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## MacWorld's Chris Breen

Senior Editor, MacWorld

**Saturday, November 15**

Bellaire Civic Center

7008 South Rice Avenue, Bellaire, TX 77401

9 am - 1 pm



## OS X Yosemite and iOS 8 with *MacWorld's* Chris Breen

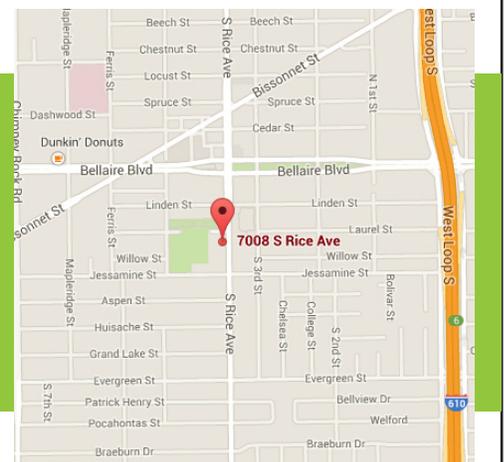
Chris Breen of MacWorld will be joining us by video link for our November 15th meeting. Chris will discuss Apple's latest operating system releases for the Macintosh and iOS devices as well as the new products Apple has recently announced.

The SIGs begin at 9 AM and the main presentation begins at 11:15 AM.

See you at the meeting!

### Meeting Location

**Bellaire Civic Center**  
7008 South Rice Ave.  
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# Boss HAAUG Speaks

Monthly Address from the HAAUG President



This was an active period in the Apple universe. First the release of the iPhone 6 and 6 Plus, release of iOS 8, and finally the release of Max OS 10.10. That was followed by the introduction of a new iMac and iPads. Oh and Apple turned almost record financial results for the July through September quarter.

There were some down notes for Apple during this period. There was bend-gate or Bend-gazi what ever you want to call it. When everyone claimed that you could bend the new iPhone. There were also idiots that went to Apple Stores and either tried or succeeded in bending the display models. That story bubbled through the tech press for about a week. The next shoe to drop was the IOS 8.0.1 update that bricked iPhone 6 and 6 Pluses. Apple quickly withdrew the update and came out almost the next day with a fix.

Apple at the end of October released the iOS update that enabled Apple Pay. For those stores that have the right credit card terminal you can now use you iPhone 6 and Plus to initiate credit card transactions. Several large retail chains disabled their NFC terminals because they belong to a consortium that is developing a competing system. I don't know if sales figures are correct, Apple has several million iPhones with Apple Pay and the competing system is not even out of beta stage.

Despite some bumps and losses HAAUG continues to function. We lost the editor of the Apple Barrel but we found a replacement, please welcome Ryan Esworth our new Apple Barrel Editor. The board decided to move the October meeting due to activities in and around the Bellaire Civic Center, but we had a Meeting. Thanks to the HAAUG Board of Directors continues to function.

The November Meeting will Feature Macworld's Chris Breen. We would love to have him live in Houston but due to changes to Macworld Chris will Join us via video link. Even though he will not be with us in person he will still have opinions about the new OS's and products that Apple has released. It will be a great meeting.

Well I am in my fourth month with my new iMac (its paid for yea) but as usually happens when ever I buy a new machine Apple comes out a better machine. Here is a short history: I bought my Apple // just before the Macintosh was introduced, I purchased a Power Mac G5 just before Apple moved to Intel processors, and finally I got a 27 inch iMac three months before they introduced the new iMac with retina. But I liked all of the machines that I purchased and did not regret any I bought.

My one irritation is that I have a number of FireWire hard drives that require an apple adapter. It is progress I guess. I am still using a keyboard that I bought when I had my PowerPC G3 tower. If you remember the keyboard that Apple supplied with the first iMac and most of the machines in the nineties was less that the best. I bought a Macally full size keyboard in frost and bondi blue plastic. I am using the wireless magic mouse that came with the machine.

I decided to make a clean break with the new machine and start using Mail.App. I have used Microsoft Entourage/ Outlook, but with the new machine I decided to change to Apple Mail. So far so good. I am still using MS Word and Excel because I feel that they are the best at what they do.

# Minutes

HAAUG Board of Directors Meeting – August 16, 2014

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

**Attendees:** Philip Booth, David Jaschke, Clair Jaschke, Mike Epstein, Mike King, Greg Wright

**Call to Order:** By President Philip Booth at 11:51 AM following the conclusion of the August General Meeting.

**General Announcements:** Phil announced that Ed Truitt passed away in June. Our condolences go out to his family. Ed will be greatly missed.

## Monthly Reports

**Secretary - Clair Jaschke (for Jack Adair):** Minutes of the July BOD meeting were approved unanimously. Clair took the minutes of the August meeting in Jack's absence.

**Treasurer's Report - Clair Jaschke:** Our checking account balance as of the end of July was \$5,228.72. The new savings account was established in July, and has a current balance of \$10,000.09. All of the July bills have been paid, and all funds have been deposited.

**Vice President - Greg Wright:** There will be no MacFest this year. Eugene Nosal has volunteered to help with programming. Our upcoming speaker schedule is:

- September: Reagan Atkinson (Houston Camera Exchange) (tentative)
- October: Dreux St. Marie (tentative)
- November: Chris Breen
- December: Dreux St. Marie (if October does not work out)
- January 2015: Semi-Annual Swap Meet

**Membership - David Jaschke:** Dave reported that we ended the month of July with 154 members, which is up from 150 members from June, and down from 166 members on July 31, 2013 (a decrease of 12 members). We did have 16 membership transactions in July. These included 7 regular renewals, 4 two-year renewals, and 5 new members joining. Six of these transactions used KAGI and one used a credit card.

There was some discussion about the demise of HAL-PC, and about recognizing new and renewing members at the business

meeting section at the monthly general meetings.

**HAAUG Electronic Communications Systems:** Phil has agreed to work on the newsletter until a new Apple Barrel editor is found. He will contact the late Ed Truitt's wife to get HAAUG files and the newsletter template in Pages if that can be accomplished. We need to get some type of communication out, and we need to get info to Tamara Alexander to update the website. Our presenter for the month, Mark Struczewski, suggested that we put buttons on the website to get to our social media Web pages. Possibly Tamara has the template for the newsletter, and maybe some passwords as well. Jeff Davis has the passwords also but we need someone else (President and a Vice President) to have these also. Phil has the credentials for the phone system. We need to redirect the editor's E-mails to Phil until a new Apple Barrel editor is appointed.

The board agreed to try and persuade Mark Struczewski to join the club, revise the web site, and/or be the web manager.

A question came up as to whether or not the announcements and 1st of the month E-mail lists were still going out. Mark Struczewski suggested that we capture E-mails of those who visit our website to send them E-mails (only general announcements).

## New Business

**Apple Barrel:** We need to recruit a new Apple Barrel editor. If anyone has any suggestions, please give those names to Phil.

**Adjournment:** At 1:12 P.M.

# Minutes

HAAUG Board of Directors Meeting – September 20, 2014

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

**Attendees:** Philip Booth, David Jaschke, Clair Jaschke, Mike Epstein, Mike King, Greg Wright, Jack Adair, Ryan Eisworth (new board member), Mark Tuck (guest)

**Call to Order:** By President Philip Booth at 12:40 PM following the conclusion of the September General Meeting.

**General Announcements:** We have issues with the next meeting in October (this is discussed further under New Business). Phil sent a condolence card to the Truitt family. Phil will ask Mrs. Truitt to try and get any Apple Barrel stuff off of Ed's computer if possible since it has the Apple Barrel templates on it.

## Monthly Reports

**Secretary - Jack Adair:** The August draft minutes did not get sent out to the rest of the board. We will review and approve these minutes, along with the September minutes, at the October board meeting.

**Treasurer's Report - Clair Jaschke:** Our checking account balance as of the end of July was \$5,665.70. The savings account had a balance of \$10,000.33. We earned \$0.24 in interest in August. All of the August bills have been paid, and all funds have been deposited.

**Vice President - Greg Wright:** We had a good meeting with Mike King and Ryan Eisworth sharing their experiences with the new iPhone 6 Plus. Our upcoming speaker schedule is:

- October 18 (tentative): Dave Hamilton and John F. Braun from MacGeek. We will try to set this up as a live discussion in Houston. The fallback position is to do it by iChat. Mike King told the board he would be in the MacGeek chat room Sunday morning, September 21.
- November 15 (tentative): Chris Breen of Macworld, live and in person
- December 20: Dreux St. Marie of Apple, with a joint meeting with the Medical Center MUG.

**Membership - David Jaschke:** Dave reported that we ended the month of August with 155 members, which is up from 154 members from July, and down from 169 members on August 31, 2013 (a decrease of 14 members). We did have 9 membership transactions in August. These included 1 late renewal and 4 two-

year renewals. One of these transactions used KAGI and three used a credit card.

There was some discussion about the demise of HAL-PC, and about recognizing new and renewing members at the business meeting section at the monthly general meetings.

**HAAUG Electronic Communications Systems:** Ryan Eisworth volunteered to join the board and serve as the new Electronic Communications Systems head and Apple Barrel editor. He lives outside Houston but can make the Saturday board meetings. Phil indicated that he would put out a message about the October meeting when the venue is decided upon.

## New Business

**Apple Barrel Editor:** Ryan Eisworth was nominated as the new Electronic Communications Systems head and Apple Barrel editor and was elected unanimously by the current board members (nomination by Mike King, second by Dave Jaschke).

October Meeting Location: Dave Jaschke moved, and Mike King seconded, that the board approve up to \$1,500.00 in expenditures to move the October meeting to a hotel. It is desired to do this because we do not think the pool house at the Bellaire Civic Center is a suitable venue for the MacGeek speakers. Greg Wright suggested that we consider asking Houston Technology Center in the Midtown area for use of their facility for the October meeting as we are a non-profit group. He indicated that they might possibly charge us \$300.00 for air conditioning. Greg will pursue this option in addition to the paid option that will be explored by Phil. Phil has suggested the Marriott across the West Loop from Micro Center. Phil will talk to the City of Bellaire and pay the usage fees for November and December, but will we not pick up the option they offered us to use the pool house for October.

Greg suggested that we should possibly consider using the pool house for October anyway and try to "cross-flow" with the people attending the City of Bellaire tractor pull and the Condit Elementary carnival to possibly stir up some further interest for HAAUG. The board decided not to consider this issue due to the parking logistics.

We also had some general discussions regarding future programming. Phil again indicated that our current meeting facility would be demolished in October 2015.

**Adjournment:** At 1:13 P.M.

# Event Schedule

November 15, 2014

	Main Room	2nd Room
9:00 am	TBA	TBA
10:00 am		
11:00 am	Main Presentation: MacWorld's Chris Breen	
12:00 pm		
1:00 pm		Board of Directors Meeting

The SIGs begin at 9:00 AM and the Main Presentation starts at 11:15 AM.

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## Social Media & Internet Presence

The HAAUG web site at <http://www.haaug.org> is the place to go for up-to-date information on what we are doing. In addition, there is a [HAAUG group on Facebook](#), where people can go to interact with fellow HAAUG members on topics of interest related to Apple and its products.

## Club Magazine

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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, e-mail, or at the monthly meetings.

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