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All aboard the HAAUG shuttle to the meeting

HAAUG will provide shuttle bus service for HAAUG members for the June 21st meeting at Rice University. The 15-passenger van will run from 7:30 AM to 3:00 PM (times tentative) from the parking lot near the campus Police Station to Duncan Hall. The van will feature a HAAUG sign on it. In the summer, the Rice U. shuttle bus does not run on Saturdays.



Covington elected Regional User Group Liaison

HAAUG's very own Rex Covington is now the Apple User Group Regional Liaison for the South Central United States, a region that encompasses Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and the great state of Texas.

A news release on the election of Rex and the other regional liaisons states:

"The Regional Liaison program was developed to facilitate communication between Apple, individual user groups, and the larger user group community. Now in its third year, the program has led to new friendships and increased visibility for groups and members."

Rex serves as HAAUG's Vice Presi-

dent for Programs and coordinator of the evening SIG program. He previously served as Vice President for Facilities and as President.

Rex has lived in Houston for 20 years. He served as a firefighter/paramedic for the City of Arlington for 10 years and was involved in fire protection design using AutoCAD for 10 years.

Currently, Rex operates his own business—Dynamic Digital Designs—doing FileMaker Pro database and Mac support.

"My first Mac was an SE30," Rex says. And, yes, I still have it and it still works. The Mac I use now is a 17-inch PowerBook 1-Gig (my baby)."



REX COVINGTON

MovieWorks demo fun in May; SuperCard coming for June meeting

Michelle (shown at right) demonstrated MovieWorks at the May General Meeting. After the demo, two free copies of MovieWorks were given away in the HAAUG raffle and members present were entitled to purchase MovieWorks at a steep discount. SuperCard will be featured in the main presentation at the June 21st meeting at Rice University.



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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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ARTICLES NEEDED - ALL FLAVORS

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

Family fun at HAAUG meeting features games

Our June meeting will start HAAUG's all day OPEN LAN GAMES meet, where players can play popular multiplayer games (termed "LAN game"). This first one will be a trial and discovery session for future plans.

With the majority of HAAUG members owning a PowerBook and/or iBooks, the plan is for the members to bring their own computer (and Ethernet cable) for their family to play with. Games will be installed and a network hub will be provided for all to connect to, and of course a power strip.

Game suggestions wanted! We wish to avoid exces-

sively violent or difficult games. This idea has been kicked about for some time, but now it's time to give it a try. Hopefully a game table will be set up at the Swap Meet as well!

NOTE, this is a GREAT opportunity to learn how networks (LAN=Local Area Networks) work!! Have fun and learn at the same time!

HAAUG member Gene Allen Guinn, 76, dies

HAAUG member Gene Allen Guinn, MD, 76, passed away May 15th after an eight-month struggle against leukemia. At the time of his death, he was Professor of Surgery in the Vascular Surgery Division of the Michael E. DeBakey Department of Surgery at Baylor College of Medi-

cine as well as Chief of Vascular Surgery at the Houston Veterans Affairs Medical Center.


He joined HAAUG in January 2001 and attended the main meetings and the OS X SIG.

Computer, software donations sought for Children's Ministry

Pastor Lupe Garza of the Children's Ministry in Baytown is seeking donations of older working computers and child-friendly software. The Ministry currently has some 5300 series Mac desktops running OS 7.1-7.6.1. He is looking for software donations that would be appropriate for children as well. Pastor Garza can be reached at 713-899-8213.

New and renewing members in May

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- Michael Breston
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HAAUG needs more worker bees

By David Crook

Here's the buzz: Despite obvious porcine allusions, HAAUG is truly a beehive of activity—all designed to better serve our members. Just now, we need more worker bees (volunteers) to help carry out the well-laid plans of several of our organization's committees.

We need help in four key areas:

- Producing the **Apple Barrel**, this monthly newsletter;
- Assisting subscribers of our **Internet Services**;
- Aiding with the **Publicity** for HAAUG's upcoming events; and
- Working the real and virtual sales registers of our **Boutique**.

Apple Barrel volunteers may be asked to help review what's been going on at the regular monthly meetings or at individual SIGs. We need grammar-savvy people to write ar-

ticles on hardware and software issues of potential interest to other Mac-ophiles. This group may develop into a desktop publishing SIG. The group meets two-to-three times a month in the evenings at HAL-PC or David Crook's office. For details of upcoming meetings, e-mail David at maxrbest@mac.com or George Sroka at gsroka@aol.com.

Our **Internet Services** subscribers sometimes need help in setting up or maintaining their dial-up or broadband accounts. If you're skilled in such ways and can help, contact Jeff Davis at hauugnet_admin@hauug.org.

While HAAUG serves up myriad activities monthly, we're not letting others know what's going on well enough. That's the job of our **Publicity Committee**, and it needs some worker bees, as well as a queen. If you can write news releases and notify local media about HAAUG's up-

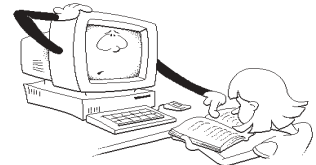
coming events, let David Jaschke know at president@hauug.org.

If you can hawk T-shirts and more at a table during our monthly meetings or help process our internet **Boutique's** orders, please express your interest to David Jaschke at president@hauug.org.

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

BY ROBERT C. LEWIS

HAAUG MEMBER, SIG LEADER

This is the continuation of a series of articles on freeware, shareware and commercial utilities for OS 9 and X.

VISAGE

(SHAREWARE OS X)



One feature I have always liked about the Mac is the ability to customize its appearance. Visage allows you to change the skins for the Boot Panel, Login Panel, Login Background, and Dock. If you like to give your Mac a personality unique unto itself, give Visage a try.

DUALITY

(SHAREWARE OS X)

Duality is the perfect companion to Visage. It allows you to customize Finder themes or skins. It is also the first application to change Icon Sets. This ability opens up an entire new area to

developers. Duality also lets you preview changes before you apply them. One word of warning: although Duality is already 10.2 compatible, older themes may not be, and can corrupt the OS 10.2 Finder to the point that you have to reinstall it. However, an application called Theme Fur is supposed to upgrade old

themes to run under 10.2. I recommend that you go to resexcellence.com after you get 10.2. They have sections that are devoted to all types of skins and other applications for OS 9 & X.

MOONDOCK (FREWARE OS X)

With the help of MoonDock, you can now watch the moon going through its phases each month from your desktop. With your mouse, you can place a moon on your desktop wherever you want. You can also set the size and transparency level of the moon. If you double click on the moon, a data sheet will come up telling you what phase it is in, the surface visibility, and dates for next Full and New Moon.

XOUNDS

(SHAREWARE OS X)

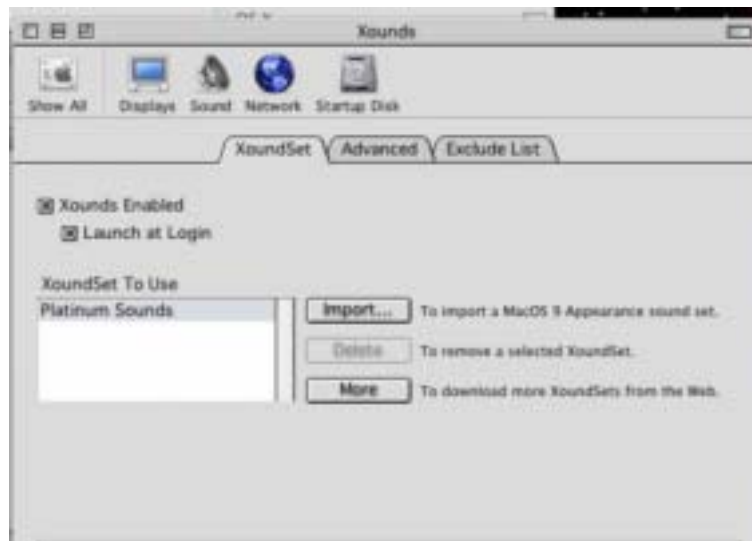
The lack of system sounds in OS X seems to take the life out of my Mac. Xounds restores these sounds from OS 9 to OS X, but you cannot assign sounds to specific functions. However, you can go online and find other sound sets that work with Xounds. If you want to restore some personality to your Mac, Xounds is a great choice.

In concluding



this look at the software under the hood of my Mac, everything I have listed will work with OS 9.2.2 and 10.1.5. With these applications, I have not seen any degradation in the Mac's performance. I cannot predict how these OS X applications will work with 10.2, but I plan to install 10.2 on one of my other volumes and slowly test to see what works without damaging my 10.1.5 system. I strongly recommend that you do the same. We like to think that Apple has gotten all the bugs out, but I am sure we will see an update within the first few weeks of its release. Whether software is Freeware, Shareware, or Commercial, it still comes down to user beware. Make sure that your most critical data is backed up before venturing into unknown waters!

(This article has been edited by Apple Barrel Editorial Staff Member Janet Marks.)



H A A U G Specialists

Looking for help with a specific software package or hardware problem? Start with the Specialists List, which is sorted by software/hardware category. E-mail the specialist for help or to arrange a phone call. **Specialists:** To change your listing or add yourself to the list, e-mail the details to changes@haaug.org.

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Details on Special Interest Groups for June 21

9:00 AM

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.

Geek Forum – Joe Muscara – **Jensen Rm.** Involved in high end Mac stuff? Here is a place to kick

ideas and problems around with other highend users. Using AppleScript to run shell scripts.

Green Apple–Various Leaders – **McMurtry Auditorium** This is a SIG for those who are new to the Mac and computing. Want to know what cable goes where, This Sig is designed to answer the questions that most people feel they can't ask.

10:00 AM

OS X–Mort Buttler–**McMurtry Auditorium** 1. Software backup

programs like "Retrospect, 2. "Retrospect Express" 3. The Utility "Grab", 4. Logitech Camera at \$100 works w/OS-X/USB 5. Bookmarks & Favorites, 6. Plus Q&A A (Session ends at 11:00)

Photoshop–Various –**Jensen Rm.** – Image Editing Basics. 1. Image Resolution. 2. Rotating & Cropping 3. Annotating & Saving. 4. Presets & Preferences.(Session ends at 11:00)

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. (Session ends at 11:00)

10:45 AM

New Member Orientation – **Ante room to the Jamail Conference room.** Getting the most from your membership. How HAAUG Works to serve you

11:00 AM

Business Meeting **McMurtry Auditorium** The business meeting will be conducted before the Main Presentation.

11:15 AM

Main Presentation– **McMurtry Auditorium** SuperCard demo

12:30 PM

HAAUG Heaven– Randy Herzstein– This session will show you set up the First Class Client and use HAAUG's BBS "HAAUG Heaven.

Mac Utilities–Robert Lewis – **Jensen Conference Rm.** We will take a look at Default Folder, QuicKeys, Earth Globe, MOX Optimize and other goodies that come my way before the meeting. There will also be a giveaway of QuicKeys for OS 9 & X for those who attend the Utility SIG.

Mac One on One Volunteers as availa **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 PM

iApps –Zack Bigner– **Jamail Conference room** This month the iApps Sig will look at the all new iTunes 4 including the iTunes Music Store.

Mobile Computing –Joe Kudrna– **McMurtry Auditorium** New PowerBooks, iBooks, and ipods and any other mobile devices.

Mac Utilities Continued –Robert Lewis –**Jensen Conference RM** Robert will continue discussing more Mac Utilities and also ask what

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9:00 am	Green Apple	Geek Forum	Mac 101	Open
10:00 am	OS X	PhotoShop	Mac Fundamentals	Open
10:45 am	OS X (Contd)	PhotoShop Contd	Mac Fundamentals (Contd)	New Member Orientation
11:15 am	Main Presentation	Open	Open	Open
12:15 pm	Business Meeting	Open	Open	Open
12:30 pm	HAAUG Heaven	Mac Utilities	Mac one on one As Needed	Open
1:45 pm	Mobile	Games	iApps	Open

Main Presentation

SuperCard has always been one of the most "Mac-like" tools available, both in the authoring environment itself and in the distributables that have been created with it.

Upcoming Meetings

SuperCard demo June 21

Easily create your own applications under OS 9 or OS X with SuperCard, which will be demonstrated Saturday, June 21, in Duncan Hall at Rice University. HAAUG will provide a shuttle bus from the parking lot to the meeting. For more on SuperCard, visit <http://www.supercard.us/>

HAAUG Board meets July 1

The HAAUG Board of Directors will meet next at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 1, in the offices of HAL-PC, 4543 Post Oak Place. Members are welcome to attend the board meetings.

Summer Swap Meet July 19

The next Swap Meet will be held Saturday, July 19, in the Student Center at the University of Houston.

HAAUG meets at Rice University

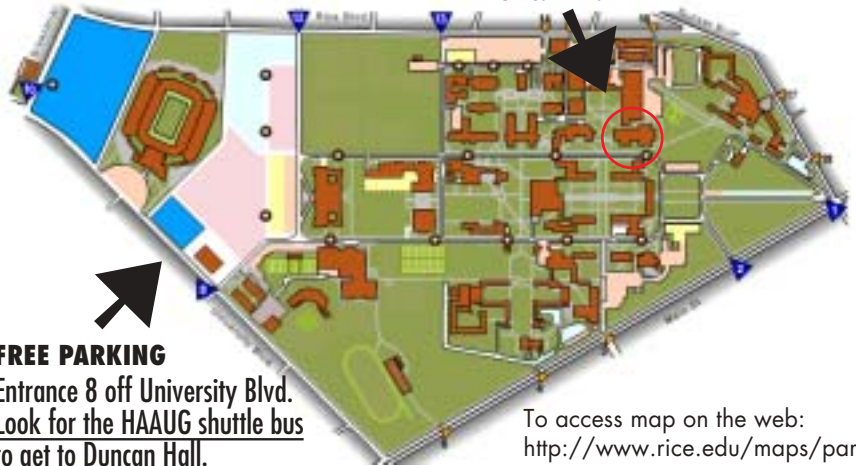
HAAUG meets on the Rice University Campus in Duncan Hall. The meeting space is being donated by Rice, and we're extremely grateful for their generosity. **DIRECTIONS TO THE MEETING:**

From US 59/the Southwest Freeway: Exit Greenbriar. Turn South toward the Rice U. campus. Proceed on Greenbriar past Rice Blvd. and turn left onto University Blvd. Turn left at Entrance #8 and park in the free parking area near the campus Police Station. Catch the free Rice shuttle to Duncan Hall.

From Loop 610/the South Loop: Exit Main Street. Turn North toward the Medical Center. Turn West (left) on University Blvd. Look for Entrance #8 (1st traffic light) and turn right. Make an immediate left into the free parking lot adjacent to the campus Police Station, then catch the free shuttle to Duncan Hall.

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Duncan Hall



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 to get to Duncan Hall.

To access map on the web:
<http://www.rice.edu/maps/parking>

See page 2 for details

NETWORK GAMES

SEPTEMBER	JULY 19	JUNE 21
25th Anniversary	Swap Meet	Gen. Meeting: Rice U.
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