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OS X-native DiskWarrior Set Loose

Rusty Little of Spring, Texas-based Alsoft, Inc. demonstrated the new, OS X-native version of its widely acclaimed drive utility software, DiskWarrior, at HAAUG's April General Meeting.

DiskWarrior version 3 rebuilds and optimizes hard drive directories. It can revive "dead" hard drives and optimize working ones so they work more efficiently.

Alsoft is now offering HAAUG members a special discount on DiskWarrior 3 through May 30. Call 281-353-4090 and mention the HAAUG-user-group discount to upgrade from DiskWarrior 2 for only $32.29, or buy the full version of DiskWarrior 3 for just $60.

Software CD Set for May Release

HAAUG's new CD features the latest OS X system upgrades and some utilities recommended by Bob LeVitus at MacFest.

HAAUG's software CD is free to brand-new members and costs $10 for existing members. The CD should be available at the general meeting on Saturday, May 17

Rusty Little of Alsoft, photo by David Scheuer

New and Renewing Members

Joan Alford
Joe Beatty
Walter Blaney
Kyla Bynum
Burt Cohen
Ben Daily
Robert Dean
Don Edelman
Barbara Graham
Sam Guiberson
Frank Heard, Jr
Mark Hovenkamp
Dustin James
Michael Lawshae
Marjorie Littlejohn
Thomas Lytle
Stephanie Maierson
Keith Morgan
Stanton Nethery
Judy Offman
Hubert Phillips
Sylvia Ponce de Leon
John Reeves
S. Harold Reuter, M.D.
Richard Roberts
Jim Scott
Robert Shearer
Norman Sorensen
George Sroka
Robert Tucker
Donna Walker
Hy Warshaw
Madeline Westbrook
Seymour Wexler

MacFest Wows Crowd

By David Crook

The first-ever MacFest proved to be a walloping success, undoubtedly leaving all those who attended better equipped to face the, well, "MacFuture."

Some 60 Apple polishers gathered on April 26 at the Courtyards by Marriott on the West Loop for MacFest's offerings—three concurrently held workshops and a hands-on help session, each held first in the morning and then repeated later that afternoon, following a lunch-time buffet.

Perhaps the most widely anticipated of MacFest's offerings was the talk by Bob LeVitus, the syndicated "Dr. Mac" columnist, whose home base is the *Houston Chronicle*. Details of LeVitus's OS X discussion follow below.

Also of wide interest was Isabelle MacCrimmon's Adobe Photoshop workshop and Bethany Mitchell's take on Microsoft Office for Mac OS X, details of which also follow.

Finally, Bob Lewis, of MacLewis Consulting, and George McKenzie, of Startronics, helped out all comers

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MINUTES HAAUG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING • APRIL 1, 2003

Members Present: David Crook, Joe Fournet, Barbara Long, David Jaschke, Clair Jaschke, Mike Epstein, Lyda McGhee, Phil Booth, Howard Fitter, Jeff Davis, Randy Herzstein, Rex Covington, Mike Lawshae, Joe Kudrna, James Warren, Isabelle MacCrimmon, Bob Lewis, Mort Butler.

Call to Order: 6:30 p.m. by President David Jaschke.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mort Butler announced that MacNN and MacCentral have posted notices about MacFest.

David Crook apologized for not publishing an *Apple Barrel* for the last several months. He resigned as editor but he will help out with the making of the newsletter.

REPORTS

Secretary: Lyda McGhee – The March minutes were lost but we will try to reconstruct them.

1st Vice President: Rex Covington – List of upcoming presentations for 2003:

April: Alsoft – DiskWarrior
May: MovieWorks
June: VectorWorks
July: Swap Meet – tentative date July 19th
August: Dantz – Retrospect (confirmation not yet received)
September: This is our 25th anniversary meeting. Steve Wozniak will be here.
October: SuperCard for OS X

2nd Vice President: Joe Kudrna – The March meeting at Rice went well except that there was no shuttle in the afternoon. We will be at Rice in April and it is possible that there may be some parking problems since the new gates will be up by then. Joe and Rex are working on both the parking and the shuttle problems. The September meeting will be held at UH in the Houston Room since we are expecting a large turnout for Steve Wozniak.

Treasurer: Barbara Long – We have $15,618.72 in the bank and all bills are paid as of today.

Membership: Mike Lawshae – Current membership is 425. Mike will start handing out the class schedule from the Apple Store at the membership desk.

Apple Barrel: Vacancy – George Sroka has gotten some volunteers to help and we WILL have an *Apple Barrel* this month. Copy Doctor will print and mail the newsletter.

Apple Barrel Ad Manager: Vacancy – no report was given.

Mac Librarian: Mort Butler – Welcome back, Mort! There are enough CD's available for a couple of months but Mort will start working on creating a new CD for OS 9 and for OSX.

HAAUG Boutique: Vacancy – Barbara Long has been kind enough to help out but we really need a new boutique manager. One T-shirt was sold last month.

HAAUG Hotline: David Trevas – The hotline seems to be working OK and we have gotten a couple of new members.

HAAUG Heaven: Randy Herzstein – Randy is becoming more familiar with some of the new features of the upgrade. He is still working on a viable solution for the junk mail problem.

HAAUGNet: Jeff Davis – The new website, www.haaugnet.org, has support and forums online so that HAAUGNet members can get help quickly. IAPC will be moving soon to Greenway Plaza and so, of course, will HAAUGNet. Nationwide dialup service will be effective by May 1 as well as the ability to get mail online and send mail behind firewalls. We have thirteen HAAUGNet members and several potential DSL customers.

Webmaster: Isabel MacCrimmon – The new website is ready and it looks great! Thanks for all the hard work, Isabelle. The new site will be up tonight and an email will be sent out to the membership.

Publicity: Vacancy – Joe Fournet reported that news releases have been sent out for the April and May meetings and MacFest. He is looking into placing some ads for MacFest.

Vision: Joe Fournet – The two main concerns of the Vision Committee have been the lack of *Apple Barrel* publication and the HAAUG 25th anniversary meeting in September with Steve Wozniak.

SIG Coordinator: Phil Booth – John Reeves has decided to discontinue the AppleWorks SIG. The Photoshop SIG will be moving to the 10 a.m. slot. Randy will be doing a HAAUG Heaven SIG in April after the main presentation. He'll be discussing all the new features.

Vendor Coordinator: Rex Covington – No report was given.

Volunteer Coordinator: Vacancy – no report was given.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rex passed out the new badges for the board. They look very nice, Rex. Thanks!

Claire Jaschke resigned as the chairman of the 25th Anniversary Committee. Rex Covington will take over as chairman.

OLD BUSINESS

We had two evening SIGs in March that were quite successful: OS X (25 people attended) and Networking (15 people attended). We would like to expand the evening SIGs to maybe four Thursdays a month at the Internet Café in Montrose. Topics will vary.

NEW BUSINESS

The appointment of a new *Apple Barrel* editor was postponed for several months in accordance with George Sroka's request. George will be supervising a committee of volunteers who will put together the newsletter and he would like to see if there might be some good candidates for editor among these volunteers. The board approved the request.

HAAUG Heaven anti-spam procedures: We need to block specific addresses rather than entire domains. Randy will continue to look for a viable solution to the spam problem.

It was brought to the attention of the board that Harold Crouch put up the entire membership list on a list serve with both names and phone numbers. Jeff will contact Harold and ask him to remove the information immediately.

CompUSA will donate Apple advertising pieces to HAAUG for club auctions. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

SIG topics May 17

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.
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   **OS X**–Mort Buttler– **McMurtry Auditorium** 1. Battery Back-up Units and U.P.S. Units to protect your computer 2. Battery Cycling to improve Laptop battery life 3. Hard-drive "Open Space" requirements in Nine or Ten 4. Printing Envelopes from "Now Contact" 5. "Software Update" - How to delete "In Active" Items 6. How to create an Image from a "CD" Plus Q&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   **New Member Orientation** – **Ante room to the Jamail Conference room.** Getting the most from your membership. How HAAUG Works to serve you

11:00   **Business Meeting McMurtry Auditorium** The business meeting will be conducted before theMainPresentation.

11:15   **Main Presentation**– **McMurtry Auditorium** See other side for main presentaion topic

12:30   **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   **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 discussiing Mac Utilities.

HAAUG's First MacFest ~ April 26th

HAAUG's SIG Co-ordinator Phil Booth (shown above) proposed MacFest and chaired the committee that made it possible.

Gee, there IS someone taller than former HAAUG President Jeff Davis, shown above standing next to Apple's poster featuring Houston Rocket Yao Ming.

HAAUG's Vice President for Programs, Rex Covington, and Treasurer Barbara Long (shown above left) confer on a problem during MacFest. Both served on the MacFest Committee. Membership Chairman Mike Lawshae (shown seated at table below) also helped with MacFest and signed up new members at the event.

At immediate left, George McKenzie of Startronics (top photo) and C.V. Rao of MacAmerica (bottom photo) staff booths at MacFest to help Mac users solve hardware and software problems.

PHOTOS BY:

David Scheuer, Robert Lewis, and Rex Covington

MACFEST VOLUNTEERS:

Phil Booth, Rex Covington
Jeff Davis, Randy Herzstein
Michael Lawshae
Robert Lewis, Barbara Long
Joe Muscara, Rick Roberts
Casey Sivula

MacFest featured three, two-hour seminars on Mac OS X, Adobe Photoshop, and Microsoft Office. The seminars were held both in the morning and the afternoon. Houston Chronicle *Columnist Bob LeVitus (above) handled the OS X seminar with his traditional flair.*

Bethany Mitchell (at left) of ExecuTrain's handled the Microsoft Office seminar while HAAUG's own Isabelle MacCrimmon (above) did the one on Photoshop. Isabelle is a certified Adobe Photoshop and GoLive Expert.
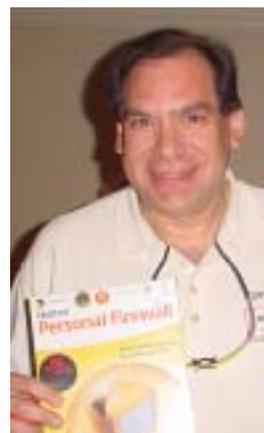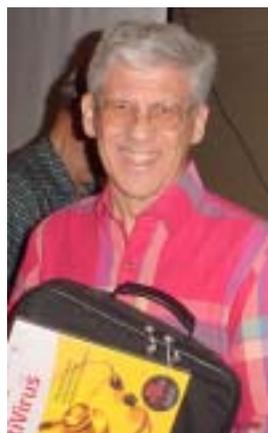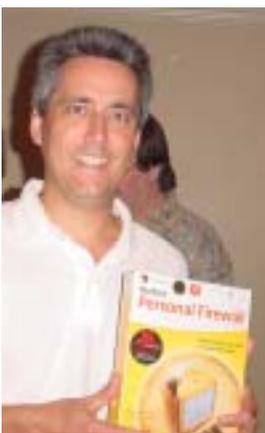
A drawing for software and hardware was held at the end of MacFest. HAAUG Utilities SIG Leader Robert Lewis (above right-middle) is shown drawing winning tickets from the drum. Several copies of Norton Personal Firewall acquired by Bob were given away to several attendees, including the ones featured above.

Thank you for attending MacFest

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who came, broken Mac in tow, with hardware and software issues.

Dr Mac

The "Mac OS X Boot Camp" that Bob LeVitus led was everything you might expect from the half-mockingly, self-described "leading authority, raconteur, and Macintosh consultant": He reminded us—humorously at times—of the importance of backing up critical documents and settings, performing certain "regular-maintenance" routines that ensure that

Macintoshes run well, and maintaining updated antivirus software; and he introduced us to various keyboard shortcuts, time- and effort-saving utilities and procedures, and new concepts that allow us to use and understand OS X better.

On the subject of backing up things, LeVitus reminded us that there are only two types of Mac users: those who have lost data not backed up, and those that will, and he revealed that he controls Dantz Retrospect, which he has running in the back-

More MacFest:
(Microsoft) Words from David Scheuer

Office for OS X. Presentation by Bethany Mitchell of ExecuTrain

This lady got it exactly right. I already know how to point and click and the difference between "save" and "save as." But I am not writing a book in Word, nor do I plan to plot Finbonacci

retracements or Kontradief cycles using Excel. I want the experienced-user mid-level tips.

I never actually read the manuals. Not that they really give you a printed manual with Microsoft Office, it's a .pdf file on the CD.

I won't try to cover a two-hour

session in a paragraph. In Word I learned about sending files that are versions files, tracking changes files, or have embedded notes. You can send a lot more information than you intended unless you clean it properly, before sending. Just turning an option off makes things disappear but the recipient can turn it on again. The ability to customize your tool bar including commands with custom hot keys is an often overlooked and unappreciated feature worth exploring.

In Excel I discovered the advantages of the drag/fill. It's an intelligent drag and fill. Select a box. When that little diamond appears in lower right corner you can drag up, down or sideways and it will fill in. If it's a formulae, it adjusts the references; if it's a day or date, it increments. Drag up or left and it decrements. It's handy to do from the mouse instead of having to go back up to the edit > fill menus.

Another shortcut is column width. Ever done a calculation that resulted in a number too large to display and gone to the column edge to drag the width until the numbers fit? Or used the Format > Column > width (or autofit selection) to make it visible? Double click on the right edge of the column header and it autofits – and you're done.

We never did manage to stump the young lady. If in doubt she never guessed, she took a "let's see" approach. Spoils a lot of blonde jokes – she's sharp and deserving of fullest attention.

ground, with certain AppleScripts that automatically preserve his critical data four times a day. LeVitus also spoke of Carbon Copy Cloner, which creates a bootable copy of your hard drive, and commented that, while Synchronizer Pro works well, it is not a back-up program, *per se*. News to many Mac users was the disclosure that dragging-and-dropping folders, a procedure long used in previous OS versions for backing things up, can no longer be relied on in OS X, when dragging-and-dropping between different drives mounted on the desktop; look for details in future Apple Barrels.

Although he said that he really doesn't *like* any particular antivirus software, LeVitus allowed that does rely on Virex, because it came free with his "Dot Mac" subscription. He also spoke favorably about Intego VirusBarrier, a program he was then evaluating.

On the subject of keeping your Mac's Jaguar purring, LeVitus suggested regularly "repairing permissions," a regular-maintenance procedure that seems as important to OS X as was rebuild-

ing the desktop to earlier operating systems. Learn how to handle this operation at our monthly meetings.

As for useful utilities, LeVitus heartily endorsed Aladdin Systems' "Ten for X," consisting of Alarm Clock S.E., ExecutiveSync, FruitMenu, iClean, ideaSpiral X, LaunchBar, Limewire Pro, piPop, Pseudo, PrintMagic X, WindowShade X and Xound. Dr Mac also spoke glowingly of CopyPaste, SpellCatcher, and StickyBrain.

Photoshop Workshop
Isabelle MacCrimmon conducted a thoughtful presentation on how to use the latest refinements Adobe has applied to Photoshop, the industry standard for graphics manipulation applications. She teaches professionally at Connect Learning.

MacFest Volunteers
Kudos to those who made possible MacFest: Phil Booth, Rex Covington, Jeff Davis, Randy Herzstein, Michael Lawshae, Robert Lewis, Barbara Long, Joe Muscara, Rick Roberts, and Casey Sivula. Without their time and dedication, MacFest would not have been possible.

Upcoming Meetings

MovieWorks on May 17

MovieWorks will provide the Main Presentation at the General Meeting on Saturday, May 17, at Rice University. MovieWorks is a multimedia presentation authoring tool that allows you to create web movies, videos, slides, animations and interactive CDs.

http://www.movieworks.com/

VectorWorks on June 21

VectorWorks—currently the best selling CAD software on the Mac—will demontrate VectorWorks 10 on June 21 during the Main Presentation.

http://www.nemetschek.net/

HAAUG Board meets June 3

The HAAUG Board of Directors will meet next at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 3, in the offices of HAL-PC, 4543 Post Oak Place. Members are welcome to attend the board meetings.

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.

Handicapped Parking - is available in the Duncan Hall lot IF you press the speaker button at the control arm and advise security that you're attending the HAAUG meeting and require access for handicap parking.

Duncan Hall

FREE PARKING
Entrance 8
off University Blvd.

To access map on the web:
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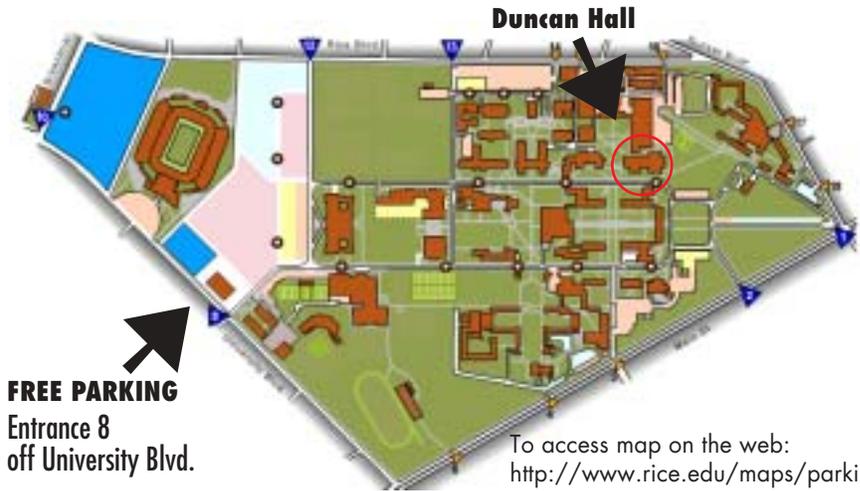
UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

MAY 17	JUNE 21	JULY 19	SEPTEMBER
Gen. Meeting: Rice U	*Gen. Meeting: Rice U.*	*Swap Meet*	*25th Anniversary*
MovieWorks	*VectorWorks*	*U of H Houston Rm.*	*Steve Wozniak*