog the system.

# and your hard drive

I don't advocate the use of "Clean Up" utilities, as those can get you in trouble faster that lighting. But go through your system and see what you need to burn to CD or off load on to some other medium. Then delete them off your hard drive. Purging does two things it frees up space and acts a kind of back up. To quote HAAUG's good friend Bob LeVitus "there are two kinds of computer users those that have lost data and those that will loose data." So at least you will have the photos from the family vacation that you took three years ago.

While you're at it look over the bookshelf in your office for some of those old software and book titles that are out of date and you don't have a use for and see which ones are strangers. It is time to send them either to your local library's used book sale or to a used bookstore. The software is a hard thing to part with I sent over fifty CDs to the trash representing possibly thousands of dollars, but they were Classic aps and I am a OS X person now and I have replaced most of the titles with the OS X versions. What is bad is I really couldn't sell the software most of the titles were upgrade versions of the software and needed my original license to get installed. I don't condone piracy so selling them without a good license key is a non-starter for me.

Getting rid of the clutter is a very cleansing feeling and I am still trying to work my way through it. You will need to set aside some time to go through all of the data folders on your hard drive and see what needs to live somewhere else, what hits the digital dust bin, and what can stay on the hard drive. If you do burn files to CDs make a good label and catalog of what is on them. You just might need the data one day. Also take it slow one or two hours a session. It is very tiring making the decision on what needs to go and stay. Stick through it and you will be rewarded with a machine that might work a little faster; and have enough room to fit the latest version of OS X

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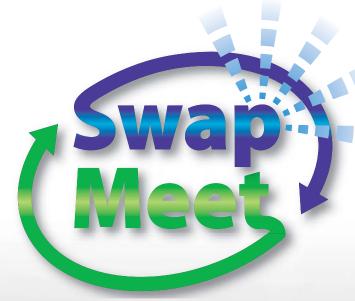
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# **July 16th, 2005** Bellaire Civic Center Houston, Texas

General Information: The Bellaire Civic Center 7008 S. Rice Avenue, Bellaire, TX 77401

> Setup starts @ 8 a.m.

Swap Meet 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Every year the Houston Area Apple User's Group holds semi-annual Swap Meets, giving new and used Mactinosh computers, hardware, software, literature, and gadgets a second home. In past years, the semi-annual Swap Meets have been a sweet success with people finding various products at a good price.

The age-old saying "One man's trash, is another man's treasure..." is almost an under statement when it comes to this earth-conscious event of reusing those products that play a part in our daily lives. Come one, come all in this bargain event!

Doors will open at the Bellaire Civic Center at 8 a.m. for setup , with unlimited swapping from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Hope to see everyone there.



#### Ad hoc

Groups are welcome to use the casual spaces to meet on other topics. Scheduled SIGs take precedence. The HAAUG SIG Coordinator is Rick Roberts. If your have a topic that you think warrants a SIG, please see Rick (large, bearded fellow) at the meeting, or email him at rroberts@mac.com.

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# Swap Meet : Sample Layout Guide

Find out where your Swap Meet table could be...



# Classifieds

Products and support for the Macintosh Community

Got a story, review or photo you would like to see in the monthly edition of

#### the Apple Barrel?

The Apple Barrel is always looking for good meaty material for its monthly publication. If you have a personal story, review of a new product or just a funny or helpful thought, feel free to spread the word via the Barrel. Submit your story, review or photos etc to abe@haaug.org





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#### New and Renewing HAAUG Members Edward Bodor

Burt Cohen David Franklin Larry Walker Donald J Gaspari Frank L Heard, Jr. Catherine Houff Jim King Lilli Liindner Eric Pehrson Diane Reeves S. Harold Reuter, M.D. Sara Strong Jeff Vyner





#### Attendees:

Rex Covington, Doug Smith, Casey Sivula, Tamara Lewis, Barbara Long, Jim Connell, Mike Epstein, James Warren, David Jaschke, Clair Jaschke, Morton Butler, Rick Roberts, Jeff Davis, Joe Fournet

Call to Order: 6:39 P.M.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Rex Covington opened the Board Meeting with the signature Intel® tone.

#### **REPORTS:**

#### Secretary: Tamara Lewis

Tamara presented the approved March Board Minutes as well as the draft for the April minutes, which were approved with noted corrections.

#### 1st Vice President: Doug Smith

June 18	Rex Covington : Virtual PC	<b>Rice Media Center</b>
July 16	Swap Meet	<b>Bellaire Civic Center</b>
August 20	Adobe <sup>®</sup> or BS Productions	<b>Rice Media Center</b>
September 17	Rusty : Allsoft	<b>Rice Media Center</b>

#### 2nd Vice President: Casey Sivula

Casey reported that the June General Meeting will be held at the Rice Media Center with the following month's Swap Meet (July) being held at the Bellaire Civic Center with all remaining meetings of the year being at the Rice Media Center.

#### Treasurer: Barbara Long

Barbara opened her report by stating that all bills were paid and deposits made. She announced that there is currently \$14,139.56 in the bank, a month-to-date profit of \$1,205.34, and a year-to-date loss of \$314.82.

#### Boutique Manager: Barbara Long (acting)

Barbara stated that the HAAUG Boutique made \$15 in sales and \$40 from New Membership CD's at the May General Meeting. She reported in Phil Booth's place that MacFest 2005 was successful, with 39 total registrants, an income of \$1800.00, a sponsorship income \$650.00 and a Silent Auction income of \$1218.00. There was a reported profit loss of approximately \$100.00 on the event.

#### Membership: Morton Butler

Morton reported that there are currently 359 members to date in June, including 342 "Regular" Members and 17 "Irregular" Members.

#### Apple Barrel Editor: Open

Rex Covington reported that the position of Apple Barrel Editor is now open with the resignation of Micah Gartman. Tamara Lewis, currently

Secretary, will fill the role of producing a monthly Barrel, with Claire Jaschke temporarily acting as Secretary.

#### SIG Coordinator: Rick Roberts

Rick reported that Jonathan's Digital Photography SIG continue in the morning time slot in the main auditorium with the Photoshop and Desktop Publishing SIGs following right after. He suggested that a iPod battery changing SIG be put together for a future Meeting. Currently, the Green Apple SIG is going strong and Rick is working on redesigning the SIG page/schedule. Rick asked that SIG Leaders email him by Friday, June 10th.

James Warren announced that CompUSA now has a classroom area available for evening SIGs. The classroom includes a projector screen, plenty of tables and chairs. The Board will be checking into this prospective location for future evening SIGs.

#### HAAUG Heaven Sysops: Robert Lacey

Rex stated that the forums are currently active and up.

#### HAAUGNet Sysops: Jeff Davis

Rex reported that there is currently no new news.

#### Publicity: Casey Sivula

Casey reported that the Publicity Committee will be sending out samples of recent materials soon, including a new poster and flier design as well as radio and fax line advertising. She also thanked everyone for the good volunteer turnouts lately.

#### Vision Committee: Joe Fournet

The Vision Committee will be holding a meeting on Thursday, June 9th at the Black Lab at 6:30pm. All are invited.

#### HAAUG Hotline: John Reeves

Rex stated that the Hotline is currently up and running.

#### Webmaster: Jeff Davis

Rex reported that the HAAUG website is currently being updated.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MacFest 2005 Committee:

Barbara reported in place of Phil Booth that a total of 39 tickets were sold at this year's MacFest bringing an income of \$1,800.00 with Regular Sponsorship contributing to \$1,218.00 for a \$3,668.00 total income. Expenses totaled \$3,735.82 resulting in a net loss of only \$67.82., making this year's MacFest a success. A detailed report was mailed out to the Board.

#### HAAUG History Committee:

David reported that the HAAUG History Committee did not hold a meeting this month, but may be planning one for possibly next week.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Morton went over the suggestions of policies from the 2004 Audit Committee. The suggestions are as followed:

- The Treasurer be responsible for keeping records of jobs, money, and dates with receipts to better help the Audit Committee perform their review.
- The Treasurer compare all HAAUG records with bank records and that a finished job record be signed off, or approved, by the standing President.
- A Server backup procedure be review. (The currently backup system includes the utilization of two servers in two separate locations.
- A appointment should be made for a person to conduct and record an inventory of all HAAUG hardware, equipment, software, etc.
  (Barbara Long agreed to produce a list of all purchased equipment, etc so a physical inventory may be made.)
- Review of HAAUGNet billing procedures and coordination between HAAUGNet Manager and the Treasurer.
- Ad Manager write up and deliver current/active advertising contracts to the Treasurer for invoicing purposes.

Barbara Long noted that many of these suggestions have already been implemented but are still in the process of integration.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Casey Sivula asked that all the currently budgeted funds, plus the cost of 50 chairs, equaling \$596, be allocated for the July Swap Meet. The proposed amount was approved by the Board.

Rex announced the resignation of the standing Âpple Barrel Editor, Micah Gartman due to profession schedule conflicts.

James Warren announced that CompUSA is once again trying to inform HAAUG members of special offers from the electronics supplier. It was suggested that special offers be possibly mentioned in a future issue of the Apple Barrel as well as in the monthly email announcements sent out to HAAUG members, etc. July Board Meeting: The location of the June Board Meeting will be at Ziggy's Health Grill with a tip-pool for the wait staff.

Adjourned: 8:25 PM

NOTE:

Any board or committee reports not listed in these notes were not presented or discussed.





The Houston Area Apple Users Group Board of Directors meets on the first Tuesday of every month. All members are invited. The meeting is held at:

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### August 20th

General Meeting Adobe® Rice Media Center

### September 17th

General Meeting Presentation by Allsoft Rice Media Center

### **October 15th**

General Meeting "BS Challenge" Presentation by Phil Booth and Doug Smith Rice Media Center

### November 19th

General Meeting Presentation by Andrew Stone from Stone Design Software Rice Media Center



Submition for this year's Photo Contest will start in September. Details to follow. Get those cameras snapping!

### Volunteers, we thank YOU!!!

There are many opportunities to volunteer, and we appreciate all of you who pitch in with our organization of "Members Helping Members." That's what it's all about!

Whether it's unfolding chairs or tables, assisting with the boutique, helping out at the membership desk, helping the SIG coordinator, joining committees, teaching a class, or serving on the Board of Directors—it all helps and we appreciate it! See you at the next meeting!

**Casey Sivula, Volunteer Coordinator** 

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