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Semi-Annual SwapMeet Saturday, January 15th

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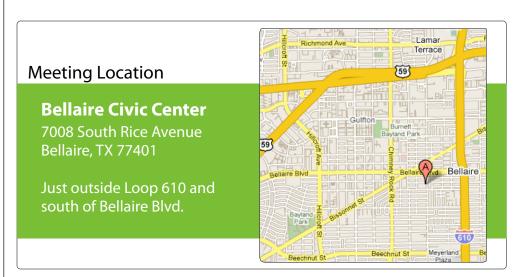
We will be holding the first meeting of the 2011 Board of Directors after the SwapMeet, so be sure and be there!

The SwapMeet starts at 9am and the Board meeting begins after noon.

We'll see you there on the 15th!



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Members Helping Members Since 1978

Boss HAAUG Speaks

Monthly Address from the HAAUG President



Hopefully, everyone had a very happy holiday season, and ended up with lots of Apple goodies in their stockings and under their trees.

Dear HAAUG,

As we head into 2011, you will notice some changes at HAAUG, and you will also notice that some things remain the same. Among those things remaining the same: we have secured the use of the Bellaire Civic Center for our General Meetings and Swap Meets.

Among the changes you will notice: the General Meetings for February, March, and April will be held on the *last* Saturday of the month, instead of the third Saturday. This is due to some scheduling conflicts with the Civic Center, and we felt it was best to keep the meetings at the same location, which necessitates the change in date.

Another change we hope to implement this year is the transition of the Apple Barrel from the current print (PDF) format to an online blog/social media format, which will be part of the HAAUG web site. I for one am looking forward to this, as it will allow for news and information to be delivered in a much more timely fashion. We are still working with the software, and hope to have things to the point where it can go "beta" sometime during the first quarter. In addition, the social media part of the site will likely replace the current HAAUG Heaven forums, which are seeing increasingly less usage as time goes on.

One more change you will see: we are holding the monthly Board meetings in the Civic Center, at the end of the General Meeting/SwapMeet. Even though our primary reason for doing this was to reduce the travel requirements for our Board members, several non-Board members attended and provided valuable input. If you want to have input on what HAAUG is doing, or if you are just curious about what we discuss in our meetings, feel free to attend!

One thing we aim to see not change: the reputation of HAAUG as a group of "Members Helping Members". Our iOS and Digital Photography SIGs are very active in helping members with questions related to these technologies, and new features such as the Mac App Store will provide the Mac 101 SIG with plenty of material for some time to come. The present presentation of FileMaker Go was very well attended, and we expect next month to be a packed house, when "Dr. Mac" Bob LeVitus gives us his "State of the Mac."

Have a happy and prosperous 2011, and hope to see you at the SwapMeet!

(for the HAAUG President)

Ed Truitt, Editor, Apple Barrel

Mac App Store: First Looks, First Thoughts

Ed Truitt, etee@me.com

On January 6, 2011, I was at work when I got word that OS X 10.6.6, which included the Mac App Store, was available. As soon as I got home, I fired up Software Update, downloaded and installed the update, and after the mandatory reboot, I had a brand new icon in my Dock. I immediately went to the App Store, and selected two free apps to test it out: the "official" Twitter client, and Evernote. As was expected, there are also plenty of paid apps in the Mac App Store, among them the components to the iWork and iLife suites, as well as the current version of Aperture, and that incredibly popular time and productivity waster, Angry Birds.

The Mac App Store works pretty much like its counterpart in iTunes: you select the app you want, you provide your Apple ID when prompted, and when the installation is complete, you have a brand new application icon in your Dock. This latter is one of the minor annoyances: if I were to go on an app shopping spree, I would prefer not to have to remove all those icons from the Dock myself.

On the other hand, I can think of several positive aspects to the Mac App Store. The biggest of these is that you do not have to enter an Administrator password in order to install an app! Since most of what malware exists targeting OS X depends on tricking the user into entering an Administrator password in order to install/run the code, this will help reduce the risk of malware infection. It also allows you to permit someone (a child, for example) to install apps without giving them full control over the machine. The Mac App Store will also help make the job of keeping applications installed on the machine up to date easier, which will add another layer to the security of the system.

Of course, nothing V1.0 is perfect, and this holds true for the Mac App Store. Several issues have already been noted: chief among them is that the app developers aren't implementing the "DRM" in a consistent manner, and someone has discovered a way to "jailbreak" apps from the app store, opening up the door for illicit distribution ("piracy") of said apps. Unfortunately, this defeats (to some extent) the anti-malware protection that the Mac App Store provides. I can see a marketplace for "pirated" OS X apps, and I can also see (as we have seen in the past) some of these apps coming with a little "something extra".

While this is being heralded as something new and inventive, we should point out that the Linux world has had such a tool since 1998, in the form of the Advanced Packaging Tool (APT) for the Debian Gnu/Linux distribution.

I suspect that, as more people have a chance to look at the Mac App Store, we will continue to read "mixed" reviews, with some folks loving it, and others hating it. I also suspect Apple will move to address some of the technical issues that have been, and will continue to be, uncovered. Whether the Mac App Store ends up being the "killer app" that seals the value proposition for the Mac platform, or whether it ends up being a millstone around the Mac's (and Apple's) neck, remains to be seen. In the final analysis, I think that it will be Apple's policies, and their transparency in the app approval and publishing process, which will be the deciding factor.

QuickTip

When iPhoto '11 was

released, how

you shared your photos changed. Instead of sending photos as simple attachments, they were now imbedded within the message using iPhoto as your Email client. To share photos as simple attachments meant exporting your photos by selecting, File - Export, and saving them for later use in an Email. For most users, this was not an acceptable.

The iPhoto 9.1.1 update fixes this issue but you must navigate to iPhotos preferences after updating to do so. in iPhoto '11, go to iPhoto's Preferences and select General » Email photos using: and choose Mail or whichever other email client you use. Now when you select Share in iPhoto, you can select the file size you wish to send and compose your message in you favorite email client.

[crarko adds: I tested this, and it works as described.]

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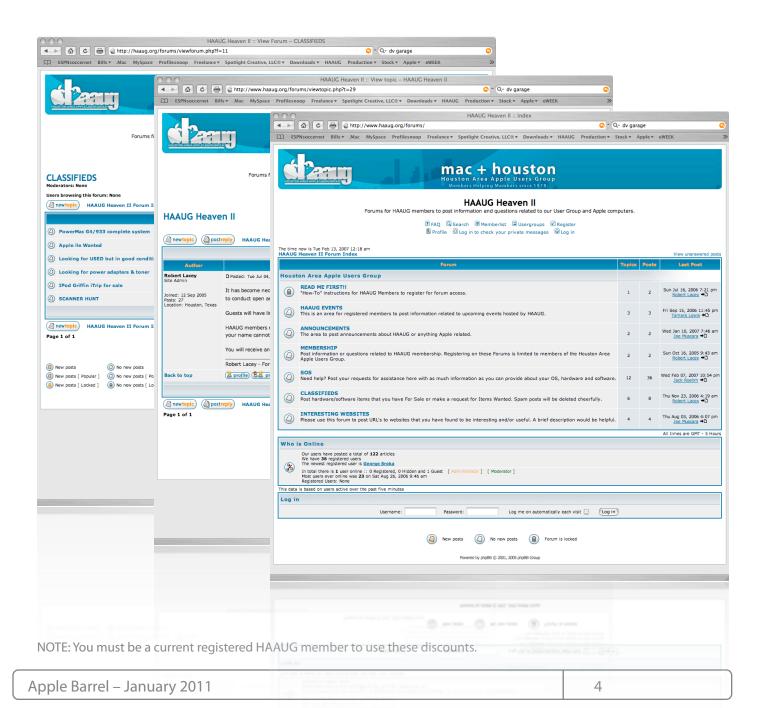
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Got a story, or photo you would like to see in the monthly edition of the Apple Barrel?

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

QuickTip



When an app is loading on iPad or iPhone you can pause the loading process by

touching the app with your finger.

I can see this being useful if you're on 3G when you start installing a large app and you don't want to chew through all your 3G bandwidth, you can then pause the loading process until you can connect to a WiFi network.

[crarko adds: I tested this, and it works as described. I have an iPhone 3G and have used this before.]

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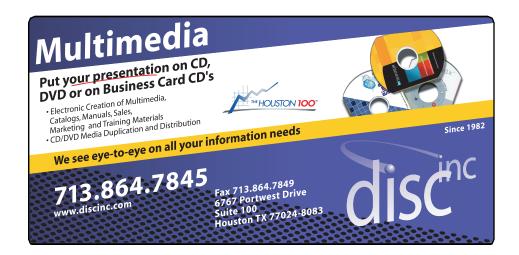


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Minutes

HAAUG Board of Directors Meeting – Saturday, December 18, 2010

Location: Bellaire Civic Center, 7008 South Rice Avenue, Bellaire, Texas.

Attendees: Alain Alain, Philip Booth, Jim Connell, Michael Epstein, Clair Jaschke, David Jaschke, Joe Muscara, Rick Roberts, Doug Smith, Ed Truitt and Greg Wright.

Call to order: 12:59 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 November 9, 2010, were unanimously approved as submitted by an email vote of the board prior to the board meeting.

Treasurer – Clair Jaschke: Clair Jaschke reported that HAAUG has approximately \$10,000 in the bank and that all bills she has received have been paid. She will use the existing MYOB Account Edge software to update the HAAUG financial records that Barbara Long has kept on her computer.

1st Vice President – Programming – Greg Wright: The following presentations are planned for the upcoming monthly meetings:

January 2011: Semi-Annual Swap Meet

February 2011: State of the Mac Address by Bob

"Dr. Mac" LeVitus

Greg discussed having a panel discussion about Apple TV and alternatives such as Slingbox and Roku. Members would be invited to share their experiences regarding alternatives for viewing the Internet and computer content on home television sets. Rick Roberts suggested inviting Nancy Gravely from the Capitol Mac group in Austin to present some of the topics at that MUG's special interest groups, such as publishing, the Office SIG and the Bifocals SIG.

2nd Vice President Facilities – Phil Booth: Phil Booth reported that the Bellaire Civic Center has been booked for the HAAUG General Meetings and Swap Meets in 2011. The February and March and April 2011 General Meetings will

be held on the last Saturday of the month. Doug Smith will confirm that Bob LeVitus is available for the General Meeting on February 26, 2011.

SIG Coordinator – Rick Roberts: Rick Roberts reported that no SIGs will be held in January 2011 because of the Swap Meet. The board discussed the possibility of moving the iOS SIG to the main room and the Mac 101 SIG to the small meeting room in recognition of the growing interest in the iOS SIG.

Apple Barrel Editor – Ed Truitt: Ed Truitt requested that articles for the January Apple Barrel be submitted to him by Saturday, January 8, 2011, and preferably earlier than that date. The board approved the editor making non-material spelling and grammatical corrections to the minutes after the board has approved them and before publication in the Apple Barrel.

Membership – David Jaschke: David Jaschke reported that HAAUG had 195 members at the end of November 2010, a decrease of three members from October 2010. HAAUG had 204 members in November 2009. There were twenty-two renewals, including seven 2-year renewals last month.

Webmaster - Jeff Davis: No report.

HAAUG Heaven Sysop - Open: No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

MacFest Committee: No report.

Lapsed Member Call List: No report.

Web Operations Committee: Ed Truitt reported that he will be testing BuddyPress in the next two weeks in preparation for launching the new HAAUG website.

HAAUG Hotline Alternate Services- Greg Wright: Greg Wright reported that the new HAAUG Hotline on PhoneBook is now operating. Both the old and the new numbers will be updated until after the SwapMeet, when

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we will shut down the old number and service. The new HAAUG Hotline Number is 832-305-5999.

Budget Committee: The Budget Committee submitted a proposed budget for 2011 to the board that anticipates a surplus of \$1,500 next year. The board approved the proposed budget, which will be submitted to the membership at the February 2011 General Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Audit Committee Report--2009 Financial Records: Clair Jaschke reported that it is going to take some time to update the 2009 and 2010 financial records. The committee will plan on doing a full audit for 2009, 2010 and 2011 in 2012. Clair plans to produce end-of-year records for 2009 and 2010.

Recognition for Tamara Alexander: The board approved the purchase of a \$50 gift card as an expression of the board's appreciation of Tamara Alexander's contributions to HAAUG.

Election of Officers and Directors for 2011: David Jaschke reported the following officers and directors for 2011 were elected at the December General Meeting:

Elected Voting Positions

Phil Booth President 1st Vice President - Programs **Greg Wright** 2nd Vice President - Facilities Doug Smith Lyda McGhee Secretary Clair Jaschke Treasurer Membership David Jaschke **Ed Truitt Apple Barrel Editor HAAUG Heaven SYSOP** Open **SIG Coordinator** Open Webmaster Jeff Davis

Directors-at-Large

Position 1 Jim Connell
Position 2 Michael Epstein
Position 3 Michael King
Position 4 Rick Roberts

Appointed Voting Position

Senior Advisor Selected by New Board

Immediate Past President Matt Willmore

Monetary Donation to HAAUG: Doug Smith announced that the family of HAAUG member Irv Greenbaum, who passed away earlier this year, has donated \$300 to HAAUG for the services that Jeff Davis provided to the family regarding Irv Greenbaum's computer equipment.

Revision of HAAUG's By-Laws: The board will undertake to update the by-laws in the coming year.

Adjourned: 1:52 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

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Apple Barrel Editor **Ed Truitt**

HAAUG Heaven Sysop
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Membership Chairman **David Jaschke**

SIG Coordinator

Rick Roberts Immediate Past President

Matt Willmore

Boutique Manager Barbara Long

> Webmaster Jeff Davis

HAAUG Hotline
Phil Booth

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Publicity Chairman

Jim Connell

Vision Committee Chairman

Joe FournetVolunteer Coordinator

Senior Advisor Barbara Long

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Apple User Group Liaison **Doug Smith**

Saturday, February 26th, 2011

State of the Mac Address by Bob "Dr. Mac" LeVitus

Our favorite local Mac personality will visit us in February to present another edition of the "State of the Mac" and discuss what's new with our beloved platforms. This is sure to be a packed meeting, so arrive early in order to get a seat!

Location: Bellaire Civic Center | Map online at www.haaug.org

Saturday, March 26th, 2011 (To Be Announced)

Program to be announced.

Location: Bellaire Civic Center | Map online at www.haaug.org

Saturday, April 30th, 2011

(To Be Announced)

Program to be announced.

Location: Bellaire Civic Center | Map online at www.haaug.org

Locations, Directions + Parking

Bellaire Civic Center

7008 South Rice Ave. • Bellaire, TX 77401

The Bellaire Civic Center has been a great location asset of HAAUG for the past 4 years and includes many amenities such as wireless internet and both open and closed spaces for Special Interest Group (SIG) meetings and other functions.

Find out the latest news on future HAAUG meetings...

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January 2011 Event Schedule

	Main Room	2nd Room
9 a.m.	Semi-Annual SwapMeet	
10 a.m.	*No SIGS this month*	
11 a.m.		
11:15 a.m.		
1 p.m.	Social time and cleanup; lunch to follow	Board of Directors Meeting.

There are no SIG meetings this month. Enjoy the SwapMeet!

The HAAUG SIG Coordinator is currently open. If you would like to volunteer to be the SIG Coordinator, please see any member of the Board of Directors.

Got Junk?

Computer recycling opportunities in the Houston area

Houston area recycling centers:

Environmental Service Center

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10612 Hempstead, Building A • 713-934-8585

QuickTip

The Snow Leopard Finder search window you get after using Spotlight or pressing Command+Shift+F (to search for files names) or Command+F (to search inside files) does not show the creation and modification dates of items on Mac OS X 10.6.4. At least not by default.

To change this, Control click inside any of these search windows (there's no need to type or search for any specific keyword) and select *Show View Options*. Select the desired options like creation and modification date and then close the window. From that moment, all search windows will show the creation and modification column tabs.

[crarko adds: I tested this, and it works as described. You can set the View Options for any Finder windows from the 'View' menu, but it appears that doing this for the search window was introduced in 10.6. Looking at it in 10.5.8 it said there were no View Options for the search window.]

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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

HAAUG maintains public domain and shareware libraries for the Apple II, Macintosh and Newton systems. HAAUG also distributes system software for the Macintosh (7.0.1 and earlier), Newton and all Apple II series computers. HAAUG has been designated by Apple Computer to be the Central United States Repository for Apple II Software.

Bulletin Board System & Internet Link

HAAUG Heaven is our 24-hour meeting place with several gigabytes of downloadable software, helpful information and discussions on all topics of computing, all accessible at rates from DSL speeds down to 33,600 bps.

HAAUG Heaven

HAAUG Heaven provides each member with an internet e-mail address allowing exchange of world-wide electronic mail. Many discussion topics and many internet newsgroups make the answers to your questions as close as your keyboard.

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.

HAAUG Hotline

Call the HAAUG Hotline at 713-522-2179 for the latest meeting information and to leave voice mail for officers.

Lots of Fun & Friendships

HAAUG is a not-for-profit volunteer group founded in 1978, three years before there was an IBM PC. Approximately 300 members enjoy the benefits of HAAUG. We range from beginners to experts, but we all know the secret to making our computers more valuable - a HAAUG membership.

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

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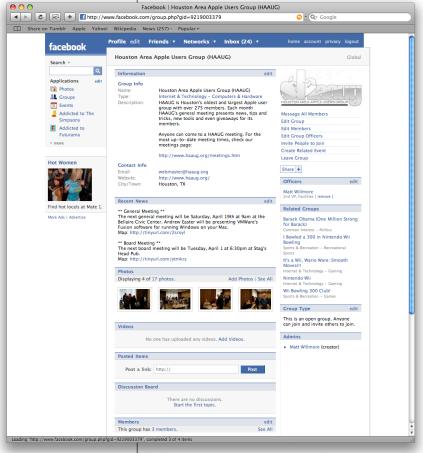
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Facebook:

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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. Facebook has been found to be immensely successful in informing and recruiting youth and young adults that otherwise may not have become aware of organizations such as HAAUG.

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?

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