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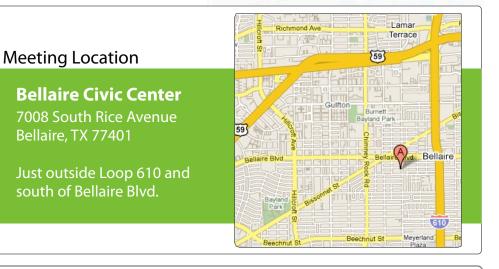
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> SIG's start at 9am and the main meeting begins at 11. We'll see you there on the 18th! (Image © 2010 Atof Inc.)



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Jeff Potter Jeff Potter O'REILLY Saturday, September 18th

Cooking

Real Science, Great Hacks, and Good Foo

Boss HAAUG Speaks

Nonthly Address from the HAAUG President



Hello fellow HAAUGers!

Upcoming Event: Text Adventure Documentary Screening

Hey guys!

I know it's more Apple][e than iPad*, but a lot of old-school Apple users played text adventures (Zork, for example) back in the day. So thought this might be of interest to some of your members.

There's going to be a free screening of "Get Lamp" (<u>http://getlamp.com</u>), a documentary about text adventures, at Domy Books (<u>map</u>) at 8:30pm on Sept 28. The director, Jason Scott, will be there to introduce the film and answer questions after the screening. He's the same guy who made the excellent "BBS" documentary a few years back.

There's a Facebook event page for the Houston screening at http://tinyurl.com/ GetLampHouston and a page for the tour in general at http://getlamp.com/jetlamp

Thanks! -Eric Liga

*(Yes, I have Frotz for the iPad too. But you know what I mean.)

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This month HAAUG is glad to welcome author Jeff Potter to visit Houston and discuss his new book <u>"Cooking for</u> <u>Geeks"</u>. I hope we see many visitors at the Bellaire Civic Center for Jeff's presentation and to participate in the other activities at HAUUG. By exposing our Apple user group to a more diverse slice of the Houston area, we can engage a wider audience, and can present our service offering to potential new members. For additional details on this presentation just visit the page setup for book purchases <u>here</u>. Remember that you don't have to buy a book to visit any regular HAAUG meeting or to make new friends/contacts.

Also this month at HAAUG, I will lead a new Special Interest Group, or SIG, on the <u>iPad</u>. I believe this will be a great addition to the schedule since there are so many members and visitors carrying them and wishing to learn about this fantastic new device from Apple. Come early and join us for a great discussion and tour of its features.

In the coming months Clair Jaschke will discuss the new software for small business from <u>Intuit</u>, <u>Quickbooks</u>; Reagan Atkinson, from the <u>Houston Camera Exchange</u>, will discuss the new digital camera offerings for the holiday buying season; the HAAUG Photo Contest begins; and the HAAUG elections are fast approaching.

Be well, Doug President, HAAUG

Micro 4/3 Cameras: Sometimes, Smaller May Be Better

Ed Truitt, etee@me.com

Last month, I gave a talk at the Digital Photography SIG on the micro 4/3 camera system. This standard was created by Olympus and Panasonic as their **EVIL** (Electronic Viewfinder Interchangeable Lens) compact digital camera. While it uses the same sensor as the 4/3 system, the design spec omits the mirror and pentaprism found in DSLRs, resulting in a smaller body. It also reduces the size of the lens mount by about 6 mm, which means that you have to buy special lenses (although you can use other lenses with a special adaptor.)

EVIL cameras represent a bridge between traditional DSLRs used by professionals and "serious amateurs" (*defined by some as "those with more dollars than sense"*) and the more consumer-friendly "point & shoots" preferred by beginners and casual snapshooters. They are a blend of the features found in both types: in these cameras you will find both the ability to manually control the settings, and the ability to "set it and forget it" with special scenic modes and "art filters". The price point of these cameras is in the \$500+ range, putting them in competition with the low-end DSLRs (like the Canon Digital Rebel.)

Being on the lookout for cameras that are small in size but big in functionality, I was intrigued when Olympus announced the <u>E-P1</u> Digital PEN. One thing was missing, though: a viewfinder which could be used with different lenses. So, when Olympus announced the <u>E-P2</u> Digital PEN, it immediately went on my "I want this" list. And, since I purchased it this past February, it is been my main camera (my "take with me everywhere" camera is the one that came with my iPhone 4.) I have used it for both indoor and outdoor shooting, and in fact won my first ever photo contest using this camera! It shoots both stills and video (full HD, no less!), and I have a collection of lenses ranging from fish eye to 150 MM (300 mm equivalent.)

Why is smaller better? The reduction is physical size is accompanied by a reduction in weight. As one whose neck has seen more than its share of strain, this is a big plus when I am out and about for a day of walking. Smaller is also less obtrusive, which means "less obvious". This is an plus for street photography, where you are trying to get "real life" images (people tend to act differently when they see a camera lens pointing at them.) It is also a plus in our post-9/11 state of paranoia, where some see the presence of a big DSLR with a zoom lens as a sign that "You May Be a Terrorist".

Someone asked me about the competition for this camera. The obvious answer is, the consumer-level DSLRs (e.g. the Canon Digital Rebel, and the Nikon D-90/D-5000.) Recently, Sony has come out with their answer, the <u>Alpha NEX</u> series. Since the micro 4/3 system is not an open standard, don't expect offerings from companies other than Olympus and Panasonic.

QuickTip

In older versions of the iPhone OS software, it was possible to enter



Field Test mode to get a lot of useful <u>data about the</u> <u>cellular connection</u>. This capability was removed in iOS 4.0, and caused some angst while trying to examine the iPhone 4 antenna reception issues.

The ability has been restored, although to a greatly limited degree, with iOS 4.1. Once again, if you dial the number *3001#12345#* in the keypad you will enter FTM. What you will see now is a negative number (presumably representing the signal loss in dB) in the upper left that replaces the cellular signal strength bars. A more negative number means lower relative signal strength, so the -121 I have at the moment is worse than the -92 I had in a different room in the house. Zero would be no signal loss.

To exit Field Test mode, just press the Home button. It may take a moment for the number to go away and be replaced by the bars again.

I think we all hope that when iOS 4.2 is released (Apple says in November) it will restore full Field Test mode with all the diagnostic data available, and maybe bring it to the 3G enabled iPad as well.

http://hints.macworld.com/ article.php? story=20100910053612812

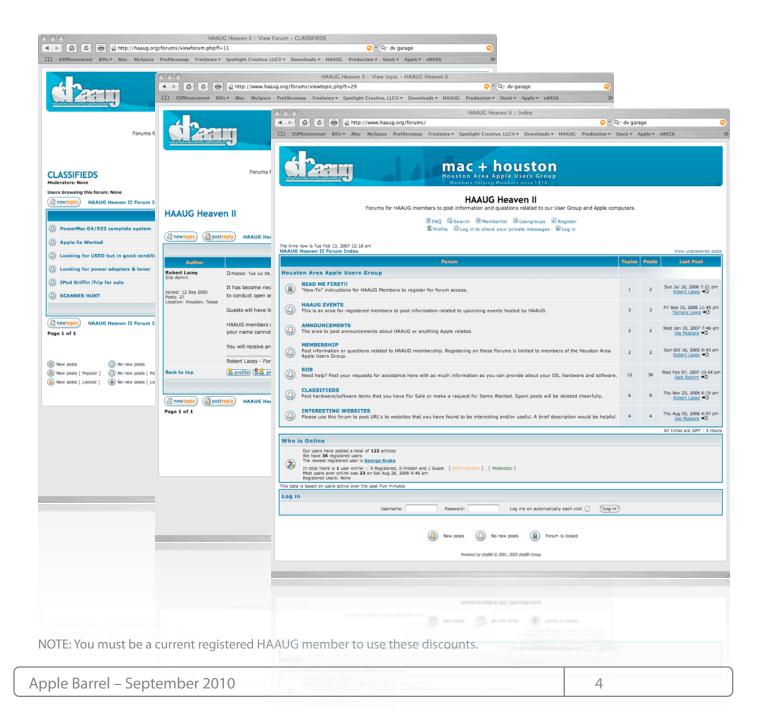
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Location: Industrial Audio/Video, Inc., 2617 Bissonnet Street, Houston, Texas.

Attendees: Philip Booth, Jim Connell, Jeff Davis, Michael Epstein, Clair Jaschke, David Jaschke, Rick Roberts, Doug Smith, Ed Truitt, Matt Willmore (via iChat), and Greg Wright.

Call to order: 6:43 p.m. by President Doug Smith, a quorum of voting members of the board being present.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Secretary – Jim Connell: The minutes of the board meeting held on July 6, 2010, were unanimously approved as submitted.

Treasurer - Barbara Long: No report.

1st Vice President – Programming – Greg Wright:

Greg Wright reported that the following presentations are planned for the upcoming monthly meetings:

Month	Торіс
August 2010:	Panel Discussion on Backing Up and Syncing
September 2010:	Financial Extravaganza / Photo Contest Commences
October 2010:	iMovie and Free Form Editing
November 2010:	Digital Photography Update (Reagan Atkinson) / Announcement of Photo Contest Winners
December 2010:	Election of Officers and Directors / Main Presentation TBA
January 2011:	Semi-Annual Swap Meet
February 2011:	State of the Mac Address by Bob "Dr. Mac" LeVitus

2nd **Vice President Facilities – Phil Booth:** Phil Booth reported that he has paid the rental fees for Bellaire

Civic Center through September 2010 and will prepay the rental fees for October through December 2010. There were nineteen reservations for the July Semi-Annual Swap Meet, which was not as well attended as in the past. Seven people purchased electrical power for the event. Phil has reserved Bellaire Civic Center for the following dates in 2011:

January 15 (Semi-Annual Swap Meet)	July 16 (Semi-Annual Swap Meet)
February 26 (fourth Saturday)	August 20
March 26 (fourth Saturday)	September 17
April 16 (possible conflict with City Fun Run)	October 15
May 21	November 19
June 18	December 17

Phil suggested that the board consider moving the date for the November 2011 General Meeting to November 12, due to the proximity to the Thanksgiving holiday, and moving the date for the December 2011 General Meeting to December 10, due to the proximity to the Christmas holiday.

SIG Coordinator – Rick Roberts: Rick Roberts reported that he does not plan to make any changes to the SIG schedule for the August General Meeting. Rick agreed to replace Matt Willmore as the leader for the Social Media SIG.

Apple Barrel Editor – Ed Truitt: Ed Truitt reported that he worked on the July Apple Barrel and has set up the system for creating the monthly newsletter electronically.

Membership – David Jaschke: David Jaschke reported that HAAUG had 202 members at the end of July 2010, a decrease of one member from June 2010 and a decrease of eight members from July 2009. Six members renewed their membership early, including one two-year renewal. Two new members, including one two-year membership) joined HAAUG and one lapsed member renewed. Matt Willmore was granted a Lifetime Membership for his service as President of HAAUG. HAAUG received \$30 in electrical power fees for the July Swap Meet.

Webmaster – Jeff Davis: Jeff Davis reported that everything is still working normally. The email addresses of the officers were changed this month to reflect the new officer appointments. Tamara Alexander will update list of officers and directors on the website.

HAAUG Heaven Sysop - Open: Everything is still working.

OLD BUSINESS:

MacFest Committee: Phil Booth announced that a meeting of the MacFest Committee is planned for Tuesday, August 10, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. at Cafe Express in Uptown Park. Lapsed Member Call List: David Jaschke will prepare the second lapsed member call list.

Public Address System: Phil Booth thinks the new public address system is working well but requested feedback from those who used the system at the July Swap Meet. The board discussed the use of handheld microphones. Phil will bring additional microphones to the September General Meeting.

HAAUG Hotline Alternate Services: Greg Wright reported that he has commenced a test of the Hotline on PhoneBook. He has sent an email to the board members requesting them to try out the test. He believes the functionality is amazing. The telephone number has not yet been published, since Hotmail on PhoneBook is still being evaluated as a test.

April 15 Income Tax Deadline Filing Status: The required return has been filed with the IRS.

Web Operations Committee: Ed Truitt reported that the committee met. He has set up a test page in WordPress and needs to validate the work. He is continuing to work on converting the monthly newsletter to a blog and plans on continuing the monthly PDF format for the near future. The board thanked Ed for leading this project.

NEW BUSINESS:

Content for the August Apple Barrel: Ed Truitt announced that the deadline for submitting articles for the next Apple Barrel is Saturday, August 14, 2010.

August General Meeting: Greg Wright will lead a panel discussion on "Backing Up and Syncing--Keeping Your Music, Photos and Documents Safe and Available."

Audit Committee Report - 2009 Financial Records: No report.

Adjourned: 8:04 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Houston Area Apple Users Group 2010 Officers and Directors

President **Doug Smith 1st Vice President Programs Greg Wright 2nd Vice President Facilities** Phil Booth Secretary Jim Connell Treasurer **Clair Jaschke** Director-at-Large 1 Michael Epstein Director-at-Large 2 Michael King Director-at-Large 3 OPEN Director-at-Large 4 OPEN Apple Barrel Editor **Ed Truitt** HAAUG Heaven Sysop OPEN Membership Chairman David Jaschke SIG Coordinator Rick Roberts Immediate Past President Matt Willmore **Boutique Manager Barbara Long** Webmaster Jeff Davis HAAUG Hotline Phil Booth Mentor Program - OPEN -**Publicity Chairman** Jim Connell Vision Committee Chairman Joe Fournet Volunteer Coordinator OPEN Senior Advisor **Barbara Long** Apple User Group Liaison **Doug Smith**

Saturday, October 16th, 2010 iMovle/iLife by Greg Wright

Presentation by HAAUG's very own Greg Wright on the latest iMovie from iLife '09. This meeting will also mark the official start of the Annual Digital Photography Contest (winners to be announced during the December meeting on December 18th.) **Location:** Bellaire Civic Center | Map online at www.haaug.org

Saturday, November 20th, 2010 Digital Camera Update

Reagan Atkinson will be here from Houston Camera Exchange to give us a preview of what we might find in our stocking this holiday season. Also, the entries for the photo contest will be judged. **Location:** Bellaire Civic Center | Map online at **www.haaug.org**

Saturday, December 18th, 2010

It's time to elect those who will lead HAAUG in 2011! Also, the winners of the Digital Photography Contest will be announced. **Location:** Bellaire Civic Center | Map online at www.haaug.org

Find out the latest news on future HAAUG meetings... www.haaug.org/meetings.htm

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September 2010 SIG Schedule

	Main Room	2nd Room
9 a.m.	Mac 101	iPad *New SIG*
10 a.m.		Digital Photography
11 a.m.	Club Business	
11:15 a.m.	Main Presentation: "Cooking for Geeks" with Jeff Potter	
1 p.m.	Social time and cleanup; lunch to follow	

Main Presentation: Author Jeff Potter talks about his book "Cooking for Geeks" Real Science, Great Hacks, and Good Food". Come and learn what works in the kitchen... and, just as important, why it works.

Mac 101 & Fundamentals: Jonathan Magnus - The SIG for basic to advanced Macintosh topics.

Digital Photography: Andrew Polk – Bring your cameras, bring your photos and we'll discuss what makes a great photo.

New SIG iPad: Doug Smith – Join us, and learn how to perform wondrous tricks on this magical device!

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 meeting, or email him at <u>rroberts@me.com</u>. Be ready to volunteer to lead the SIG!

Got Junk?

Computer recycling opportunities in the Houston area

Houston area recycling centers:

Environmental Service Center

11500 South Post Oak Road • Dial 311 or 713-837-9130

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350 W. 38th St., Houston, TX 77018 • 713-691-9995 **Accepts all computer-related items free; offers free pickup for large amounts.

Altech Metals, Inc.

10612 Hempstead, Building A • 713-680-9325 **No TVs or monitors

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QuickTip



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was downloading a podcast and noted that in the Downloads area in the iTunes sidebar the 'X mins remaining' status and clicked on the actual text by accident. Doing this added the current rate as the podcast was being downloaded to the display. Like I said before, this may be old news but definitely cool if it's just been added.

[crarko adds: I tested this, and it works as described, in iTunes U as well as podcasts, so I assume it's just a general feature of downloads in iTunes. This has probably been around a while, but I didn't see it documented here. As mentioned in this previous hint, it can be worth it to monitor the bandwidth usage in case you have some other bandwidth-hungry application running.]

http://hints.macworld.com/ article.php? story=20100909002910767

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Membership Benefits

Enjoy the benefits of being a HAAUG member.

Monthly Meetings

This is where the excitement begins. On the third Saturday of each month, members of HAAUG meet for a day filled with activities, including presentations by major software and hardware vendors, special interest group (SIG) meetings, public domain software libraries, raffles and much, much more. Swap Meets are held twice each year, in January and July.

Software Libraries

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Bulletin Board System & Internet Link

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HAAUG Heaven

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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.

HAAUG Hotline

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

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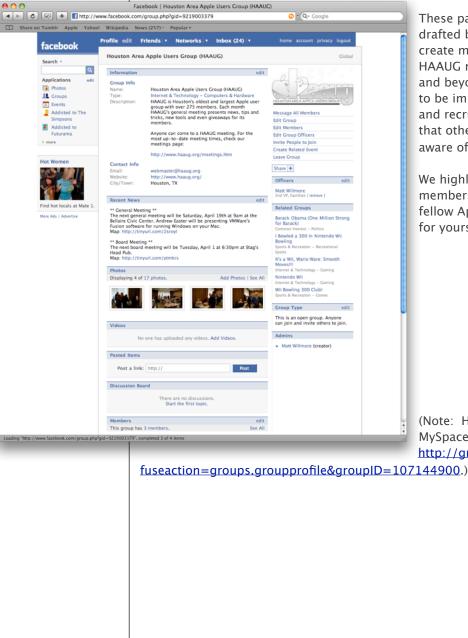
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We highly recommend that current members pass along this information to fellow Apple users and take a quick look for yourself at our progress.

(Note: HAAUG also has a group on MySpace. The group can be found at http://groups.myspace.com/index.cfm?