

**The Apple Barrel**

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# Micro Center Again Hosts HAAUG 5/15

HAAUG's May meeting will yet again be hosted by MicroCenter on the 15th, despite erroneous mention of another date in a local daily newspaper.

This month's meeting will be memorable: Rex Covington will show how FileMaker Pro 7 can make your life interesting; the Mobile Computing SIG will examine all-things-iPod, and we'll start organizing a new SIG that will teach Adobe's InDesign desktop publishing application while producing this newsletter.

## Rex Covington to Show Latest, Greatest Database Program

For the uninitiated, use of a database application like FileMaker may be intimidating, but the latest version of this already user-friendly program makes it even easier to keep track of vast collections of related information.

**FileMaker**

New in FileMaker Pro 7 is a true data dictionary, allowing users to display file relationships graphically, in such a way that their complexity can be better understood.

The ease of use of FileMaker's point-and-click database creation capabilities have not been diminished by the introduction of the latest version new capabilities, so long-time users need not fear. For people who have been joined at the hip and head to Microsoft's competing Access database application, FileMaker Pro 7's newest features may prove just the thing to precipitate a switch.

### *Rare Attack on Macs disguised as Word 2004 Demo*

## Protect Your Mac from a Trojan

Although it rarely happens, there's a Trojan Horse out there that can wreck havoc on your Mac. Seems Gnutella peer-to-peer sharing networks like Limewire are spreading a fake demo of Microsoft's new Word 2004 for Mac that wipes out the victim's entire Home folder. For details see [http://www.applelinks.com/pm/more.php?id=1350\\_0\\_1\\_0\\_M](http://www.applelinks.com/pm/more.php?id=1350_0_1_0_M) or <http://www.macrumors.com/>.

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## New SIG Will Teach Adobe InDesign While Producing Apple Barrel

Phil Booth will soon lead a new SIG which will teach Adobe's InDesign desktop publishing application and produce this newsletter. Look for details at our monthly meetings and here.



# Electronic Freedom Foundation Seeks to Limit Big Brotherism



If you're concerned that your digital rights are in danger, you may want to visit [www.eff.org](http://www.eff.org).

The Electronic Freedom Foundation (EFF) is, they proclaim, "a nonprofit group of passionate people -- lawyers, volunteers, and visionaries -- working to protect your digital rights."

What follows is one of their recent appeals:

"Action Alert - Don't Fund the War on File Sharing - Ask Congress for a REal Solution!

"You may not agree with the recording industry's war on file sharing, but under the Piracy Deterrence and Education Act (PDEA, HR 4077), you'd still have to pay for it. The PDEA would create the first criminal copyright penalties for people who aren't engaged in willful criminal conduct. Under the law's murky "negligence" standard, a person with 1,000 legally obtained songs could be sent to jail for three years if she fails to lock them up tight enough - and that's only for the first offense. In addition, the PDEA would force the government to push a lopsided "education" campaign that demonizes P2P while failing to mention your rights to use copyrighted material. To top it off, all of this would be funded with your tax dollars. Tell Congress to reject the PDEA and explore solutions that pay artists rather than punish people."

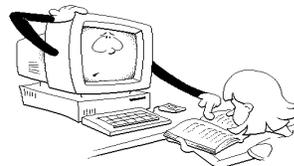


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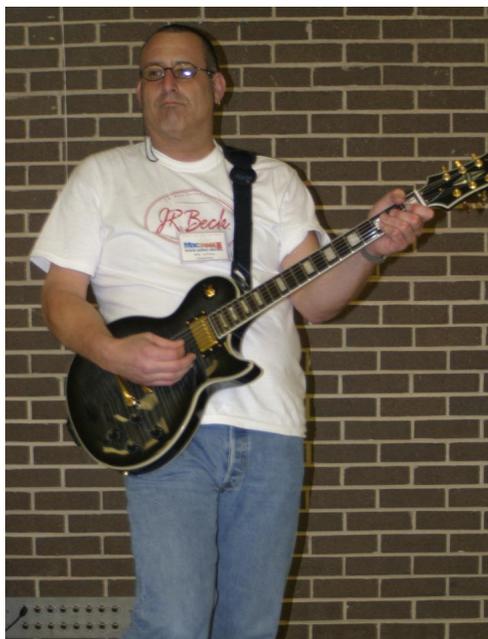
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# May HAAUG SIG Topics

- 9:00 **Mac 101 SIG** Room 3  
Prerequisite: owning a Mac or Mac clone. A one-hour SIG for those with basic questions. All about files and file names.
- Geek Forum SIG**—Joe Muscara. Room 2  
Involved in high-end Mac stuff? Here's the place to kick around ideas and problems. For links and information, go to the Geek Stuff forum at <http://www.haaug.org/forums/>
- Green Apple SIG**—Various Leaders. Auditorium  
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 are afraid to ask.
- 10:00 **OS X SIG**—Rex Covington. Auditorium  
Panther fundamentals: Understanding multiple users, accessing your account information, creating a new user, simplifying your Mac for novice users, switching between users, sharing files among users, understanding file permissions.
- Photoshop SIG**—Various Leaders. Room 2  
Topics: Fill Paint and Edit. 1. Fill, Stroke, and Color 2. Painting Tools 3. the Brushes Pallet 4. The Edit Tools.
- MacFundamentals SIG**—Jonathan Magnus. Rm 3  
A beginner's SIG about the operating system, its ins and outs, the built-ins and the add-ons, tuning it and keeping it happy. Covers mainly software, while Mac 101 covers hardware oriented.
- Member Orientation** Room 4  
Getting the most from your membership. How HAAUG works to serve you
- 11:00 **Business Meeting** Auditorium  
The business meeting will be conducted before the Main Presentation.
- 11:15 **Main Presentation** Auditorium  
See page 1.
- 12:30 **iPod SIG**—Rick Roberts. Room 3  
Join in and help design this new SIG!
- Games / Utilities SIG**—Robert Lewis Auditorium  
How to take care of your Mac by looking at SystemWorks, DiskWarrior, Drive 10, and TechTools Pro 4. A look at the top downloadable shareware utilities and a demonstration, time permitting, of Aspyr Software's "Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King." Door prizes.
- Mac One-on-One SIG** Room 3  
Experienced Mac users meet with people who need assistance, either with a Mac or with the club itself.
- 1:45 **iApps SIG**—Zack Bigner. Room 3  
Topics to be announced.
- Mobile Computing**—Joe Kudrna. Room 2  
All things small and wonderful.
- 3:00 **Barbecue SIG**—or whatever. Join other members for an early dinner at a nearby establishment.
- Please look for room numbers posted where SIGs are to meet.**

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Our Volunteer Co-ordinator, Casey Sivula, asks for help setting up for our April meeting at MicroCenter. Please join us there Friday, May 14 about 6PM to set up 120 chairs and a few tables. It won't take long, and afterwards, please join us for dinner at some local eatery!

•**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).

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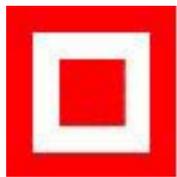
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## **HAAUG Board of Director Minutes April 6, 2004** Call to Order: 6:35 P.M.

**Attendees:** David Jaschke, Doug Smith, Joe Kudrna, Clair Jaschke, Barbara Long, Mike Epstein, Rick Roberts, Joe Fournet, Steve Jolly, James Warren, David Scheuer, David Crook, Robert Lacey, Philip Booth, Amy Denton, Casey Sivula, Rex Covington, A.C. Conrad

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** 1- David Jaschke presented the agenda with a new order and he would be using a timer to limit the reports. 2- Any presentation to the Board should be sent to the President and the rest of the Board at least 24 hours before the meeting. 3- Items for the agenda should be given to the President by 5 p.m. on the Friday before the Board meeting. 4- Rex Covington passed out new Board ID cards. **REPORTS:** 1- **Secretary:** Clair presented the minutes of the March Board meeting. They were approved. 2- **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** Doug Smith reported the following meeting presenters and topics: April - OWC & the Houston Computer Museum. May - FileMaker Pro 7. June - MS Office 2004. July - Swap Meet. August – Open. September - Deal Mac. October – Open. November – Open. December – Open. January - Swap Meet. February - Dr. Mac Bob Levitus. Doug also reported that a member who won software at the March meeting returned the software to the software company, stating that her “Apple technician” who said it was unnecessary. It was reported that this was put quite rudely and the presenter is upset. David Crook suggested that HAAUG and HAL-PC consider having joint meetings and share presenters. This will be discussed at a later date. 3- **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** Joe Kudrna reported that the April meeting would be held at MicroCenter. Rice is in reserve for May. We are still looking at HBU who wants the liability policy before we can meet there. MicroCenter may be available for the May meeting. MicroCenter is working out well as a meeting place. For the Swap Meet, Joe is considering either UH University Center or the UH Hilton. He will talk to Peter Gingiss about the UHUC. The Bellaire Civic Center is another possibility. Joe or Phil will check on availability; the fee is \$125 plus rent for tables and chairs. The company from which we are currently renting tables and chairs will give us the podium free if they get a big ad in the Apple Barrel. 4- **Treasurer:** Barbara Long reported that the bank account is \$13,877.13. Net profit for the year is \$591.69. All bills have been paid and all deposits made. 5- **Boutique Manager:** Barbara Long (acting office-holder) reported sales in March of \$45 for 1 cap, 1 Digital Robot and 1 cup. 6- **Membership:** Chairman Morton Butler was not present. Rex and Barbara reported that they are still working on the database. Barbara e-mailed this month’s report. Mort will not be at the April general meeting so Barbara will cover for him. There are currently 492 members (only some lapsed members are not included). 7- **Apple Barrel Editor:** David Crook reported that last month he planned to mail out 188 Apple Barrels, but Copy Dr. messed up the Apple Barrel (the Copy Dr. Mac person is on a different schedule than previously) so David will try Kinko’s the next time we want to mail hard copies. He passed around a draft of the April Apple Barrel. David has received no response to the banner contest; Casey reported that Jeff Davis received one entry on the day of the Board meeting. Rex needs a pdf of the February Apple Barrel. Several Board members remarked that they did not like the remarks about the Board in the announcement of the banner contest in the March Apple Barrel. The Board requested that the Apple Barrel should be distributed one week before the general meeting. 8- **Apple Barrel Ad Manager:** David Crook resigned as Apple Barrel Ad Manager. Steve Jolly volunteered to take on this position. 9- **SIG Coordinator:** Philip Booth reported the new iPod SIG was very successful and will be scheduled again. An evening SIG on iPod is possible. The next evening SIG will be Thursday, April 8. Alternate nights may be possible; it depends on the SIG leader. 10- **HAAUG Heaven Sysops:** Robert Lacey Robert reported the HAAUG Heaven forums are coming along. He needs a group of just members to test. There will be training sessions for BOD members then SIGs for general membership. He will send a short article to the Apple Barrel. 11- **HAAUGNet Sysops:** Jeff Davis. Rex reported that everything is going smoothly except for one new HAAUGNet member who is an AOL user. Rex is working with her. 12- **Publicity:** Christina Huston was not present. Another Board member reported that she is getting most of her publicity information from the HAAUG website or the BOD meetings. Doug will send information to her directly. 13- **Vision Committee:** Joe Fournet reported the committee did not meet in March. He noted that the revised agenda and use of a timer came out of discussions at the February Vision meeting. If more reports are issue ahead of the meeting and discussed quickly during the meeting, the more time there will be to discuss other items, such as MacFest, during the Board meetings. 14- **Volunteer Coordinator:** Casey Sivula asked for volunteers to set up tables and chairs on the Friday before the April general meeting at MicroCenter. She will not be at the general meeting; she and Rex will be at the MS150 bike ride. 15- **Mentor:** Amy Denton reported that one member was referred to Rick Roberts. Otherwise, there were no calls to the mentor this month. Amy needs a up-to-date list of experts; the list on the New Member CD is outdated. 16- **HAAUG Hotline:** Rex Covington reported the HAAUG Hotline is still forwarded to his phone with lots of junk calls and faxes. He is working on an automatic answering software system. 17- **Webmaster:** Rex Covington reported the HAAUG website is being updated often. He asked that corrections be e-mailed to him. He is working with Kagi on sales (memberships, MacFest tickets, etc.).

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** 1- **Audit Committee:** Clair Jaschke, (Doug Smith) [Barbara Long]. Clair presented the 2002 and 2003 audit reports. The 2003 audit report will be amended, since the missing July bank statement and reconciliation has been found. **MacFest 2004 Committee:** Phil Booth (Rex Covington). Phil reported that main speaker Shawn King would not be able to attend MacFest. The committee will meet again next week. Joe Muscara will do a web design class. There will be a presenter for the PowerPoint and Excel. Bob LeVitus (Dr. Mac) will be a presenter. The committee is looking for a Final Cut Pro instructor for iMovie. Tickets (meeting and lunch) were sold at the March general meeting and they can be bought on the HAAUG website through Kagi. David Crook suggested Michael Garfield as a presenter if Segways could be demonstrated; Phil said the committee would discuss this. **Relocation Committee:** Joe Kudrna. (Rex Covington, David Crook). Also see the VP-Facilities report. David Crook said that St. Luke’s Methodist Church (on Westheimer between Buffalo Speedway and Edloe) is interested in hosting HAAUG general meetings. At Rice, parking is still a problem; the church across the street has limited parking, so we would still have to rent a van. **Committee**

**to Review Items at IAPC:** Rick Roberts. Rick did not have a written report. He verbally reported that the IAPC facility is very nice. IAPC provides racks, monitor and keyboard for our computers. Rick looked at the servers and share points. There is QuickTime streaming, which we got for several months free for providing services for other IAPC customers. All other usage seemed reasonable. In fact, there is only light usage by HAAUG's various functions including HAAUGNet and the website. There is no open relay; mail service is secure. The new Panther OS X server is better than Jaguar. There was no personal business use by HAAUGNet committee members. Rick will provide a written report to the Board, including the Apple Barrel editor. **HAAUG Litigation Committee:** David Jaschke (Amy Denton, Barbara Long, Bruce Baker, Clair Jaschke, David Crook, David Scheuer, Doug Smith, James Warren, Jeff Davis, Joe Fournet, Phil Booth, Rex Covington, Steve Jolly, Rick Roberts). David Jaschke reported that he had talked to our lawyer about sending a cease-and-desist letter to Randy Herzstein and his lawyer. This will probably be the last letter. **HAAUG By-Laws Committee:** David Jaschke (Rex Covington, Clair Jaschke, David Crook, Amy Denton, David Scheuer, Barbara Long). David Jaschke reported that he did not get changes posted yet but he will soon. This includes the privacy statement as well as the by-laws changes. The biggest changes involve most voting appointed Board positions will become elected positions. These are important positions. There was discussion about making some voting appointed Board positions non-voting instead. **OLD BUSINESS: Insurance (Liability & Indemnity):** Doug Smith will contact someone who knows about these types of insurance and who will know an agent who can help us. **Advertiser Information:** Barbara reported that David Crook has still not provided information on the Apple Barrel ads. Rex said he will provide Barbara information on the website ad. This information will enable Barbara to bill for the ads. **April Apple Barrel:** There was a discussion of the April Apple Barrel preliminary copy. James Warren questioned the use of the borrowed pig; he would like to see written permission from the artist for our use of his pigs. David Crook assured him that he has written permission. Clair reminded David C that the Board agreed last month to the use of these pigs in the Apple Barrel but not in the HAAUG logo. Casey said it was difficult to tell whether the remainder of the page with the MacFest information was ad or filler. David said he would put the word "advertisement" on this page to clarify the Events a la Carte ad, or even move the MacFest info to another page. The Conrad-Ikea article needs correction of the facts presented. **NEW BUSINESS:** 1- A motion was approved to rent tables and chairs for the April general meeting. 2- Documents (such as the minutes) are for Board members only if they are unapproved. Once they are approved, they should be available to the general membership. We would like a system like we had on the First Class HAAUG Heaven. It was suggested we use HAAUG's dotMac account. Rex and Jeff are working on that as part of the HAAUG Heaven experience; they hope to have it available by June. Joe Kudrna asked about a site for hosting files to be downloaded. Rex said he was working on this also. 3- Doug asked if the Dantz/Retrospect logo could be put on the HAAUG website. Rex said he would do this. 4- Phil reported the 4-year-old projector has a lamp warning light on. A replacement bulb would cost \$402-\$516. A new projector was considered. Example: Dell XGA with 1024 x 768 resolution would cost about \$1900. Phil will price projectors and bulbs.

Adjourned: 8:39 P.M. NOTE: Any board or committee reports not listed in these notes were not presented or discussed.

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The New York Times' **David Pogue** recently wrote about an **interesting way to FAX** that he's been using a year or so. "Faxaway.com . . . [provides] a phone number that you can give to your friends — but you pay \$1 a month, and you don't get spam. Incoming faxes go straight to your Mac or Windows e-mail program. You can also SEND faxes by email, just by using the phone number as an email address (like [12125551212@faxaway.com](mailto:12125551212@faxaway.com)); sending costs about a dime. I've used this service for about a year now, and I absolutely love it."

**Mac In Touch Reader Reports** has been discussing **Titanium PowerBooks' hinge failure** problem. One participant says: "Nobody has asked why the PowerBook GA 15' TI hinges break: Here's one quick answer why, and the simple recommended action to avoid this. If you transport your Titanium with the hinges on the bottom, all the weight of the notebook is resting on the hinges. An excessive drop of your bag will result in a shock to the hinges. When such a shock occurs in one of the corners it will bend the hinge plates (the T shaped plates linking display to top case), and the hinges will no longer be aligned to the other one. This will result in a stronger torque needed to open the display. For the record, when the hinge plates bend, the top case also suffers from the shock, and small cracks generally appear near the hinge plates. So the solution is so simple: put your notebook in the bag with the hinges up, or use bags that were designed for this notebook."

Also in Mac In Touch Reader Reports is a discussion by Brian Wells of the **Reliability of Apple's Replacement Devices**: "We have had a 20GB 3G iPod for 6 months now and two weeks ago the hold switch broke. It would slide back and forth freely - apparently disconnected from the actual switch inside the case. Last week I stopped by the Apple Store at the Palisades Mall in West Nyack, NY and a few minutes later was walking out with a replacement unit. Although we've only had it a short time, we have noted that it seems to be working flawlessly and even some small glitches we saw with the original unit are not present in this one. On a side note: One reason I was able to get such a quick and easy replacement is because I registered the iPod on Apple's web site within a few days of purchasing. The technicians (er, geniuses) at the Apple Store went by that information instead of having me go back home and dig out a receipt. Excellent service!"

On April 28, Peter Cohen wrote about **QuickTime adding a Lossless Encoder**: "In conjunction with Wednesday's release of iTunes 4.5, Apple has also posted an update to QuickTime, the company's core audio and video media handling technology for both Mac OS and Windows. The new release, QuickTime 6.5.1, adds the QuickTime Lossless Encoder and improves AAC encoding. It's available for download from the Web site now.

"The QuickTime Lossless Encoder enables users to rip uncompressed CD audio without reducing that audio's quality. Apple said that the Lossless Encoder requires only about half the storage space as the original files. Advanced Audio Codec (AAC) encoding has also been improved in this release - Apple said that the changes result in high-quality sound over a full range of audio frequencies. The new release also enhances support for iTunes and other Quicktime-based applications.

"QuickTime 6.5.1 Player is free download and use; a "Pro" version used for media authoring is available to purchase for \$29.99."

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