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Volunteer awards presented Sept. 26

HAAUG's first Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be held Thursday, Sept. 26, at the Shafaii Party and Reception Center, 1626 Federal Road (see map on page 4). The event will honor the Volunteer of the Year, the Lifetime Volunteer of the Year, and the many other volunteers who make HAAUG possible.

Single tickets cost \$15 while tickets for couples cost \$25. Board members, SIG leaders and other volunteers receive complimentary dinners. You can purchase tickets online at <http://www.haaug.org> (scroll down and look for link "Buy dinner tickets.")

The doors open at 6:00 PM fol-

lowed by a buffet-style dinner at 7:00 PM and the awards presentation at 8:00 PM. The dinner features an Aqua theme in honor of Mac OS X. An iTunes DJ will provide the music, so bring your dancing shoes.

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

Apple Representative Dreux St. Marie will serve as Master of Ceremonies. Internet radio personality Shawn King is the keynote speaker. King is the host and executive producer of "Your

Mac Life," the Internet radio show about all things Mac. "Your Mac Life"
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KEYNOTE SPEAKER
SHAWN KING



AND THE WINNERS ARE – *The recipients of HAAUG's first Volunteer of the Year and Lifetime Volunteer of the Year Awards will be announced Sept. 26th at the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner to be held at 1626 Federal Road on the eastside of town.*

MAIN PRESENTATION

Connect Learning presents Adobe Photoshop 7

At press time, Connect Learning has tentatively agreed to do a presentation on Adobe Photoshop 7 on Sept. 21 to replace Adobe, which cancelled its HAAUG presentation. The Main Presentation will be held at 11:15 AM in McMurtry Auditorium in Duncan Hall at Rice University.

Under the Hood: Dozens of utilities enhance OS 9 & X

BY ROBERT C. LEWIS
HAAUG MEMBER, SIG LEADER

For the last few years, I worked with a Mac that had grown "grey behind the ears." This prevented me from moving up to OS X and using the new utilities coming out for both OS 9 and X. In April, I became the proud owner of a Mac Quick-silver G4/733MHz with 768 MB of RAM. Since then, I've looked at more than 400 megabytes of utilities for both systems.

Utilities typically fall into three categories: freeware, shareware and commercial. Freeware is distributed for

free as implied in the name. Shareware is distributed initially for free. If you find you like it, you are expected to pay a fee to continue using it.

Normally you can use shareware for a month before you start to get messages asking you to pay. The program may deactivate itself, or key features of the software may become locked out until you pay for it. The fee is usually \$35 or less. Both freeware and shareware can be obtained on the Internet at sites like <http://www.versiontracker.com> or <http://www.macupdate.com>.

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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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APPLE BARREL PUBLISHING

The Apple Barrel is produced by a committee including Elizabeth English, Manley Mandel, Janet Marks and Gem Smith, led by George Sroka, on various Macs running PageMaker, among other things. April Enos designed the masthead logo.

ARTICLES NEEDED - ALL FLAVORS

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

Attendees:

David Jaschke, Clair Jaschke, Rex Covington, Mike Lawshae, Barbara Long, Betty English, Philip Booth, Howard Fitter, Mike Epstein, George Sroka, Mort Butler, Randy Herzstein, Jeff Davis, Joe Fournet, James Warren, David Trevas, Patti Winkler

Call to Order: 6:31 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1 LaMark and Vicki will not attend this meeting but Rex has their reports.

2 Barbara Long will be late.

3 A lot of stuff was moved from Betty's place to Barbara's (about 9 boxes); Rex cleaned them out and threw out all but 4 boxes

Reports:

Secretary: Lyda McGhee

Lyda did not attend meeting.

Minutes/notes taken by Clair for July were posted to HAAUG Heaven. The Board approved the July minutes with the proviso that Lyda can edit them later. Clair Jaschke took minutes for August.

1st Vice President: Rex Covington

Connectix will be DAVID JASCHKE for August. September's presenter is Adobe. No one is scheduled yet for October and November. Bob Levitus is December's presenter and will be attending the Volunteer dinner.

2nd Vice President: LaMark Johnson

Rex reported for LaMark that all table fees were collected for the Swap Meet. LaMark has both HAAUG projectors and proposes to let Jonathan Magnus be the custodian of these; the Board agreed. November's meeting has been set for the University of Houston University Center Underground on the third Saturday; the rental fee will be \$300.

Treasurer: Barbara Long

Net profit for the year is #3,249.95. July Report posted on HAAUG Heaven and presented to the Board includes the projector purchase and Raffle expenses, but report will have to be resubmitted, as other expenses were not shown properly.

Membership: Michael Lawshae

July membership is 403. For the January Swap Meet, Mike would like to have several Membership desk

volunteers again and he will print several copies of the rosters so each volunteer has one.

Apple Barrel: George Sroka

Dragging into the Dog Days of August. Apple Barrel features an article about the iMac and iPod winners, and notes the raffle raised more than \$1,000. Due to lack of use, the table reservation form for the Swap Meet will probably not be printed anymore. It may be available at the Membership desk in the month prior to the Swap Meet. Most reservations are made by e-mail or telephone. The July Apple Barrel included a letter to exchange members; so far there has been only one response. All exchange Barrels will be e-mailed or dropped altogether.

Apple Barrel Ad Manager:

No manager and no report.

Apple II Librarian: Bruce Baker
Bruce was not present and there was no report.

Mac Librarian: Morton Butler

Several #4 CD's for OSX were sold at the Swap Meet, but the wrong copies were handed out. They were replaced. One CD was returned as it was "out of balance"; it was replaced and Mort will check into this problem.

Boutique: Vicki Sanders-Johnson

Vicki was not present. Rex reports that Barbara has the total sales figures for the Swap Meet. The Digital Robots are very popular. Mike Lawshae can get more of them for 15% off.

HAAUG Hotline: John Reeves

John was not present and no report was given.

HAAUG Heaven: Randy Herzstein

Randy has updated HAAUG Heaven to version 7 of First Class. He is blocking over 150 spam messages per day. Due to stormy weather this past weekend, there was an SMTP server malfunction in addition to the power outage.

HAAUGNet: Jeff Davis

The system has been upgraded three times. There are no new members but no reductions either. Total downtime is 8 minutes since move to new server. Domain name changes are being implemented in regard to new business websites we are hosting. Mike Lawshae is having prob-

lems with collection of ISP fees for HAAUGNet. We need to do more promoting of HAAUGNet ISP service.

Webmaster: Isabel MacCrimmon

Isabel was not present. Rex reports she is coming along with changes. Her goal is to have the redesigned website up by the first of January 2003. She is using some of the sticky note suggestions made at the June meeting.

Publicity/Vision: Joe Fournet

Press releases were sent out for the August and September general meetings. Only three ads were presented at the July Swap Meet. Volunteers are needed to work the Volunteer Dinner as greeters, decorators, etc. The Dinner needs to be promoted. HAAUG brochure needs to be updated. The length of the BOD meetings was discussed at the Publicity/Vision meeting. The committee will take some time off; there will not be a meeting in August.

SIG Coordinator: Philip Booth

Phil is still trying to find a spot for Bob Lewis' games SIG; Bob also needs a computer to use for the SIG. With two HAAUG projectors and the Rice projector in the main presentation room, all SIGs are covered if projector is needed. Phil conducted a survey at the Swap Meet, asking questions such as why people come to meetings, and took suggestions for SIG topics.

Mentor: Jim Oliver

Jim was not present and there was no report.

Vendor Coordinator: Rex Covington

Several vendors were at the Swap Meet. Software Etc. reports their sales went well. Disk Inc. got several prospects; we gave them a free table for all their work for us.

Volunteer Coordinator: Vicki Sanders-Johnson

Vicki was not present and there was no report.

Committee Reports:

Annual Volunteer Banquet: Rex Covington

We need 10 volunteers to take tickets and other tasks at the dinner. Preparations are going well. Dreux St. Marie will be the emcee. Will start

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Boss HAAUG Speaks: *From the Desk of the President*

BY DAVID JASCHKE



Volunteers are the heart and soul of HAAUG. They contribute tireless hours of effort to make sure that we have a meeting place, a speaker, hand-out materials, projectors, signs, our monthly publication (the *Apple Barrel*), our bulletin

board (HAAUG Heaven), our web site and in general perform all the duties necessary for successful meetings and the operation of the organization.

We have a wide range of expertise in volunteers. Some are expert users, some are novice users; they all are willing to give a little of their time to the benefit of HAAUG. This month we are going to celebrate the efforts and accomplishments of volunteers by a first-

time-ever volunteer appreciation dinner.

I invite you to help out and volunteer your time and a little effort to HAAUG. Take a moment to say thanks to the few who work so hard to make sure that all facets of this organization operate smoothly. I also invite you to show your support and interest by purchasing tickets to the dinner. Come out and have a good time with us.

Mac.com: Apple's bad marketing returns—again

BY JOE KUDRNA

HAAUG MEMBER, SIG LEADER

It has always been hard to convince people why they should spend more to get a Mac. iTools provided a valuable "sales perk" to convince them by offering a free, easy-to-use internet account with e-mail, storage, web space, and iPhoto album.

This very special perk ends Sept. 30, replaced by ".Mac" for \$100 annually (\$50 for an old account). I *support* this revenue generation move, but cramming it down users' throats with

a steep upfront price and no choice of service harkens back to the bad decisions in Apple's past.

I barely use iTools, but would happily pay a \$20 annual fee for a minuscule space and e-mail. Apple should also provide a free year of Mac.com services for buyers of new Macs and OS upgrades. In short, the issue about the new ".Mac" is *choice*.

If Apple does not have what works for customers, there are still lots of other free or cheap accounts that can replace it.



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is heard "live" every Wednesday night from 7:30 to 10 PM. King has used Macintoshes for 15 years. His show originates from Nashville, Tennessee. For more information or to listen, go to <http://www.yourmalife.com/>.

Two years for only \$70

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.

Current members can take advantage of the two-year deal by renewing online through the HAAUG website.



Under the Hood

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Commercial utilities are normally sold at CompUSA, MicroCenter, Fry's, and Internet outlets. In some cases, you can get demos of commercial software that function for a trial period before deactivating themselves. Most commercial software costs \$70 and up.

Note: Except for commercial software, all other software mentioned can be found on the web at either versiontracker.com or macupdate.com. Search for the name and you will be taken to the download site.

CONFLICT CATCHER 9 (COMMERCIAL, OS 9)

I have used Conflict Catcher (CC for short) to deal with cdevs and extensions. To me, it is a must have for OS 9 or earlier. Besides having the ability to change the order of your system extensions and cdevs, you can also disable them on the fly. But the real power of CC is the ability to isolate system conflicts. At start-up, I load more than four rows of extensions, control panels and more when I boot system 9. If a conflict arises, there is no way I can do the tests needed on my own. CC auto-

matically turns start-up files on and off as it isolates the file or files causing your dilemma. You can download a demo of CC to try for seven days. If you like it, you can pay Casady and Greene for the code to unlock it and keep it running. If you want a boxed version, it is also available in stores.

NORTON SYSTEM WORKS (COMMERCIAL, OS 9 & X)

This is preventive medicine for your Mac. Version 2.0 is designed to work in OS 9 and X. SystemWorks provides tools for optimization, file recovery, volume recovery, virus prevention, and includes a "Disk Doctor" that checks media, directory, system files and more. Norton even include a little init called Disk Lite for OS 9 that allows you to see when your drives are in use (an icon flashes in the finder menu bar to indicate disk activity).

Recently, I found Volume Recovery to be a lifesaver. I made the mistake of not moving all my files from one drive to another before reformatting one of my drives. Volume Recovery was able to restore my drive back to its original state before I formatted it. All the files that I forgot to move were recovered. Norton AntiVirus (NAV) software is a

must if you use the Internet. Norton updates this application each month, so you are up-to-date on new viruses. NAV can also be bought separately if you do not want the full package. This is one software bundle that all Mac users should have under their hood.

SPEED DOWNLOAD (SHAREWARE OS 9 & X)

If you are still using a 56k modem like me, this program is just the answer for downloading software. First, it has the ability to increase your download speed by as much as three-to-four times. It can also do segmented downloads, multiple downloads, "resumable" downloads if you get bumped off line, and much more. I like the multiple download feature a lot. Sometimes I will set my Mac to do multiple downloads before I go to bed. When I get up in the morning, all the files have been downloaded. This is a real time saver. Even if you use high speed modems, you may find many of its features useful.

See the October Apple Barrel for the next part of this article on utilities.

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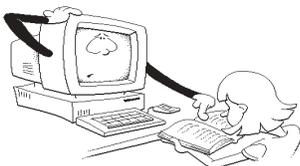
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Minutes

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selling tickets at August general meeting: \$15 per ticket or \$25 for 2. Arne's is donating the decorations.

Volunteer of the Year: Rex reports that Vicki is waiting on nomination surveys from nominees.

Old Business:

Select new Apple Barrel Ad Manager: Vicki Sanders-Johnson, Volunteer Coordinator, is still working on finding a new Ad Manager. Phil will check at UH for an intern who might be interested.

Review Brochures – Rex Covington: Rex is still working on it, has it laid out and some information has been updated. It needs a new map and the new logo. He will get it to Betty.

Review Projector Purchase – David Jaschke: New projector was purchased under budget for \$1840 from CompUSA. No S-video to S-video cable (can use printer cable), composite video did not work with his iBook, VGA worked well.

Results of Raffle – Rex Covington: Holding the raffle at 1:00 P.M. worked well. Robert Lacey is enjoying his iPod. Overall there was a good response. Dreux will get the iMac and iPod for us at a discount for the January Swap Meet. We may raffle an iBook or PowerBook instead.

Form committee for administering HAAUG Hotline:

Mike Lawshae noted that HAAUG pays \$66/month for the HAAUG Hotline, including yellow and white pages listings. As the Hotline only receives 6–12 messages per month, he believes the Hotline is a wasted resource that should be abandoned in favor of promoting info@haaug.org or haaughotline@haaug.org. He also suggested keeping the Hotline and having it forwarded to an answering service (\$35/month for the service and \$1/minute for messages) or just having the answering service. Another suggestion was to drop the yellow and white page listings (save \$125/year) and have callers call an 832 number and leave a message that would be a wave file that would forward to the Hotline and then Mike

would forward to the appropriate person.

Rex reported that he and Jeff are listed as Ambassadors and each received 10–12 calls per month. Rex has the computer and software for HAAUG Hotline; someone is needed to set up the computer and maintain it. He would like to see it moved to IAPC from Startronics. David Trevas volunteered to try to get it set up and Rex will work with him on it. The Board may consider other options (including Mike Lawshae's) at a later date.

New Business:

Review Badges: Jeff will make the photos. Steve Cravey "fried" the HAAUG laminator. Jeff will try to get the use of the one at his office but someone else will be required to assemble the badges.

Select committee members for Spring Fling: The Spring Fling will have several seminars and a BBQ and there will be an admission fee. It will be a separate event from the general meeting. Tentative date is March or April. Committee is Phil Booth (chair), Rex Covington, Jeff Davis, Barbara Long, Patty Winkler.

Membership Renewal Specials: Mike Lawshae suggested that renewing for two years for \$70 be a standing offer for renewals only. This was approved and will be posted on Kagi. A limited time offer (for the rest of 2002) for lapsed members will be six months for \$20 or one year for \$35.

Nominations Committee: The committee will be formed in September.

Official Location of haaug.org: After much discussion, the Board voted to host the haaug.org website on our OS X server at IAPC. This approval included a list of e-mail addresses for haaug.org and haaugnet.org as proposed by Rex Covington.

Audit of 2001: The final report from the committee was not presented. Barbara still does not have an inventory list of HAAUG's equipment showing who has what.

Next Raffle: The Board approved \$2500 for expenses and prizes for the January Swap Meet raffle. Rex will handle the raffle again.

Adjourned: 8:39 P.M.



Win a brand-new PowerBook in raffle

Raffle tickets to win a brand-new 667 MHz PowerBook will be available at the General Meeting Sept. 21. The drawing for the PowerBook will be held at the Swap Meet in January 2003. Tickets cost \$5, or six for \$25. Only members can sell raffle tickets, but anyone can buy. The member who sells the most raffle tickets wins an iPod.

HAAUG boxer shorts anyone?

Looking for some cool HAAUG-branded merchandise such as T-Shirts, mugs, baseball caps and boxer shorts? Look no further than the online HAAUG Store. Go to <http://www.haaug.org> and click "The HAAUG Store." Order and pay online, wear cool HAAUG stuff, and help out Houston's Mac user group.

Winkler resigns; Warren appointed

HAAUG Board Member Patty Winkler recently resigned her position due to time conflicts. Winkler is also known as the co-leader of the Digital Whatever SIG. Thank you, Patty, for your service. We appreciate it.

On Sept. 3, the HAAUG Board appointed James Warren to fill Winkler's position. Warren is the Apple representative at the Galleria area CompUSA store.

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9:00 am	Home Networking	SpreadSheets	Mac 101	Open
10:00 am	OS X	Apple/Clarisworks	Mac Fundamentals	Open
10:45 am	OS X (contd)	Open	Open	New Member Orientation
11:15 am	Main Presentation	Open	Open	Open
12:15 pm	Business Meeting	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

Adobe Software: We will have a demonstration of new titles from Adobe; the presentation may concentrate on the new Photoshop 7.0 that works in OS X and OS 9

Upcoming Meetings

Adobe Photoshop Sept. 21, November meeting at U of H

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

HAAUG Board meets Oct. 1

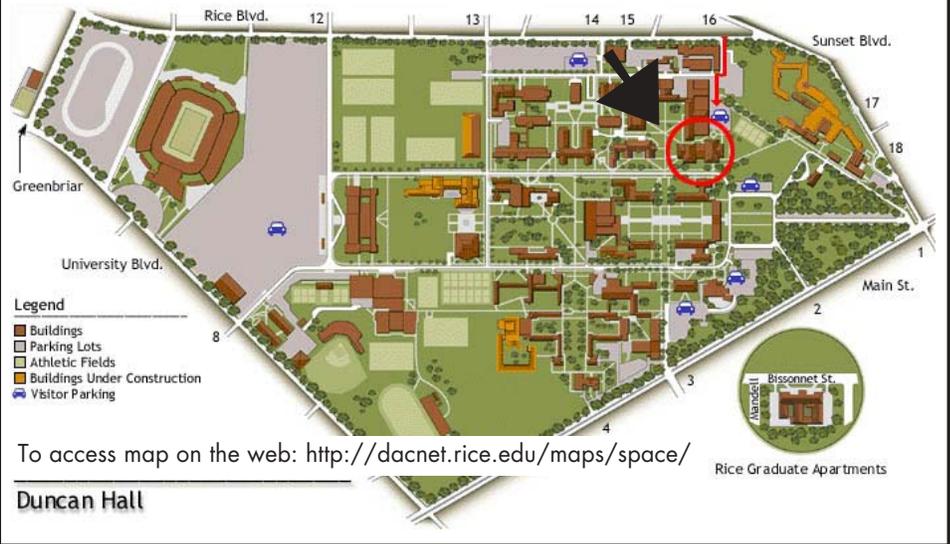
The HAAUG Board of Directors will meet next at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1, in the offices of HAL-PC, 4543 Post Oak Place.

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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