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presented by HAAUG's Matt Willmore

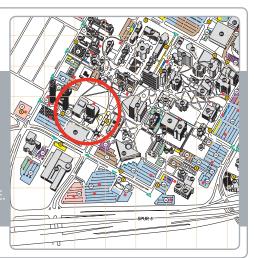
Saturday, May 17th

HAAUG's Greg Wright will present a demonstration of the "10 Mostly Useless Things You Can Do with Your Mac's Accelerometer." The Main Presentation starts at 11:15 a.m. with Special Interest Groups starting at 9a.m. at University of Houston University Center, 4800 Calhoun Road, Houston, Texas 77004 in the Mediterranean room.

Swap Meet Location

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Boss HAAUG Speaks

Monthly Address from the HAAUG President



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In addition, HAAUG receives a 10% commission on the sales that are linked to our club's name through the Nova web site.

A month of celebration.

The May HAAUG meeting will be at the UH University Center. Old hands will remember that was home to HAAUG for many years. We will be using the Mediterranean room for the main meeting and the Aegean room for other SIGS. We have had a difficult time since out relationship with the Rice Media Center ended in December. The board is still looking for a location that will host us. We have been lucky to get the Bellaire Civic Center for the last two meetings but other groups have reserved the space on our normal meeting date. Finding affordable space is a problem for many groups like HAAUG, there are lots of groups that need space and there is lots of space but the prices are so high that civic groups can's afford it for the long term. We have received suggestions and the space committee is looking in to it.

The Mac community celebrated a milestone this month with the tenth anniversary of the release of the original iMac. Yes the bright blue plastic computer that started the renaissance of Apple is hitting puberty. In a sense the iMac was the later iteration of the original 128K Macintosh. One box that all you had to do was plug in the mouse and keyboard and you were computing. I remember that shortly after the machines release every disk drive, USB hub and even a keyboard came in Blondie blue. Even house wares started coming in bright translucent plastic. New products were named iWhatever or eWhatever. Also the iMac signaled the rise of the Internet. Apple popularized new connection standards USB and Firewire came into the lexicon. Gone were the ADB, NuBus and SCSI. Some members may remember the uproar about the lack of a floppy drive in the tech press. Our PC brethren just could not understand not having a floppy. Well the times have certainly changed; the coffin is not locked but with recordable CDs and USB thumb drives, the floppy disk close to being a think of the past.

Apple had a good first quarter posting revenues of \$7.51 billion with a profit of \$1.05 billion, or \$1.16 per share. These are very good numbers in a quarter where the economy was thought to be slowing down. Since Apple's main business is selling gadgets to consumers the next quarter might be a little less golden. In other Apple news the iPhone seems to be in short supply and the Apple rumor sites seem to think that this signals the second generation of the iPhone. The feeling is that the new iPhone will be released at the same time as the Apple Worldwide Developers conference. (WWDC I was speaking to a colleague about WWDC and said that he might not be able to attend because there is a lack of Hotel rooms in the San Francisco area. He felt that iPhone developers were adding many more participants this year.

Hey HAAUG is turning thirty this year. We may be getting old but we are still the largest Mac User group in Texas. We still meet monthly and while we are not as large as in years past we have grown to over 270 members this year. That is something to celebrate. We can still use new members and if you know a new Mac user or an old hand at the Mac OS encourage them to come to a HAAUG meeting. I always find something interesting at the meeting. If everyone helps we might break 300 this year.

See you at the May Meeting. .

Phil Booth

2006-2008 HAAUG President

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HAAUG's NEW Facebook + MySpace Pages

Club Announcement

We're on Facebook + MySpace! Check it out.

Starting this month, the basic frameworks for HAAUG's NEW Facebook and MySpace pages have been created thanks to active HAAUG member and new VP Facilities, Matt Willmore.

Facebook:

http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=9219003379

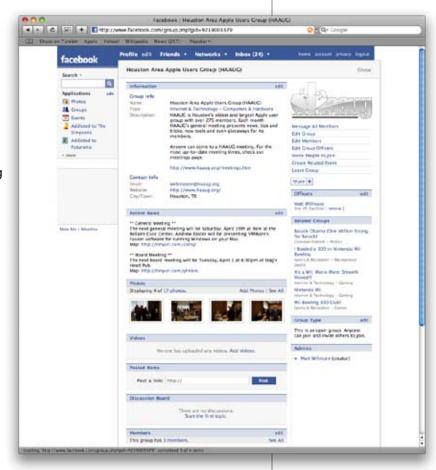
(must be a Facebook member to view)

MySpace:

http://groups.myspace.com/haaug (open to the public)

These pages are part of a larger plan drafted by the Vision Committee to create more of an outreach to potential HAAUG members in the Houston area and beyond. Both Facebook and MySpace have been found to be immensely successful in informing and recruiting youth that otherwise may not have become aware of organizations such as Houston Area Apple Users Group.

We highly recommend that current members pass along this information to fellow Apple users and take a quick look for yourself at our progress.





Bouncing Mail

By Mort Butler

Which e-mail program do you use?

Entourage 2008, Entourage 2004, Outlook, nor Eudora have that capability today. Apple's "Mail" program does. Look at the menu bar and click on "Messages" about half way down the list is the command "Bounce".

I was receiving ten or twelve Spam messages a week, so I decided to try using the bounce command instead of just deleting them. Most of the time a Spam message would show up in my "Junk" folder because the program is set to try and not show me any that it thinks is spam. Most of the time the program was correct & I had been deleting those items from the junk folder weekly, but I noticed that I was getting more spam from the same address each week. Then I decided to try Bouncing them to see what happened, & much to my surprise, most of them stopped coming in.

Now I check my junk mail box daily by seeing if there is a number next to the Junk box which tells me there is something in there & I open the Junk Folder to Bounce the item(s). I highlight that Item & if I have



several, I hit Command A to highlight all of them, then move my mouse to the Menu Bar/ Messages/Bounce & release the mouse button to get them on their way back to the senders.

This is my way of telling them that my address does not exist & that server should delete my address from that list. Thus my address is removed from a saleable list & the present or future owners of the list can no longer e-mail me.

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Don't miss this dynamic event at the University of Houston Hilton Hotel's Shamrock Ballroom Saturday, September 6th from 8:30 to 4:30.

Tickets can be purchased at the general meetings or by visiting **www.haaug.org**.

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Members Pre-Event \$35.00 Members At-the-Door \$45.00

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2007 HAAUG PhotoContest

Winners of the annual Houston Area Apple Users Group Photography Contest

PhotoContest Winners

(from left to right)

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Houston Sunflower

Eldon Libby

Through a Cup — a Tree

Eldon Libby

Leaves Flying on French Playground

Fred Gott

Great Egret - Lake Martin, LA

David Jascke

Oklahoma City Building

Eldon Libby

Stools & Jukebox at Princess Cafe - Iowa Falls, Iowa

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A Slice of Thanksgiving 2007

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Beaujolais Countryside -Provence, France

Frank Cole

Glacier Point

Eldon Libby

French Troops Guard Louvre Museum in Paris

Fred Gott

Tower Bridge

Eldon Libby Grasshopper on Rose Branch

Eldon Libby

Land's End Sunset

David Jascke

Steve Wozniak

Eldon Libby

Autumn Decorations

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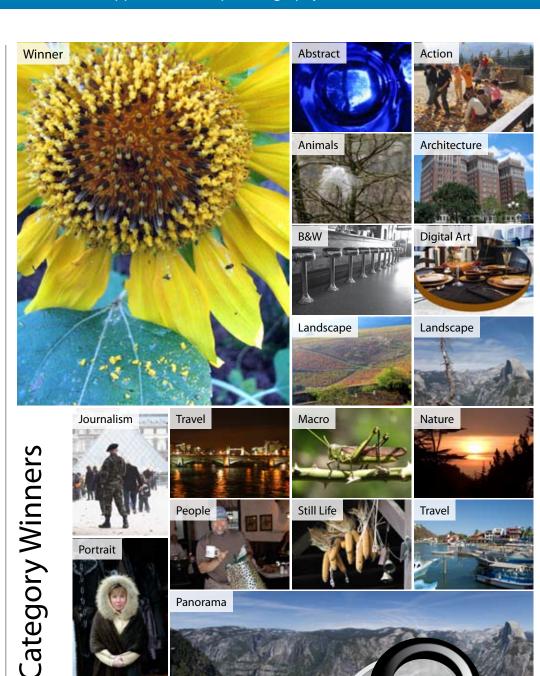
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"OtterBox is honored to offer pink cases to support the Avon Breast Cancer Crusade," said Curt Richardson, CEO of Otter Products, LLC. "As one of the most common cancers in women, breast cancer is something that has affected nearly all of us at OtterBox and we are dedicated to our partnership with the Avon Foundation to work together in fighting this disease."

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Together we have the strength to fight breast cancer.





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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.

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Minutes

HAAUG Board of Director's Meeting - Tuesday, March 4, 2008

Attendees: Philip Booth, Jim Connell, Rex Covington, David Crook, Amy Denton (via iChat), Andrew Easter, Michael Epstein, Joe Fournet, Clair Jaschke, David Jaschke, Mike King, Rick Roberts, Doug Smith, Matt Willmore and Greg Wright.

Call to order: 6:30 p.m. by President Philip Booth.

General Announcements/General Meeting Recap: Phil Booth reported that the February General Meeting was well attended and that Bob LeVitus's presentation was well received. While the meeting room at the Looscan Library meets HAAUG's needs, the limited parking lot at the library and difficulties in scheduling the room on the third Saturday of the month make the library an unsuitable location for HAAUG's General Meetings. The meeting room at the library is already booked for another event on the date of the March General Meeting. Consequently, HAAUG has reserved two rooms at the Bellaire Civic Center for the March and April General Meetings at a cost of \$150 per meeting.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Secretary: The minutes of the board meetings held on February 5, 2008, were unanimously approved as submitted.

Treasurer – Barbara Long: Barbara Long, who was unable to attend the meeting, submitted her reports by email. She reported that HAAUG ended 2007 with a bank balance of \$11,104.37 and a year-to-date loss of \$2,253.57. At the end of February, HAAUG had a bank balance of \$10,528.14, which includes payment to the City of Bellaire for rental of the Bellaire Civic Center for the March and April General Meetings. Phil Booth noted that HAAUG's financial records for 2007 need to be audited and asked for volunteers to conduct the audit with Barbara Long. Phil Booth, Jim Connell and Mike King volunteered to serve on the Audit Committee.

1st Vice President – Doug Smith: Matt Willmore will make a presentation on iLife '08 at the March General Meeting. Doug is discussing the possibility of having Micah Gartmann, a former HAAUG member and Genius at the First Colony Apple Store, to make a presentation at the April General Meeting on the resources and training available at Apple Retail Stores. His appearance will require approval of Apple's legal department. Doug is working on getting a presentation on Microsoft Office for Mac 2008 for the May General Meeting. Roxio may send items to give away at our meetings. Doug announced that he may not be able to attend the March General Meeting and will definitely miss the April General Meeting due to work obligations.

A committee consisting of Andrew Easter, Doug Smith and Greg Wright met recently to discuss topics for future presentations and ways in which to enhance the presentations for attendees. Among the ideas discussed are giving attendees a handout with the topics and web links discussed at the end of the presentation and including a page on the HAAUG website with web links discussed in the presentation, as Bob LeVitus did for his presentation at the February General Meeting.

2nd Vice President – Matt Willmore: The March and April General Meetings will be held at the Bellaire Civic Center, which has completed its renovations. The center has Wi-Fi (limited to Port 80). HAAUG will need to use its own projector. We will be permitted to

set up the meeting room on the Friday evening prior to the General Meeting, using the center's chairs. Volunteers will be needed to help set up the meeting room. HAAUG has rented the main meeting room and one breakout room. We will need to conclude the meeting no later than 2:00 p.m. A swimming pool has replaced the parking lot that used to be near the building. Parallel parking is available in front of the building. Other parking, including on-street parking and parking at a school parking lot, is available in the area.

SIG Coordinator – Rick Roberts: There will be SIGs at the March General Meeting. Rick will distribute a SIG schedule by email prior to the General Meeting. Jonathon Magnus's SIG will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 11:00. The SIGs held at 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. will be held in the smaller room. The Digital Photography SIG and the new "Mac-n-stein" SIG will be held at 1:00 p.m. after the main presentation. The board discussed whether a Green Apples SIG should be held at every General Meeting. Rick noted that those who attend the Green Apple SIG usually need help on an individual basis and suggested that those needing such help ask at the reception desk. The board discussed the possibility of holding a Final Cut Pro SIG and concluded it would be a more appropriate as an evening SIG, possibly held at Rice or the Looscan Library.

Apple Barrel Editor-Tamara Alexander: No report.

Webmaster - Jeff Davis: No report.

Membership – David Jaschke: HAAUG had 275 members at the end of February 2008. Sixteen new members joined HAAUG, including one new member who joined for two years. Five members renewed their membership last month, including two members who renewed for two years. Phil Booth remarked that last month's boost in membership means we need to increase efforts to present good programs for the membership.

HAAUG Heaven Forum/HAAUGNet—Robert Lacey: No report.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

MacFest 2008 and 30th Anniversary Celebration Committee: No report.

Discussion of Vision Committee Meeting: Joe Fournet reported that the committee covered a lot of ground at its initial meeting last month. He will send Tamara a report to publish in the Apple Barrel. Joe expressed his gratitude to Clair and David Jaschke for helping keep minutes of the meeting.

Adjourned: 7:00 p.m.



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

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Location Bellaire Civic Center. Please check web site for updates and details.

Saturday, September 6th

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Software Libraries

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HAAUG Heaven

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Club Magazine

Club and industry news, meeting information and special member offers are published in our monthly newsletter - The Apple Barrel. The Barrel's content is also available to members on HAAUG Heaven in Adobe Acrobat 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, HAAUG Heaven, e-mail or at the monthly meetings.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

People with common interests, including Macintosh and OS X basics, Newton, internet, games, educational computing, databases, publishing, graphics, desktop video, programming and more gather for in-depth discussion, product demonstrations, tutorials and general knowledge sharing.

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Learn more about the benefits of HAAUG membership at www.haaug.org.

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SIG Topics + Schedule

General Meeting - Saturday, May 17, 2008 @ University of Houston University Center

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 you have a topic that you think warrants a SIG, please see Rick (large, bearded fellow) at the General Meeting, or email him at

rroberts@mac.com.

SIG Leaders

Mac 101 Fundamentals

Jonathan Magnus This SIG is for basic Macintosh questions.

Digital Photography Andrew Polk

Bring your cameras, bring your photos (printed or electronic) and we'll discuss what makes a great photo.

Mac-n-stein David Cook

Running OSX on PC hardware.

	Mediterranean Room	Aegean Room	
9 a.m.		Mac 101 Fundamentals	
10a.m.		Mac-n-stein	
11a.m.	Club Business Meeting		
11:30 a.m.	10 Mostly Useless Things You Can Do with Your Mac's Accelerometer! presented by HAAUG's Matt Willmore		
1 p.m.		Digital Photography	
2:00 p.m.	Tear down, pack it up, and clean it up		
3:00 p.m.	BBQ SIG location to be determined by consensus.		
	Room assignments and SIG topics are subject to change at any time. SIG leaders are volunteers, be nice to them.		