

# The Apple Barrel

David Crook, Editor

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## Micro Center to Host HAAUG 3/20

### *PhotoRetouch Pro Presentation for use with digital cameras and scanners*

For March, Micro Center has again agreed to host HAAUG's monthly meeting, which will highlight Binuscan's PhotoRetouch Pro, a choice application for digital photographers and professional retouching artists.

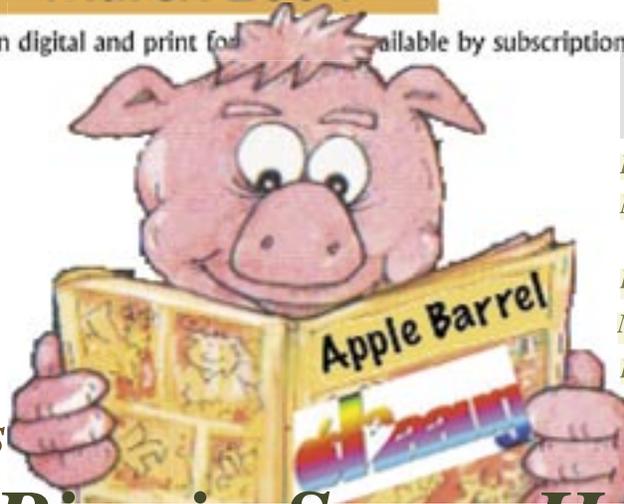
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Bruno Courbage, head of Houston-area based Binuscan will personally show us how his award-winning application works, and has lowered its price for us to \$149 until March 23.

### **Massive Gamer SIG to Highlight March Meeting**

*We'll auction off an ATI Radion video card!*



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Michael Salmon's Piglet Ned

## *Pigs in Space Hope to Call HAAUG Home*

*Please see Pigs in Space City page 4*

## **MacFest Set for May 1**

### *Dr Mac Will Again Inject His Humor and Insight*

MacFest promises to be max-citing this spring with an array of speakers and topics to excite every Macintosh user. Bob LeVitus, Dr Mac, will return, by popular demand. Exhbrant Jean Grig and Methany Mitchell will teach us all about Word, Excel, and Powerpoint. New this year will be Sean King, radio host of "Your Mac Life." Get your tickets at the door at the Bellaire Civic Center, or buy them for less beforehand at one of our meetings.

## **New Look for Apple Barrel Sought Design Competition Opens**

Some members of HAAUG's Board of Directors are dissatisfied with the *Apple Barrel's* current masthead, which was thoroughly revamped a few months ago and appears at the top of this page.

To that end, the race has been enjoined for a new design and you're invited to submit your input.

*Please see Barrel Competition page 2*

**Lots of GIVEAWAYS**

# New Look for Apple Barrel Sought

## Design Competition Opens

**Barrel Competition** *continued from page 1*

Criticism of the *Apple Barrel's* masthead has centered on its failure to include elements of the club's logo (such as a hog or a rainbow motif) which some directors long to see plastered at the top of the newsletter. Other directors and members alike have said the current masthead is just fine ("less hokey, more up-to-date," one commented) and some reminded others in attendance at March's board of directors meeting that this type of decision used to be left to the *Apple Barrel* editor's discretion, without such micro-management by the board.

Regardless, the board had already decided in February that the current masthead wouldn't do and have directed it be continued until *Apple Barrel* editor David Crook can come up with a replacement. At the March meeting, Crook proposed an open competition to design the new masthead, although he has continued to protest the board's encroachment into matters he perceives to be fairly within the realm of his exclusive prerogative as editor.

The masthead, or nameplate, is that component of the newsletter that contains the name of the publication and other relevant information. Currently, the masthead for the *Apple Barrel* includes these elements: the name itself (with "the" appended before "Apple Barrel"), the phrase "Journal of the Houston Area Apple User Group," the Volume and Issue Number of the current issue, the date of the issue, the slogan "26 Years of Members Helping Members," the notices "Distributed to HAAUG members in digital and Print forms. Available by subscription," and "David Crook, Editor," and a number of graphical design elements.

Design submissions need not be limited to the elements contained in the current masthead, and designers may wish to refer online to past issues of the *Apple Barrel* to see what they may wish to venerate or avoid. Likewise, designers are free to examine the current logo (as shown below) for borrowed inspiration.



HAAUG's current logo

Of course, designers examining HAAUG's current logo may be inspired to redesign it too! Don't limit yourself.

One suggestion about whatever design you come up with or choose to draw inspiration from: First ask yourself, "If I didn't already know what I was looking at, would I be able to figure out what it says or whatever idea it's supposed to convey?"

At this point no deadline for submissions has been established.

Submissions may be emailed to David Crook, Editor of the *Apple Barrel*, [maxrbest@mac.com/](mailto:maxrbest@mac.com/).

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# Boss HAAUG Speaks

By David Jaschke, HAAUG President

**The February meeting was a great success!** Bob LeVitus, Dr Mac, did a great job. We were fortunate to have Micro Center host our meeting in their vacant sales area. They have agreed to have us back in March. Bob LeVitus will be back May first at our second MacFest seminar.

Since my last report on our situation with our former HAAUG Heaven SYSOP, Randy Herzstein, **some things have changed.** We got back as much of HAAUG's material that I think we will be able to recover. Our previous year's financial records were returned which will allow us to conduct an audit of 2002. We got back our First Class software and manuals, which are used to run HAAUG Heaven, but did not receive the database that goes with it so we cannot easily or quickly get HAAUG Heaven back in operation. We are working on a replacement for HAAUG Heaven that does not require special software and will consider if and when we will resurrect the First Class version of HAAUG Heaven.

We were given extracts of the membership database. Unfortunately we were not given the complete FileMaker Pro database intact. **Barbara Long** and **Rex Covington** have spent many hours using this extract and other data to reconstruct the membership database. **They deserve a big pat on the back and a hearty thank you.**

We will continue to try to resolve the issues with Randy. **We appreciate your continued patience and support.**

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## Famed Illustrator OKs Our Use of His Hogs

Pigs in Space



**Michael Salmon**, award-winning Australian children's books author, illustrator, and entertainer, has agreed to let his porcine cartoon characters regularly appear in HAAUG's *Apple Barrel* newsletter. In a message to editor David Crook, Salmon graciously welcomed HAAUG to make use of Piglet Ned, Big Boar, Captain Porker, and other characters that have appeared in his four "Piganeers" books. Some of Salmon's pigs have even been launched into cartoon outerspace and can now call Houston home.

### *Pigs in Space Hope to Call HAAUG Home*

Piglet Ned first appeared recently in the Election Issue of the *Apple Barrel*, in the article "Know Your HAAUG," and reappears in this issue on page one. Designers participating in the competition for a new *Apple Barrel* masthead are free to pick from any of Salmon's "Piganeer" characters, which will soon be posted in the online edition of the *Apple Barrel*.



**Piglet Ned and phantom**

Salmon has offered to let us "take (free of charge) any character(s) directly from the pages" of his "Piganeers" books, as long as we credit him. If you want to change or re-draw the characters "in any respect" you'll need to work through *Apple Barrel* Editor David Crook for collaboration with Daryl Wail, Salmon's "principal Web site and colourist" and the only person allowed to do so.

Salmon's official website is [www.michaelsalmon.com.au](http://www.michaelsalmon.com.au) and Wail's (another Aussie who lives in Plano, TX) is [www.dazworks.com](http://www.dazworks.com).

# March HAAUG SIG Topics

9:00 **HAAUGnet SIG**—Volunteers as available.  
Micro Center  
Got HAAUGnet yet? If so, learn all the ins-and-outs. If not, learn what you're missing and how cheap it is to join in the fun.

**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.  
Micro Center  
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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## ANNOUNCEMENT

Our new Vice President in charge of Programs, Doug Smith, requests that all members send him ideas for main meeting speakers or software applications that they would like to see demonstrated. To do so, go to [www.haaug.org](http://www.haaug.org) for the link to VP of Programs.

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•**HAAUG evening SIGs** have been resumed at a new location, the Stag's Head Pub, 2128 Portsmouth St. just south west of Richmond Ave. & S. Shepherd Dr., near Amy's Ice Cream. 713-533-1199. Look for meeting dates at [www.haaug.org](http://www.haaug.org).

•**Our new Mac Upgrade and Troubleshooting SIG** meets concurrently with HAL-PC's Mac SIG in their workshop on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9 am. 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/).



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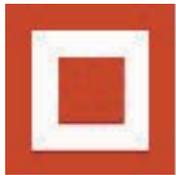
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# Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting, February 3, 2004

Attendees: David Jaschke, Doug Smith, Joe Kudrna, Clair Jaschke, Barbara Long, Mike Epstein, Christina Huston, Rick Roberts, Joe Fournet, Steve Jolly, David Scheuer, David Crook, Bruce Baker, Mort Butler, Philip Booth, Rex Covington, Amy Denton  
Call to Order: 6:33 P.M. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** David Jaschke welcomed the elected Board members serving for the first time: Doug Smith, Christina Huston, and Steve Jolly. He also welcomed back the returning elected Board members.

## NEW BUSINESS, PART 1

### Appoint voting positions

Senior advisor	David Scheuer
Membership Chair	(open)
Apple Barrel Editor	David Crook
Apple II Librarian	Bruce Baker
Macintosh Librarian	Mort Butler
HAAUG Heaven Sysop	Robert Lacey
SIG Coordinator	Philip Booth

### Appoint non-voting positions

Apple Barrel Ad Manager	David Crook
Boutique Manager	(open)
HAAUG Hotline	Rex Covington
HAAUGNet Administrator	Jeff Davis
Mentor Referrals	Amy Denton
Publicity	Christina Huston
Vision	Joe Fournet
Volunteer Coordinator	Casey Sivula
Webmaster	Rex Covington

Vendor Coordinator: There will be no Vendor Coordinator this year. Rex Covington will handle this as part of his duties as Apple Liaison (an Apple position, not a HAAUG position)

### Review HAAUG Privacy statement and by-laws

David Jaschke presented a proposed HAAUG Policy Statement for the members of HAAUG. The Board agreed to accept the statement and that it shall published in every issue of the Apple Barrel.

### **REPORTS: Secretary:** Clair Jaschke. Clair presented the January minutes, which were approved by the Board. **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:**

Doug Smith. Doug announced that February's presenter is Bob Levitus. Nothing is firm for March or the following months. Several suggestions were made; others can be e-mailed to Doug. **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** Joe Kudrna. Joe announced that the February meeting is currently scheduled to be at Houston Baptist University (HBU). However the main meeting room is small so we may have to consider two sessions for the main presentation. Phil suggested he could record the main presentation for replay later in the day for those who could not get in. Rent is \$250 plus \$15/hour/room for the SIG rooms. Also, HBU requires that HAAUG have liability insurance. March through June are tentatively scheduled for Rice. HBU will not be available in May and June.

**Treasurer:** Barbara Long. Barbara has been working on the new HAAUG membership database with Rex and has not been able to finish the financial reports. They will be posted this weekend. **Boutique Manager:** Barbara Long (acting) Barbara reported Boutique sales of \$23 for 2 mugs and 1 t-shirt. **Membership: (open).** Barbara and Rex reported that the enrollment dates in the new HAAUG membership database are "iffy" but we have the expiration dates. Otherwise, the database seems to be up-to-date. Rex said that confirmation of existing information and updates will be requested form the members on the web and at the general meetings. Steve Jolly received a voice message from Randy Herzstein that files from the old HAAUG membership database have been posted in the Club Business folder on the old HAAUG Heaven. Several members of the board will download these files as they may contain information needed for the new database. **Apple Barrel Editor:** David Crook. David reported that a web-based version of the Apple Barrel is up on haaug.org. This version will not contain Board minutes. MicroCenter is placing an ad in the Apple Barrel and David will give them some for Mac buyers. There will be no Board minutes or anyone's phone numbers in the version at the store. The members' Apple Barrel online will contain minutes, Board members' phone numbers and HAAUG experts' phone numbers. It can also be sent by e-mail with links to a pdf file or the online version. The February Apple Barrel will contain articles on Dr. Mac (Bob Levitus), Boss HAAUG Speaks, letters to the Editor, and software reviews. There was discussion the HAAUG logo and the Apple Barrel banner. David Crook doesn't like the logo and many of the Board members do not like the current Apple Barrel banner. The Board will consider holding a logo contest. A motion was made to allow David Crook to design the banner as he sees fit for 90 days (next three issues). This was defeated. The Board agreed to keep the current banner for 90 days but with the HAAUG logo added to the front page of the Barrel. The banner will stay as-is for the February issue since there is not enough time to change it. **Apple Barrel Ad Manager:** David Crook See Apple Barrel Editor report. **SIG Coordinator:** Philip Booth. Phil reported that the SIGs would held be in four rooms. Room assignments will be made at HBU. He needs topics from the SIG leaders. **Mac Librarian:** Morton Butler. Mort reported that he is working on a new OSX CD, which will still be distributed at the Membership Desk. **HAAUG Heaven:** Robert Lacey. Robert was not present. Rex reported that we do not have the First Class software. We have not received our license, etc. from Centricity yet. Robert, Joe Muscara, Rex, and Jeff are working to get the haaug.org forums to function as HAAUG Heaven for now but this will take 2 or 3 w

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sent a message. HAAUGNet server has been updated to OS 10.3 and is working well. A donated G4 desktop is being used as a server

for the website and haug.org mail. Jeff wants to run 2-month promotion of HAAUGNet that will allow members can join for dial-up service without the \$45 set-up fee. **Vision:** Joe Fournet Joe reported the first meeting for 2004 will be February 25 at HAL-PC at 6:30 p.m.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS: 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee** Rex Covington, Joe Fournet, Barbara Long, David Jaschke

Final report e-mailed by Barbara Long. **Audit Committee 2002:** No chair (Morton Butler) [Barbara Long]

The 2002 financial records are still at Randy Herzstein's house. **Audit Committee 2003:** Clair Jaschke (Doug Smith) [Barbara Long] Clair reported that the committee is waiting for Barbara to finish closing the 2003 books.

**Form MacFest 2004 Committee:** Phil Booth (Rex Covington) Phil reported the committee met in January; the next meeting is February 5 at Souper Salad. Rex has contacted some "heavy hitters" but there are no commitments yet. Shawn King is confirmed as a presenter; Bob Levitus is a maybe. There may be local presenters as well. We need speakers and sponsors. The MacFest will be held May 1, 2004, at the Bellaire Civic Center. There will be a catered BBQ lunch at a fee to participants. **Committee to Review Items at IAPC:** Rick Roberts. Rick did not have a report.

**NEW BUSINESS, PART 2:** A motion was approved to allow Rex to sell old equipment (returned from Randy Herzstein) that HAAUG cannot use. A motion was approved for HAAUG to obtain a liability policy with a premium of up to \$600 per year. A committee was appointed to review the HAAUG By-Laws. Committee members are David Jaschke (chair), Rex Covington, Clair Jaschke, David Crook, Amy Denton, David Scheuer, and Barbara Long. Joe Kudrna suggested that Bob Lewis be recognized due to his contributions to HAAUG. Rex will make him member-of-the-month on the haug.org website. David Crook will remain for the custodian of the HAAUG Airport already in his possession. Adjourned: 8:58 P.M. NOTE: Any board or committee reports not listed in these notes were not presented or discussed.





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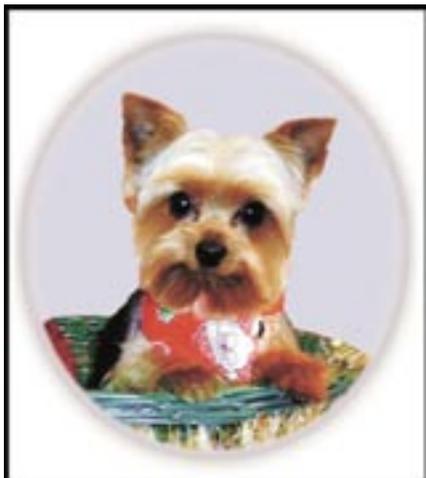
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SIGS (Special Interest Groups, that discuss various topics) begin meeting at 9 AM. The last SIGs finish around 3 PM. Usually, each SIG lasts an hour or so. See pages six and seven for details.

# HAAUG to meet at Micro Center



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