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## President Speaks

### *HAAUG Boss Reveals Plans for HAAUG Heaven Plight*

By David Jaschke, HAAUG President

January 31, 2004

I would like to update all of you on the situation regarding HAAUG Heaven and the HAAUG Membership database.

To catch you up on what has been happening:

On December 2, 2003, Randy Herzstein was removed as HAAUG Heaven Sysop for misuse of the HAAUG Membership database and interference in the operation of a HAAUG function.

On January 6, 2004, his membership in HAAUG was revoked because he had not at that time returned any of the HAAUG properties that were in his possession and for other reasons.

#### Update:

On January 21, Randy returned to HAAUG a computer and other hardware. However, he did not return them in the same state that they existed on December 2. Instead, he returned them with all the

*Please see President Speaks page 2*



Photo courtesy of Lisa LeVitus

## HAAUG Will Host Dr Mac at Micro Center February 21

### *He'll Reveal GarageBand Secrets*

## HAAUG's New Monthly Meeting Venue Set

We don't know what's more exciting: the fact that **Bob LeVitus** will give his annual "State of the Mac" address or the news that **Micro Center** has generously opened their doors to HAAUG, allowing our club to use their facilities this month.

To find out, come to Micro Center, just north of San Felipe on the West Loop (I-610) Saturday, February 21, where HAAUG has moved its monthly meeting from another, previously announced site: The excitement surrounding the news that Dr Mac was making a housecall necessitated a bigger space and Micro Center decided to

help by letting us use space in the area on the west side of the store.

Bob LeVitus" is the famed technology writer whose "Dr. Mac" syndicated column

appears in the *Houston Chronicle*. You'll learn from him how to keep your Mac healthy and what the new GarageBand is all about.

software and data erased. We did not receive software including First Class (HAAUG Heaven) or FileMaker (HAAUG Membership database). Nor did we receive several other items the club purchased in the last several years including RAM chips. We also did not receive back several years of our financial records that Randy, as (former) Audit Committee Chair, has in his possession.

### **Haaug.net**

www.haaug.net is not a HAAUG authorized website. This site is owned and operated by Randy Herzstein.

### **HAAUG Heaven**

Please be aware that the "HAAUG Heaven" operated at haaug.net is not the official Houston Area Apple Users Group HAAUG Heaven site. This site is unauthorized and is being run by Randy Herzstein without a proper First Class license. Use at your own risk.

HAAUG is trying to get HAAUG Heaven back up but we will have to create it from scratch since the computer that had been hosting it was returned without any software or files. We will keep you posted.

In the meantime, a forum area is available for members at haaug.org.

### **HAAUG Membership Database**

The good news is we have a copy of the database from last year and are updating it from several sources. We should have it up-to-date soon.

The bad news is Randy has not returned the HAAUG Membership database, claiming it is "his property" since he developed it. (Actually, more than one person developed this database for HAAUG.) This means he has data on all HAAUG members as of January 6.

However, his copy of the database will not be updated any longer because Michael Lawshae resigned as Membership Chair at the January 6 Board meeting.

We recommend that you disregard any mail, e-mail, or any other communication from Mr. Herzstein or any other source that is not an official HAAUG Board member.

### **Final Remarks**

HAAUG's Board of Directors and I have been trying to get the situation with Randy resolved amicably and quickly but Randy has proven to be uncooperative. We are continuing to see if there is any further action that can and should be pursued while we move forward with the new database and HAAUG Heaven.

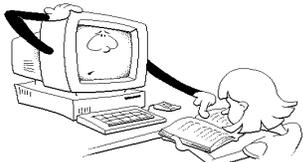
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# Houston Area Apple User Group

	Micro Center 1	Micro Center 2	Micro Center 3	Micro Center 4
9:00 am	Green Apple	Geek Forum	Mac 101	Open
10:00 am	OS X	PhotoShop	Mac Fundamentals	Open
10:45 am	OS X (Cont'd)	PhotoShop (Cont'd)	Mac Fundamentals (Cont'd)	New Member Orientation
11:15 am	Bob LeVitus "State of the Mac" Address	Open	Open	Open
12:30 pm	Bob LeVitus on GarageBand	Mac Utilities	Mac One-on-One (As Needed)	Open
1:45 pm	Mobile Computing	Open	Open	Open

**Main Presentation: Dr Mac, Bob LeVitus**

"State of the Mac" annual address and, later, GarageBand

<http://www.levitus.com>

# February HAAUG SIG Topics

9:00 **Mac 101 SIG**—Volunteers as available.

Micro Center

Prerequisite, owning a Mac or Mac-like machine. This one-hour SIG is for beginners or those with basic Macintosh questions, and although general in scope, is hardware oriented, while the Mac Fundamentals SIG focuses on system software.

Join us for questions and conversation.

**Geek Forum SIG**—Joe Muscara.

Micro Center

Involved in high-end stuff? Here's the place to kick around ideas and conundrums with like-minded users. For links and information, go to the Geek Stuff forum at <http://www.haaug.org/forums/>

**Green Apple SIG**—Various Leaders.

Micro Center

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 SIG**—Mort Buttler.

Micro Center

**Photoshop SIG**—Various Leaders.

Micro Center

Topics: Fill Paint and Edit. 1. Fill, Stroke, and Color 2. Painting Tools 3. the Brushes Pallet 4. The Edit Tools.

**Mac Fundamentals SIG**—Jonathan Magnus.

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A beginner's SIG that answers beginners questions about the operating system, its ins and outs, the built-ins and the add-ons, tuning it and keeping it happy. This general SIG is mainly software oriented, while the Mac 101 SIG is primarily hardware oriented. (Session ends at 11:00)

10:45 **New Member Orientation**

Micro Center

Getting the most from your membership. How HAAUG Works to serve you

The business meeting will be conducted before the Main Presentation.

11:15 **Main Presentation**

Micro Center. See below.

12:30 **Mac Utilities SIG**—Robert Lewis.

Micro Center

Door prizes awarded at the end of the SIG.

**Mac One-on-One SIG**—Volunteers as available.

Micro Center

We'll try to have a few experienced Mac users meet with people who need assistance, either with a Mac or with HAAUG itself. This SIG meets only as necessary.

1:45 **Mobile Computing SIG**—Joe Kudrna.

Micro Center

3:00 **Barbecue SIG**—or whatever. Join other members for an early dinner at a nearby establishment.

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•HAAUG evening SIGs are temporarily suspended until a new location can be found. They will resume. Check [www.haaug.org](http://www.haaug.org) or HAAUG Heaven for an update. Thanks for your attendance and support.

•Our new Mac Upgrade and Troubleshooting SIG meets concurrently with HAL-PC's Mac SIG in their workshop on the 1st Saturday of each month at 9 am and the 2nd Thursday at 7 pm. Bring your hardware and software problems for resolution. Victims and Mac-savvy volunteers are needed. Register first by emailing David Crook at [maxrbest@mac.com](mailto:maxrbest@mac.com).

## Summary of Special Meetings

**1- Special Board of Directors meeting of December 18, 2003:** A special Board of Directors meeting was held on December 18, 2003. The reasons for and actions taken at this meeting were the following. a) Approval of the minutes of the December 2, 2003 Board of Directors Meeting. b) Approval of funds to hire a Rice policeman for the December 20, 2003 meeting to maintain the peace. c) Approval of expulsion of Randy Herzstein from HAAUG. Note: At the Business Meeting of the General Meeting of December 20, 2003, it was determined that this special Board of Directors meeting was invalid because one Board member was not notified. Therefore, all actions taken by the Board at this meeting are also invalid.

**2- Special Board of Directors meeting of December 20, 2003:** Due to a lack of quorum at the General Meeting of December 20, 2003, and at the behest of the HAAUG members present, a special Board of Directors meeting was held during the business meeting to consider a change in the bylaws, specifically Article 6, Section 3. The Board approved by a two-thirds majority a motion to change the quorum needed to conduct business from 80 to 25.

**Summary of the Business Meeting at the General Meeting of December 20, 2003:** 1- The members attending the meeting approved by a two-thirds majority an amendment to Article 6, Section 3 of the by-laws, changing the quorum needed to conduct business from 80 to 25. 2-The members attending the meeting approved the budget for 2004 as presented by the Board of Directors.

# EVENINGS

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# Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting, January 6, 2004

## Call to Order 6:30 PM

**ATTENDEES:** David Jaschke, Rex Covington (via iSight), Joe Kudrna, Clair Jaschke, Barbara Long, Lyda McGhee, Amy Denton, James Warren, Mike Epstein, Joe Fournet, Rick Roberts, Jeff Davis (via iSight), David Scheuer, David Crook, Mort Butler, Philip Booth, Doug Smith, Howard Fitter, Grady Beard, June Godwin, Bob Lewis

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mike Lawshae resigned as Membership Chair and turned in all of the membership items, except the membership database, which he does not have. **REPORTS: SECRETARY (Clair Jaschke):** Clair presented the December 2 minutes, which were approved. A hard copy is to be posted at the Swap Meet. **COUNTING AND VALIDATING ELECTION RESULTS:** Phil Booth and Howard Fitter counted the ballots of the December 2003 election. The Board approved the results listed below. President: David Jaschke, Vice President – Programs: Doug Smith, Vice President – Facilities: Joe Kudrna, Secretary: Clair Jaschke, Treasurer: Barbara Long, Directors: Mike Epstein, Joe Fournet, Christina Huston, Steve Jolly, Rick Roberts, and James Warren. **FUNDING FOR SECURITY AT DECEMBER 20 MEETING:** The Board approved funding for the security guard that was at the December 20, 2003, general meeting. The fee was approximately \$180 (\$37/hour for 5 hours 9:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M.). **FUNDING FOR ATTORNEY TO REVIEW BY-LAWS AND PROVIDE FOR A PLAN FOR DEALING WITH THE RETURN OF HAAUG PROPERTY:** Amy Denton provided information and a suggestion from her mother (who is a civil attorney) as to what we can do next. David Scheuer said that, as a corporation, we need an attorney to go before a judge. The Board approved up to \$1,000 for legal fees. **RANDY'S MEMBERSHIP:** A motion was made to expel Randy Herzstein from HAAUG for the reasons listed in David Jaschke's letter of December 13, 2003, to Randy warning him of expulsion unless these items were corrected. The motion passed with 12 voting For, 1 Against, and 1 Abstaining out of 14 voting board members present at the time of the vote, not including the President. Morton Butler said he could provide an audit from April 2002 of the HAAUG equipment at Randy's house. **1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT (Rex Covington):** February: Bob Levitus. **2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT (Joe Kudrna):** Joe suggested that the general meetings could be held at the Terrace at Memorial City, a retirement community. David Crook said that Houston Baptist University will let us meet there if we have insurance. Philip has talked to an insurance agent; a \$1 million policy would cost about \$500 per year. Joe is to make reservations at Rice until the Board has decided on a new location. **TREASURER (Barbara Long):** There is \$14,493.25 in the bank. Barbara was still working on the December books so there was no Treasurer's report for this Board meeting and she did not have a net income balance yet. The December reports will be posted on haaugclubbusiness when they are complete. **BOUTIQUE (Barbara Long):** The Boutique was not at the December so there were no sales. **MEMBERSHIP:** Barbara received a copy of Michael Lawshae's last membership report in her envelope from him. There are 436 members, which is down 2 from last month. David Crook said that Mike had posted his report on HAAUG Heaven and that he (David) would forward it to haaugclubbusiness. There was discussion about how to go about rebuilding the HAAUG membership database if we cannot get it back from Randy Herzstein. Rex has a copy of the database as of July 2003. Between Mike's membership reports to date and David Crook's downloads from the HAAUG Heaven Directory as of December 31, 2003, we should be able to bring the July database mostly up-to-date. **HAAUGHOTLINE (Mort Butler):** Rex Covington is now handling the Hotline; it is forwarded to his phone. **APPLE BARREL Editor (David Crook):** David Crook has the mailing label file for the January *Apple Barrel*. A copy was sent to David Jaschke. Because of the Swap Meet, he will try to get the *Barrel* out early. The headline will be the Swap Meet at the UH Hilton. David will let the Board review the *Barrel* before publishing. Westside High School has students interested in helping as *Apple Barrel* volunteers. Back issues of the *Apple Barrel* in pdf format have been published on both haaug.org and haaug.net. **APPLE BARREL Ad Manager (David Crook):** Barbara requested a list of advertisers by month and by size of ad. David said he would provide. **MAC LIBRARIAN (Mort Butler):** No report. **VISION (Joe Fournet):** No report. **WEBMASTER (Isabel MacCrimmon, Rex Covington):** Isabel has resigned as Webmaster. A motion was made and passed to make Rex Covington the new HAAUG Webmaster.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS: 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE (Rex Covington, Joe Fournet, Barbara Long, David Jaschke):** Barbara said the final report would be sent with the December Treasurer's reports. **AUDIT COMMITTEE** A new 2003 Audit committee was formed consisting of Clair Jaschke (Chair) and Doug Smith with the assistance of Treasurer Barbara Long. Randy Herzstein still has the 2002 records and one other year. Barbara has the 2001 records. **MACFEST COMMITTEE (Phil Booth, Rex Covington):** A committee meeting will be held on Jan. 8 at the Souper Salad at Wesleyan and Bissonnet. Shawn King will be a speaker along with Bob Levitus. Phil is trying to get David Pogue. The MacFest will be held at the Bellaire Civic Center on May 1. The rent will be \$120 for the day. This includes three side rooms and the large auditorium as well as 100 chairs and 10 tables. We may need to rent more tables and chairs. **RELOCATION COMMITTEE (Joe Kudrna, Rex Covington, David Crook) Relocation Committee:** Joe Kudrna (Rex Covington, David Crook): See report of VP-Facilities. **OLD BUSINESS: IAPC HAAUGNET CONTRACT:** At the request of several Board members, David Jaschke brought copies of the IAPC contract for HAAUGNet for review. Several items on the contract were discussed: •We have been told verbally that the insurance provision (for insurance that HAAUG is to provide) in the contract has been waived; and •Several Board members requested verification that HAAUG equipment at IAPC is being used for HAAUG purposes only. Rick Roberts said he would inventory HAAUG's equipment and the files on the computers and provide a report to the Board. He would also list what IAPC is providing to us. **BANNER ERROR:** Rick Robert reported that his company's phone number was incorrect on the banners at the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting. Therefore, a "make good" ad (business card size) will be in the *Apple Barrel* and a web banner on haaug.org for three more months. **NEW BUSINESS: APPOINTMENTS:** See Webmaster. **Adjourned:** 8:45 PM

**NOTE:** Any board or committee report not listed in these notes was not presented or discussed.

# MacFest reset for May 1

MacFest v.2.0 is coming. The second edition HAAUG's super workshop will return in May of 2004. Reserve Saturday the 1st for the greatest Mac experience in Texas. The MacFest committee has started meeting and we are planning to take the event to the next level. We hope you will agree.

Topics under discussion: OS X Tips and Tricks, Setting up a Home and/ or Wireless Network, Productivity apps Graphics apps, Basic web design, and (for the real geeks) a session on OS X Server. These are under discussion and are not finalized The faculty will be from notable Mac authors plus local experts. There are plans for a vendor fair plus much much more.

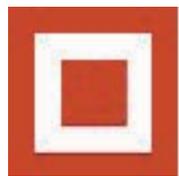
The price will stay almost the same for members: pre-event costs will be \$25.00 for members and \$35.00 for non-members; at the door, \$35, and \$45. Tickets will go on sale in January. Keep checking the Apple Barrel, haaug.org, and HAAUG Heaven for updates.



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# Ghost Master Review

by Eric Thornburg (KD5VMO) [mil132@mac.com](mailto:mil132@mac.com)

What goes bump in the night? Why, you and your legions of ghosts that is. Take control over the dark forces of the dead and scare all mortals or help them find clues to aid your forces. And get promoted for making the once sane mortals go insane and flee from the hollowed grounds.

Ghost master is for those people whole like to play the Sims but have always thought that there was something missing. Now you can take "sim-like" ghosts and terrorize them and send them to the cuckoo's nest. If you always wanted to scare you sim and make them run away from their houses, frat houses, and their sororities, this is the game for you. You could say it is a strange twist in between Warcraft and The Sim's. Every one can enjoy Ghost Master.

The graphics on this game are great. I tried it on my iMac (700 MHz G4, with 380 Mb of ram, OS 10.3), G3 (350 MHz with 128 Mb of ram, OS 9.2) and G4 (Quicksilver Edition with Mirror drive doors with Dual 1 GHz with 512 Mb ram and OS 10.2.8). It didn't work with my G3 because there was not enough memory.

I want to give this game 4 out of 5, it s good, but it can get a bit frustrating and at times, time consuming while waiting for a certain things to happen.

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# Books Chasing Panther

Every visit to our favorite bookstore seems to reveal another author's take on just how to best use Panther, Apple's latest version of its Macintosh operating system (OS 10.3).

We have a few favorites, those by Bob LeVitus, David Pogue, Robin Williams, and Scott Kelby, but you may have your own. Let us know, if you do, and please write a brief review – we'll include it here for others to read.

A tip for absolute beginners: try Maran and Johnson's *Teach Yourself Visually Mac OS X v.10.3 Panther*. At the opposite end of the spectrum, for those wanting to tinker under Mac's hood, look at James Duncan Davidson's *Running Mac OS X Panther, Inside Mac OS X's Core*.

Following is a list of Panther titles:

- 1- **Bob "Dr. Mac" LeVitus**, *The OS X Files, Panther Edition: How to Become a Power User*, John Wiley & Sons, 2004, ISBN 0764540688, \$29.99.
- 2- **Bob "Dr. Mac" LeVitus**, *Mac OS X Panther for Dummies*, IDGB Books Worldwide, 2003, ISBN 0764541684, \$21.99.
- 3- **David Pogue**, *Mac OS X: The Missing Manual, Panther Edition*, O'Reilly & Associates, 2003, ISBN 0596006152, \$29.95.
- 4- **Robin Williams**, *The Robin Williams Mac OS X Book, Panther Edition*, Peachpit Press, 2004, ISBN 0321232968, \$29.99.
- 5- **Scott Kelby**, *Mac OS X Panther Killer Tips*, New Riders, 2003, ISBN 0735713936, \$29.99.
- 6- **John Ray and William C. Ray**, *Mac OS X Panther Unleashed, Third Edition*, Sams Publishing, 2004, ISBN 0672326043, \$49.99.
- 7- **Robyn Ness and John Ray**, *Teach Yourself Mac OS X, Panther All In One*, Sams Publishing, 2003, ISBN 0672326035, 29.99.
- 8- **Maria Langer**, *Mac OS X Panther (Visual Quickstart Guide)*, Peachpit Press, 2003, ISBN 0321213513, \$24.99.
- 9- **Brad Miser**, *Special Edition Using Mac OS X v10.3 Panther*, Que Publishing, 2004, ISBN 0789730758, \$39.99.
- 10- **James Duncan Davidson**, *Running Mac OS X Panther, Inside Mac OS X's Core*, O'Reilly & Associates, 2003, ISBN 0596005008, \$39.99.
- 11- **Chuck Toporek**, *Mac OS X Panther Pocket Guide, 3rd Edition*, O'Reilly & Associates, 2003, ISBN 0596006160, \$9.95.
- 12- **Ruth Maran and Kelleigh Johnson**, *Teach Yourself Visually Mac OS X v.10.3 Panther*, John Wiley & Sons (Hungry Minds), 2003, ISBN 0764543938, \$29.99.
- 13- **Todd Stauffer and Kirk McElhearn**, *Mastering Mac OS X, Third Edition*, Sybex Publishing, 2003, ISBN 0782142834, \$39.99.
- 14- **Samuel A. Litt, Kevin C. Boland, Craig Zimmerman, Warren G. Gottlieb, Douglas B. Heyman, and Thomas Clancy**, *Mac OS X Bible, Panther Edition*, John Wiley & Sons (Hungry Minds), 2004, ISBN 0764543997, \$29.99.
- 15- **Benjamin Levisay**, *Mac Secrets, Panther Edition*, John Wiley & Sons (Hungry Minds), 2004, ISBN 0764542281, \$39.99.
- 16- **Larry Ullman and Marc Liyanage**, *Mac OS X Panther Timesaving Techniques for Dummies*, John Wiley & Sons, 2004, ISBN 0764558129, \$24.99.

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# HAAUG to meet at Micro Center



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