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Saturday, July 18

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Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20. Cash or checks only.

Drawing will be held at the September meeting. You do not have to be present to win.



Semi-Annual Swap Meet Saturday, July 18th

Join us on Saturday, July 18th, for the Semi-Annual HAAUG Swap Meet. Bring your gently-used tech devices to sell or come see what our users have for sale!

Setup begins at 8AM and the swap meet officially starts at 9AM. Come early for the best deals!

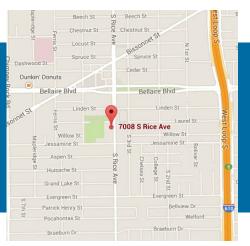
Each HAAUG member gets a free swap meet table. Additional tables (or tables for non-members) are \$50 each. Electricity is \$5 per table.

Please take all your unsold items with you when you leave! Area electronics recyclers are listed on page 12.

Swap Meet Location

Bellaire Civic Center 7008 South Rice Ave. Bellaire, TX 77401

Free parking is available in the Civic Center lot and on several streets around the Civic Center.



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Your Content Here

Have you tried a new Mac or iOS application? Found a neat accessory for your iPhone? Want to share a cool tip you've come across? Write about it, and send your column to editor@haaug.org. You can help make the Apple Barrel a better publication while providing valuable insight and opinion to your fellow HAAUG members!

Board of Directors Vacancy

As a reminder, we still have a vacant position on our Board of Directors. This very important position is in charge of arranging programming for the organization. If you are interested in taking on this role, speak with HAAUG President Phil Booth at a meeting or email him at president@haaug.org.

iOS 8.4 and Apple Music Released

Apple's mobile OS got an upgrade this month alongside the introduction of Apple's very own streaming music service. Have you upgraded your devices yet?

HAAUG Facebook Group

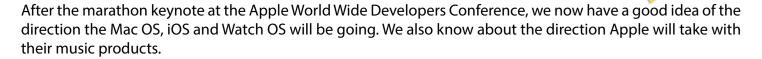
Did you know HAAUG has a home on Facebook? Join our Facebook group to jump into the conversation your fellow members are having online, share meeting photos, web links, and more!

Job Posting in the Georgetown Area

Southwestern University is looking for an experienced Macintosh technician. For more details about this opportunity at Texas' oldest university, <u>click here</u>. Contact Daryl Tschoepe at <u>tschoepe@southwestern.edu</u>.

Boss HAAUG Speaks

Monthly Address from the HAAUG President



El Capitan (the code name of Mac OS 10.11) will be concentrated on fixing and improving the operation of the OS. There is one new feature that Apple could release right now; in the new OS your pointer will enlarge when you shake your mouse, so you can find the pointer. I have a 27" monitor and finding the pointer can be challenging at times. I am sure that there are more things "under the hood" that will make the OS work better.



iOS 9 does not have many new major features but there are several new APIs that Apple is opening to developers. The Maps app will be improved and include references to public transport in several cities; Houston was not mentioned. One of the new developments was the release of Research kit which is a set of APIs that will allow researchers to create apps to gather data for research. The data will go to the researchers and not to Apple. This will allow more people to get involved in research projects.

Apple Music was introduced at the WWDC and started at the end of June, with a three month free trial. After that it will be 9.99 a month. The Apple Music product consists a streaming service a radio service, and a service that allows artists to create behind the scenes content.

All of the new OS's will be available in early fall. If Apple keeps to its usual schedule the new versions of Mac OS 10, iOS 9 and watchOS should be released at the end of September or beginning of October.

This month is the Summer swap meet and I encourage you to reserve your table and find those gently used items that are taking up space in your office. If you are in the market for a new monitor or possibly a laptop, drop by the swap meet and check what is for sale. Be there early for the best selections.

While you are at the swap Meet pick up a ticket for the HAAUG Apple Watch raffle. Chances go for five dollars each or five for twenty dollars. The drawing will be at the September Meeting. What you will win is a five hundred dollar Apple Gift Card that you can use to purchase an Apple Watch. You don't need to be present to win but you can only purchase tickets at the meetings, and for cash only.

Phil Booth 2015 HAAUG President

Editor's Note: For more information about the upcoming OS X release, El Capitan, including screenshots and an overview of new features, visit http://www.apple.com/osx/elcapitan-preview/.

For more information about the upcoming iOS 9 release, visit http://www.apple.com/ios/ios9-preview/.

A preview of the new features coming to the Apple Watch in watchOS 2 is available at http://www.apple.com/watchos-2-preview/.

Notes from Last Meeting

June 20, 2015

Last month we were glad to have Lee Hutchinson, Senior Reviews Editor at Ars Technica, discuss two topics in our main presentation. Lee opened with a presentation about gaming on the Macintosh and followed up with a great and informative presentation on password security.

Lee's gaming talk covered some of the things he saw at the E3 Electronic Entertainment Expo earlier in the month. He discussed some of the issues that 3D-intensive games may have on older machines or machines with integrated graphics and provided a number of sources to get games on the Mac.

An obvious place to look for something fun to play is the Mac App Store. The Mac App Store has a Games category and there are number of curated sections and categories to choose from to narrow your search.

Steam is a very popular online game publisher that has a huge library of Mac OS X-compatible games. You can browse the Mac games in the Steam library by clicking here. To purchase any games from Steam you'll need to create an account and download the client from < http://store.steampowered.com/>.

GOG.com ("Good Old Games") has a large Mac library. Games purchased through GOG are DRM-free (DRM stands for Digital Rights Management), which means you never have to worry about signing into a service like Steam to play your games. You might find this useful if you want to be sure you have no issues playing without an Internet connection.

Humble Bundle frequently has multi-platform DRMfree gaming bundles where you name the price you want to pay! You can also control where your funds go. Humble Bundle partners with charities and allows you to designate all your payment to charity, all to the software developers, or anything in between.

The second half of Lee's presentation was on password security. Lee discussed that long passwords

made out of unrelated but memorable words (like the now-famous "Correct Horse Battery Staple" webcomic from XKCD advocates) is easier to remember yet harder for a computer to crack than a password like "\$uperman1" where letters of a common word are replaced common substitutions. He also explained why long and unique passwords are important even though a website may lock your account out after a few incorrect login attempts.

Lee recommended the software 1Password by AgileBits to generate, track and fill your web passwords. Many of our members also use and recommend this software and it has been mentioned in past HAAUG presentations. 1Password is available from the developer's store and from the Mac App Store for \$49.99. There is also an iOS version available. 1Password's database is stored locally on your computer as an encrypted file and can be synchronized across all your computers and iOS devices through **Dropbox** cloud storage.

We thank Lee for his great presentation and hope everyone found it enjoyable and informative! To read more from Lee, click here to visit his Author page at Ars Technica.

Ryan Eisworth



Lee discusses password complexity.

When he becomes marooned in space, you become Taylor's only....

LIFELINE

Reviewed by Ryan Eisworth

I recently came across the 99¢ game <u>"Lifeline,"</u> by 3 Minute Games, on the App Store. It's been holding my attention for the past several days for around two to seven minutes at a time.

Lifeline is a unique concept for an iOS game. It is an entirely text-based science fiction adventure/thriller game that takes place in real time. The main character in the game is Taylor, a student who found himself on a spaceship as a researcher. Something caused the spaceship to crash into a seemingly-barren moon and (lucky you) you're the only other person with whom Taylor has been able to make radio contact.

Taylor communicates with you conversationally by text, describing his surroundings and asking for advice as he works through his situation. The game provides you with

interactive "Choose Your

Own Adventure" game. The
choices you make for him and
the suggestions you provide shape
his fate in the unknown world
in which he's been marooned.

If you second guess yourself (or
get Taylor killed) you can scroll up
and change any of your previous
choices or rewind the story to
the very beginning. So far, I've
died once, I've been on my second
play-through for three days, and I've
found the story to be very immersive.

There are a few technical features and aspects of the game that make it pretty unique. The main thing is that, as

I mentioned earlier, the game takes place in real-time. When Taylor goes to sleep he goes silent for hours. When he says something should take his

for hours. When he says something should take him ten minutes, it does, and after ten minutes pass without a notification from the game, you start to glance at your phone and wonder if that was it—if he'd died or become injured. The time delay adds a level of realism and suspense. There is a "fast mode" that allows you to skip the pauses but I highly recommend you leave it off unless you're replaying the game for the second (or third, or forth) time and you want to skip a pause you've already waited on.

The game also supports the Apple Watch. If you have

one, you can read Taylor's messages and send a response right from your Watch. I don't have a Watch so I've not tried this functionality, but by virtue of how the game supports the Apple Watch, it's playable entirely from the notification center on the iPhone or iPad.

When Taylor messages you the entire conversation shows up as a series of notifications (don't worry—the game doesn't generate notification sounds!) The last notification in a series will have the word "[Respond]" at the end. If you swipe left on this notification (as if you're quick replying to a text message) the two response options show up right there in the notification center. It's a simple feature but it's very well thought-out. You don't have to launch the game to keep the story moving.

If you have \$0.99, a few minutes to kill every now and then, and you're willing to get sucked into an immersive science fiction suspense adventure, give Lifeline a try. Hopefully you'll enjoy it as much as I have. I'd better run along now, though. Taylor is waiting for me to respond.

From the developer: "Lifeline is a playable, branching story of survival against all odds. Using your iPhone, iPad, or Apple Watch, you will help Taylor make life or death decisions, and face the consequences together.

Acclaimed writer Dave Justus (Fables: The Wolf Among Us) weaves a gripping interactive story through the aftermath of a crash landing on an alien moon. Taylor is stranded, the rest of the crew

are dead or missing, and Taylor's communicator can only reach you.

A totally unique experience enabled by modern devices, this story plays out in real time. As Taylor works to stay alive, notifications deliver new messages throughout your day. Keep up as they come in, or catch up later when you're free. You can even respond to Taylor directly from your Apple Watch or your iPhone lock screen, without launching into the app."





Event Schedule

June 20, 2015

	Main Room	2nd Room	3rd Room
8:00 am	Swap Meet		
8:30 am	Setup and Load-In		
9:00 am			
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11:00 am	Swap Meet	Available Ad-Hoc Meeting Space	Available Ad-Hoc Meeting Space
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12:00 pm			
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1:00 pm			
1:30 pm	Swap Meet		Board of Directors
2:00 pm	Teardown and Load-Out		Meeting

The Board of Directors meeting will begin following the Swap Meet. No SIGs will meet this month but adhoc meeting space is available in the 2nd and 3rd rooms for informal gatherings.

Upcoming Events

Future Meeting Dates and Events

August 15, 2015 – General Meeting

Dwight Silverman of the Houston Chronicle will give the main presentation. Dwight writes for the TechBlog at the Chronicle. <u>Click here</u> to find his articles on the web.

September 19, 2015 - General Meeting

Reagan Atkinson from the Houston Camera Exchange will give the main presentation. If you're a lover of digital photography you won't want to miss this meeting! <u>Click here</u> to visit the Houston Camera Exchange online!

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) and Ad Hoc Meetings

Groups are welcome to use the casual spaces to meet on other topics. Scheduled SIGs take precedence. If you have an idea for a SIG, email the HAAUG SIG Coordinator, Rick Roberts, at <u>SIG_Coordinator@haaug.org!</u>

BOD Minutes

April 18, 2015

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

Attendees: David Jaschke, Jack Adair, Mike King, Mike Epstein

Call to Order: By Secretary Jack Adair, acting as presiding officer in the absence of President Philip Booth, at 12:22 PM following the conclusion of the May General Meeting. Phil had to leave today's general meeting at 10 AM due to his responsibilities at commencement at the University of Houston.

General Announcements: The Board sends a big "Thank you" to Jim Connell for his Apple Watch presentation.

Monthly Reports

Secretary - Jack Adair: Minutes of the April BOD meeting were approved with a modification to set the multi-ticket price for the Apple gift card raffle at \$20.00 for five tickets.

Treasurer's Report - Clair Jaschke: Clair was absent today. Via E-mail, she reported that our checking account balance as of the end of April was \$4,283.52. Our savings account balance was \$10,002.33, for total cash on hand of \$14,285.85.

Programming Report: Jack reported for Phil that Phil sent an E-mail to Glen Fleishman of Macworld asking if he could do a Skype type of presentation for us. Glen indicated that he would not have time to do so. Phil indicated that he would contact Dwight Silverman about presenting in June, and that he would plan to contact Andy Ihnatko about possibility presenting in the future. Dave suggested it would be a real good idea if we had a strong presenter in September as that is planned to be the day that we announce the winner of the Apple gift card raffle. The board suggested that we even consider booking Bob LeVitus in September if we are in need of a speaker.

Membership - David Jaschke: Dave reported that we ended the month of April with 143 members, which was down by six from March, and down from 149 members (a difference of 6 members) from April 30, 2014. We did receive a report that one member, Lloyd Fadrique, passed away. We did not have any membership activity in April. There were no renewals of any kind.

HAAUG Electronic Communications Systems - Ryan Eisworth: Ryan was absent today. The Apple Barrel was published in a timely fashion, and Ryan has indicated he would add some things to the web site about the raffle.

New Business

Apple Watch Raffle: In our discussion last month, we decided we would buy a \$500 Apple gift card to be raffled off, with the intent that this card could be used toward the purchase of an Apple Watch. The raffle tickets will cost \$5/ticket, or \$20 for five tickets. The ticket sales will start at the June general meeting, with tickets available only at the meetings in person. The drawing will be held at the September general meeting. The winner does not have to be present to win as the tickets will include the name and contact information for the purchases. Tickets can be purchased by cash or checks only.

Clair will be purchasing the gift card using the HAAUG debit card to fulfill the State of Texas requirements that an item be in possession prior to any raffle tickets being sold.

Audit: The audit is still planned for June.

Adjournment: At 12:49 P.M.

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Got a story or photo you would like to see in the monthly edition of 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, photos, or other content to: editor@haaug.org

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1/4 Page Ad

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Frequency: 1x \$65, 2x \$60, 3x \$55

1/6 Page Ad

Dimensions: 5 x 2.5 in.

Frequency: 1x \$40, 2x \$35, 3x \$30

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Visit <u>www.haaug.org/join</u> for details on joining.

Join by Mail:

Please print out and complete the following form. Send a check or money order payable to HAAUG and mail it to the address shown below. Dues for regular members are \$35 per year. Student memberships are available for full-time students at a high school, community college or university for the rate of \$10 per year.

Your membership card will be mailed to you. You may pick up your starter kit at the next HAAUG meeting.

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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, raffles, and much, much more. Swap Meets are held twice each year, in January and July.

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.

HAAUG Hotline

Call the HAAUG Hotline at 832-305-5999 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 200 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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