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Franklin wins iMac in raffle

Lacey awarded iPod for most ticket sales; second raffle planned

HAAUG member David Franklin left the Swap Meet July 20 with a brand-new iMac, a BIG smile on his face and the knowledge that he'd won HAAUG's first fund-raising raffle. Robert Lacey earned himself an iPod by selling more than \$350 worth of raffle tickets—more than any other member.

The raffle raised \$1,143.53 after expenses, inspiring the HAAUG Board of Directors to approve funds for another computer raffle to start immediately. The drawing will be held at the next Swap Meet in January.

The computer offered in the next raffle will either be another iMac, this time with the 17-inch screen, or the top-of-the-line iBook. Voice your raffle preference ASAP via e-mail to club_business@haaug.org.

Part of the proceeds from the raffle will be used to sponsor HAAUG's first Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Sept. 26. Tickets for the event should be on sale at the next general meeting.



MINE, ALL MINE – HAAUG member David Franklin (center) won the iMac in the raffle drawing held July 20 at the Swap Meet. Stephanie Robertson of Disc Inc. (left) drew the winning raffle ticket from a ticket drum made by HAAUG's very own Rex Covington (right), vice president for programs. — photo by David Scheuer

MAIN PRESENTATION

Come see how easy it is to run Windows on your Mac on Saturday, Aug. 17, when **Connectix** presents **Virtual PC 5** at the General Meeting at Rice University.

HAAUG meets in Duncan Hall. The Main Presentation is held in McMurtry Auditorium at 11:15 AM.



iTunes 3 gets smarter and the iPod evolves

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Among the bevy of announcements during Steve Jobs's Macworld Expo keynote was the release of iTunes 3, a new version of Apple's free MP3-playing software that's available now, though only for Mac OS X.

<http://www.apple.com/itunes/>

New in iTunes 3 is Sound Check, a feature that normalizes playback volumes to avoid the situation where some tracks are shockingly louder or significantly softer than others. Although I

hadn't noticed that much when I first started getting into MP3s, it's become increasingly annoying as my music collection grows. iTunes 3 also offers new categorization options that track the number of times each track has been played and let you rate each song from one to five stars. iTunes also records the last time each song was played.

The main new feature, though, is Smart Playlists, best thought of as filters for your music. For instance, you can create a rule that matches all songs

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If you are interested in joining HAAUG, please call the HAAUG Hotline at (713) 522-2179 or sign up via our web site <http://www.haaug.org>. Annual membership is \$45 for new members, \$40 for renewing members, \$20 for student members and \$20 for associate members (out-of-state members who receive the Apple Barrel through e-mail only). The Hotline is also the Mentor line if you need help.

Guests are welcome to attend one or two meetings to get acquainted with HAAUG, but participation in certain presentations and activities may be limited.

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Volunteers who have ideas for SIGs, please contact Phil Booth at pbooth@swbell.net.

ARTICLES NEEDED - ALL FLAVORS

Send to Apple Barrel Drop on HAAUG Heaven or e-mail to apple_barrel_drop@haaug.org.

Mark your calendars to attend HAAUG's Volunteer Appreciation Dinner Sept. 26

HAAUG's first Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be held Thursday, Sept. 26, at the Safaii Party and Reception Center, 1626 Federal Road, on the east side of town.

The doors open at 6:00 PM followed by a buffet style dinner at 7 PM and the awards presentation at 8 PM. Awards will be presented for Volunteer of the Year, Life-

time Volunteer of the Year, and more.

Single tickets cost \$15 while tickets for couples cost \$25. Board members, SIG leaders and other volunteers receive complimentary dinners. Invitations will be mailed to volunteers in advance.

The dinner features an Aqua theme in honor of Mac OS X. An iTunes DJ will

“spin” your favorite iTunes, so bring your dancing shoes.

Sponsors for the event include Disc Inc., Arne's, Dynamic Digital Design, and Butler Computer.

Volunteers are needed to staff the event. Please contact Rex Covington at rexjc@wt.net to help. Volunteers will receive a free event-themed polo shirt.

Remember—Sept. 26th!

Welcome these new and renewing members

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Membership specials!

Existing members can renew their memberships for two years for \$70 and lapsed members can rejoin for six months for \$20 or \$35 for a year under membership specials running through the end of this year.

The HAAUG Board of Directors approved the special pricing recommended by Membership Chairman Michael Lawshae at the Board Meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 6.

Take advantage of the two-year deal and urge former members to rejoin at the special rates.



iTunes 3, iPod evolve

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in the Rock genre that were released during the 1960s, and iTunes automatically gathers together the appropriate songs. Even better, Smart Playlists update automatically, so if you add a new CD of early Beatles music, for instance, it will instantly appear in your 1960s Rock playlist.

Smart Playlists become even more useful when combined with the play count and rating information, so you can, for instance, create a playlist that gives you 50 randomly selected electronic dance tracks you've rated more than four stars, 600 MB of blues songs recorded before 1970, or the 10 tracks you listen to most often. If you delete a song from a Smart Playlist that's limited to a specific number of songs or a specific size, iTunes automatically picks another appropriate song.

iTunes 3 supports Audible.com, an Internet service from which you can purchase spoken word content for over 18,000 books, a variety of newspapers, and archived radio shows. With iTunes 3, you can set bookmarks to save your place in long audio books.

<http://www.apple.com/itunes/>

audiobooks.html

Finally, iTunes 3 tries to help you regularize your MP3 collection by renaming the individual MP3 files in a regular fashion, a one-time action that wasn't entirely successful for me. Plus, a Consolidate Library command in the Advanced menu offers to move all the MP3 files that iTunes knows about into your Music folder.

NEW IPODS DEBUT

Jobs also announced the release of new versions of Apple's popular iPod MP3 player. The existing 5 GB iPod remains available, though its price drops \$100 to \$300. Although Jobs said nothing of this, I anticipate that the 5 GB model may not last too much longer, given that it doesn't share the slightly redesigned case now used by the \$400 10 GB model and a newly introduced \$500 20 GB model.

The new case is about 10 percent thinner, sports a solid-state scroll wheel (much like a trackpad surface), and adds a FireWire port cover. Plus, the iPods now come with an accessory kit that includes a case with a belt clip (though there are numerous other iPod cases that might suit you better),

a wired remote, and new headphones. Existing owners can purchase the accessories separately: the case alone sells for a rather steep \$40, and the remote/headphones bundle also costs \$40.

<http://www.apple.com/ipod/>

The iPod's internal software has changed as well, so you can now browse by genre and composer (a feature for classical music fans for whom the artist and the composer are different), support for smart playlists and play counts that synchronize with the equivalent features in iTunes 3, support for the iTunes 3 Sound Check feature for regularizing volume, and support for Audible.com with round-trip bookmarking for spoken word content.

For existing iPod owners, these features require iPod 1.2 software, which Apple says will be available in August. iTunes 2 is still supported for OS 9 users, though presumably without support for the new features appearing in iTunes 3, which work only in OS X.

Additional changes that move the iPod beyond an MP3 player include an Extras menu that lets you browse through calendar events and contacts synchronized via iSync from iCal and Address Book under Mac OS X 10.2.

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1) HAAUG members and Mac fans wandered through rows of tables in search of hardware and software on Saturday, July 20, at the Summer Swap Meet. 2) Boutique Manager and Volunteer Coordinator Vicki Lester (left) and her mom, Juanita, display a nifty “digital robot” that is proving popular with HAAUG members. 3) Treasurer Barbara Long and Directors Patty Winkler and Betty (the “Cookie Lady”) English (seated left to right) worked tirelessly to collect raffle tickets and record the proceeds. Many thanks! 4) Spreadsheets SIG leader Joe Muscara extolled the virtues of “Freeway,” a web site design package that takes a desktop publishing approach to creating web pages. 5) Robert Lacey examines the iPod he won by selling the most raffle tickets as Vice President Rex Covington and Disc Inc.’s Stephanie Robertson look on.



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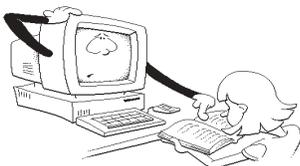
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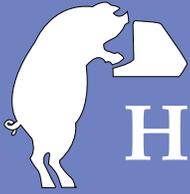
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SIG LISTING AND DESCRIPTIONS

- 9:00 **Mac 101** –Ken Martinez– **Jamail Conference Rm**
Prerequisite, owning a Mac or Mac clone: This one-hour SIG is for beginners or those with basic Macintosh questions. Join us with your questions and/or conversation. This SIG is general although hardware oriented, Mac Fundamentals leans more toward system software.
- Spreadsheets** – Joe Muscara – **Jensen Conference Rm.**
Have a question about how to do something with a spreadsheet? Drop by and we'll help you figure it out. Don't be surprised if the discussion roams to the latest news from Apple or anything else remotely Mac related. We have a lot of fun and experience considering how early it is.
- Home Networking** – Sarah Gonzalez – **McMurtry Auditorium****Want to feed that cable or DSL connection to more than one Mac? This session will give you the information on building your Home network.**
- 10:00 **OS X**–Mort Buttler– **McMurtry Auditorium** The August OS-X Sig will cover a new book titled "Hand-Picked Software for Mac OS-X" by Robert Ellis available from [<http://www.futurocity.com>]www.futurocity.com for \$17.95 It includes a CD with 115 Freeware, Shareware, & Commercial programs. A Q&A Session will follow.
- Appleworks/ Clarisworks**– John Reeves – **Jensen Conference Rm.** I plan to show some of the updated features of AW 6 while using Mac OS X.1. No schedule is set, just which topics the members want to see that day. Any other topics that members wish to cover are also welcome.
- Macintosh Fundamentals** – Jonathan Magnus– **Jamail Conference Rm.** A beginner's SIG that will answer beginners questions. The operating system ins and outs, the built-ins and the add-ons, tuning it and keeping it happy. This general SIG is mainly software oriented, Mac 101 is primarily hardware oriented..
- 11:15 **Main Presentation**– **McMurtry Auditorium** Run Windows on your Mac with Connectix Virtual PC
- 12:15 **Business Meeting** **McMurtry Auditorium** The business meeting will be conducted on time even if it means interrupting an unfinished main presentation in order to let SIG leaders and other attendees make it to 12:30 SIGs on time.
- 12:25 **New Member Orientation** – **McMurtry Auditorium** Getting the most from your membership. How HAAUG Works to serve you
- 12:30 **Web Design**– Isabelle MacCrimmon– **McMurtry Auditorium** Redesigning the HAAUG website. If you want to take part in redesigning the HAAUG website, join this SIG. We will continue on with the website redesign, today we look at organization of the site, navigation, and ideas for layout.
- Mobile Computing** – Joe Kudrna–**Jensen Conference Rm.** All things mobile, and wireless. This month we will continue to cover wireless networking.
- Unix for Mac**– Jonathan Magnus – **Jamail Conference Rm.** Unix sig will be more Unix commands. And an intro the shells and shell scripting.
- 12:30 **Mac One on One**
Volunteers as available **Ante room to the Jamail Conference room.** We will try to have a few experienced Mac users to meet with people who need assistance either with a Mac or with the club itself. This SIG Meets as Necessary
- 1:45 **Digital Whatever** **McMurtry Auditorium** – Using MovieWorks Deluxe to make movies and to make multimedia files. We will look at examples of some projects which have been completed and discuss importing different file types for use in this software.
- Internet** – Larry Mcloughlin– **Jensen Conference Rm.** Come make the most of the Internet.
- Cocoa programming** –David Trevas– **Jamail Conference room** We will cover some of the basics of drawing in Cocoa. We'll look at the NSImage, NSBezierPath and NSAffineTransform classes. With these, you can draw lines, curves, polygons, circles, ellipses and freeform doodles as well as play around with digital photos. To do these things, some basic mouse events will also be introduced.



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	McMurtry Auditorium 1	Jensen Conference Room 2	Jamail Conference Room 3	Jamail Ante-Room 4
9:00 am	Home Networking	SpreadSheets	Mac 101	Open
10:00 am	OS X	Apple/Clarisworks	Mac Fundamentals	Open
11:15 am	Main Presentation	Open	Open	Open
12:15 pm	Business Meeting	Open	Open	Open
12:25 pm	New Member	Open	Open	Open
12:30 pm	Web Design	Mobile Computing	Mac OS & Unix	Mac one on one As Needed
1:45 pm	Digital What Ever	Internet	Cocoa Programing	Open

Main Presentation
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Upcoming Meetings

Adobe coming in September, November meeting at U of H

Adobe Software will provide the Main Presentation at the September meeting at Rice University. All Photoshop, Illustrator and GoLive users should mark Saturday, Sept. 21 on their calendars right now.

Due to a scheduling conflict, the November General Meeting will be held on the Univ. of Houston Main Campus, *not* at Rice University.

HAAUG Board meets Sept. 3

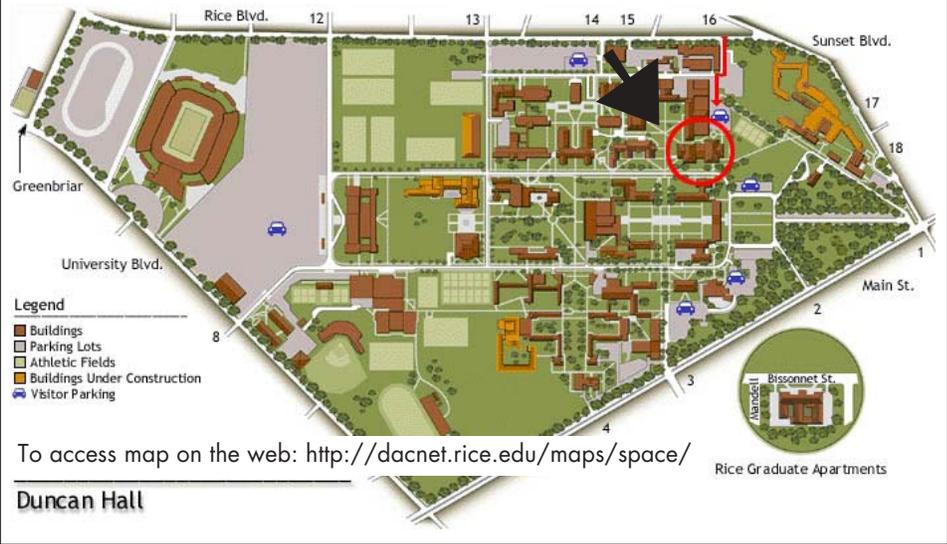
The HAAUG Board of Directors will meet next at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3, in the offices of HAL-PC, 4543 Post Oak Place (off San Felipe near MicroCenter). All HAAUG members are welcome to attend.

HAAUG meets at Rice University

HAAUG meets on the Rice University Campus in Duncan Hall. The meeting space is being donated by Rice, and we're extremely grateful for their generosity. **DIRECTIONS TO THE MEETING:**

From US 59/the Southwest Freeway: Exit Greenbriar. Turn South toward the Rice University Campus. Turn East (left) on Rice Blvd. at the light. Look for entrance 16 on the right past Rice Stadium.

From Loop 610/the South Loop: Exit Main Street. Turn North toward the Medical Center. Turn West (left) on Sunset Blvd. Sunset Blvd. and Rice Blvd. split in about 1/2 to 1 block. Bear left on Rice Blvd. Entrance 16 is the first parking lot entrance on the left.



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