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Gaming on the Mac

...with Lee Hutchinson of Ars Technica

Saturday, June 20

Bellaire Civic Center
7008 South Rice Avenue, Bellaire, TX 77401
9 am - 1 pm



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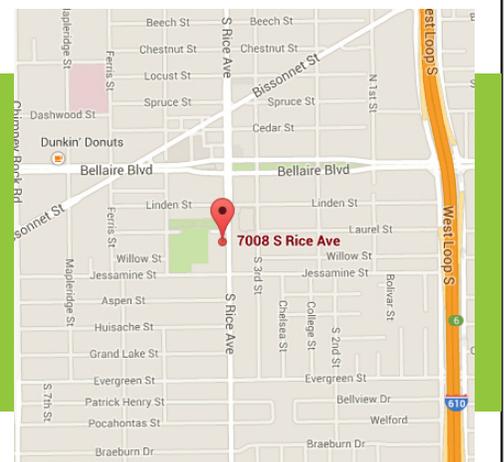
Lee Hutchinson discusses *Gaming on the Macintosh!* Saturday, June 20th

Join us this Saturday, June 20th, as Lee Hutchinson of Ars Technica discusses Gaming on the Macintosh!

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) begin at 9:00 a.m. The Main Presentation begins at 11:00a.m. General Meeting SIGs include topics Mac 101 & Fundamentals, iOS (iPhone, iPod and iPad), One on One (personal help) and Digital Photography.

Meeting Location

Bellaire Civic Center
7008 South Rice Ave.
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Boss HAAUG Speaks

Monthly Address from the HAAUG President



A very big thank you to Jim Connell for presenting last meeting. I am sorry that I missed it. I read the minutes of the board meeting and it was reported that the presentation was very good. This was one of the few times that I had a conflict with the HAAUG meeting. I needed to work commencement activities at the University of Houston Saturday morning. I guess that the club can get along without me.

Dwight Silverman of the Houston Chronicle will be our June speaker (*Editor's note: Dwight has rescheduled and Lee Hutchinson will give the main presentation in June*) and will present about your choices for broadband internet in Houston. It sounds like a great topic. Your board is working on lining up speakers but we could use some help. One of the most important jobs is the VP for programming and we are operating with out one right now. If you think you could help out contact me at president@haaug.org and let me know. Or see me at the next meeting.

Apple revised some notebook computers and dropped the price \$200.00 on the 5K iMac this month. Oh, and the watch went on sale for real in May. Many of us are waiting for the OS updates both iOS and Mac OS that will be announced at the World Wide Developers conference. Since the demise of the Macworld Conference and Expo, and Apple's participation in that event, WWDC is the source for what is happening at Apple. Just remember that the release to the Public versions of the OS's usually happen in late September. If Apple offers a beta version of either OS, and you want to try it out, put it on a computer or a drive that is not the main drive of your machine. This is especially true of beta versions of iOS. That should go on an old phone that you don't care if it is bricked.

We all know that Macworld completely turned over its staff recently and also quit publishing a paper version. Many of the writers have moved on to other ventures. Chris Breen now works for Apple, Jason Snell runs the website SixColors.com along with producing several podcasts. Many of his old staffers from Macworld are freelancing for him. Many of you remember macfixit.com that was started by Ted Landau. The site was sold to CNet who shuttered the site within the last year. Ted announced recently that he is retiring from writing. He will be missed. The whole landscape of the Mac tech community has changed. Hopefully the new folks will be as good as the older generation.

The day I wrote this column Houston suffered a major rain event freeways and streets were flooded overnight. If you were lucky enough to have tickets to the rockets game many folks decided to ride out the storm until they closed the Toyota Center. I saw on Facebook that some folks stayed until they were asked to leave, but got home safely. I write about this every year at this time. Now is the time to have a plan for preserving your data. We keep so much of our lives on our computers but the data needs to be backed up and stored either online or in a separate location. Now is the time to make your plans.

Remember July will be Swap meet so if you have some lightly used technology that is no longer usable, consider getting a table at the Swap meet and see if someone needs your item more than you do. There are two types of technology that folks bring for sale. One: items that were recently superseded, or two: items that folks need to keep older machines running. Either way you might find something that you can use at the Swap meet. Check the link on haaug.org to reserve a table.

BOD Minutes

April 18, 2015

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

Attendees: Philip Booth, David Jaschke, Clair Jaschke, Jack Adair, Mike Epstein, Ryan Eisworth

Call to Order: By President Philip Booth at 1:10 PM following the conclusion of the April General Meeting.

General Announcements: Phil thanked everyone who participated in the program.

Monthly Reports

Secretary - Jack Adair: Minutes of the March BOD meeting were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report - Clair Jaschke: Our checking account balance as of the end of March was \$4,503.38. Our savings account balance was \$10,002.08, for total cash on hand of \$14,505.46. All of the March bills have been paid and all monies have been deposited. We have not yet taken the shirt inventory to Goodwill, but that will happen within the next couple of months.

Programming Report: Phil will E-mail Dwight Silverman this week about being the main speaker. He appointed the board Secretary, Jack Adair, to be the presiding officer at the May board meeting as he will have to leave early due to his responsibilities at UH.

Phil reported that there was no Photo SIG this month. He will try to resurrect this for June.

Apple User Group Association – There are meeting ideas available at <http://appleusergroupresources.com>.

This was provided to Phil by Doug Smith, and contains offers to user groups.

The June meeting topic is still up in the air.

Glenn Fleishman has taken over Chris Breen's old job at Macworld on a contract basis. Phil will E-mail him with an invitation to do a Web session such as what Chris did last year.

Membership - David Jaschke: Dave reported that we ended the month of March with 149 members, which is down by one from February, and down from 162 members (a difference of 13 members) from March 31, 2014. We had 3 renewals and 2 new members join for a total of 5 transactions. Of these, 2 were by

KAGI and 1 by credit card, and the other 2 by check.

HAAUG Electronic Communications Systems - Ryan Eisworth:

Ryan reported that the Website is still functioning well. The Apple Barrel was again distributed. Ryan also indicated he would like to be able to post to the HAAUG Facebook page. Rick Roberts is the person we need to talk to about this.

New Business

Dave Crook and Phil came up with an idea for an Apple Watch raffle, with the prize to be a \$500 gift card to the Apple Store that can be used toward the purchase of an Apple Watch. Ryan suggested we consider spending \$10.00 for an ad on Facebook. The suggested price is \$5.00 for a single ticket or \$20.00 for five tickets.

The board voted unanimously to approve \$520.00 toward this raffle project, with \$500.00 for the purchase of the gift card and \$20.00 allotted for advertising. We forecast that the drawing will be done in August or September; we have to state when the drawing is going to take place at the time that the raffle is announced.

Phil will E-mail Doug about the Apple User Group information, Dwight Silverman about the May meeting, and Rick Roberts about the Facebook issue.

Phil indicated that we would consider ordering some new HAAUG polo shirts as we did get some interest from the general membership. Ryan indicated that he could go on the Café Press web site for embroidering information if he could get access to the site. Ryan also wants to get our current logo on the Café Press website. Phil asked Clair to e-mail Rex Covington about the Café Press website access. Phil will look at Custom Ink as well.

Ryan also indicated that he has the ability to make HAAUG window decals at his home. The Board will reimburse Ryan's costs.

Our audit will start in June 2015.

Mike Epstein indicated that he would like to hear something at the May meeting regarding the new Apple Photos app that came out with Mac OS 10.10.3.

Adjournment: At 1:57 P.M.

Event Schedule

June 20, 2015

	Main Room	2nd Room	3rd Room
9:00 am	Mac 101 and Fundamentals	iOS	Mac One-on-One
11:00 am	Gaming on the Mac		
12:00 pm			
1:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting		

Mac 101 and Fundamentals with Jonathan Magnus - The SIG for basic to advanced Mac topics.

iOS: Doug Smith/Rick Roberts - iPads/iPods/iPhones/iTunes/iCloud

The Board of Directors meeting will begin following the Main Presentation.

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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

Club and industry news, meeting information and special member offers are published in our monthly newsletter – The Apple Barrel, which is available to members on the HAAUG website in Adobe PDF 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, e-mail, or at the monthly meetings.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

People with common interests, including Macintosh and OS X basics, iOS, 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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Call the HAAUG Hotline at 832-305-5999 for the latest meeting information and to leave voice mail for officers.

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