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Microsoft Office 2004 for Mac

Saturday, June 19th, 2004

Dennis Cheung, Lead Program Manager from Microsoft's Silicon Valley Campus, visits HAAUG to demonstrate the upcoming release of Office 2004 for Mac. This exciting new release of Office for the Mac includes Mac-first features such as Office Project Center, Word Notebook Layout View, Excel Page Layout View and the Office Compatibility Report. More than ever before, Office for Mac provides you with tools to work smarter by helping you manage your information, create with confidence and share your ideas with nearly anyone. •

For more information, visit http://www.microsoft.com/mac

Meeting Location

Please join us for this month's meeting at:

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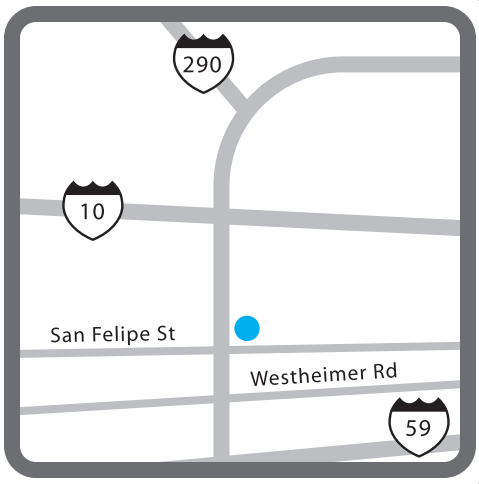

Boss HAAUG Speaks

By David Jaschke, HAAUG President

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Spring is a time of renewal, of growth, of change. The latest change at HAAUG is a new **Apple Barrel** editor Micah Gartman. David Crook, **Apple Barrel** editor since early 2003, decided that his new business required much more of his time and effort and that he needed to step down as **Apple Barrel** Editor. David Crook stepped forward and volunteered to act as **Apple Barrel** Editor when George Sroka decided to retire as editor. David had many challenges to overcome and performed valiantly. Then came the unsettling conflict with the former HAAUG Heaven SYSOP. David took a position of trying to get the conflict resolved amicably. He felt he had the confidence of the former SYSOP and tried time after time to get him to return HAAUG's equipment and software. Only after being rebuffed each time, did David take the offensive with a controversial article in the December 2003 **Apple Barrel**. David continued to struggle with producing the **Apple Barrel**. He was caught in meeting the schedule of production and with his new business which was requiring more and more of his time. David has done a great job in face of severe obstacles and deserves a big "pat on the back" and "thank you" for all his hard work.

Micah Gartman recently came forward and volunteered to become the newest **Apple Barrel** editor. He has experience in producing publications and is incredibly excited about stepping in and taking over the **Apple Barrel** production. He has been involved in producing newsletter type publications before and is experienced in using graphic and page layout software. We all wish the best to David and hope for the best from Micah. Congratulations and thanks to both David and Micah.

Congratulations and many thanks to the latest MacFest coordinators for the super job done for Mac Fest 2004. Even with the extreme weather, MacFest was quite successful and enjoyed by the attendees. Bob LeVitus and Reagan Atkinson, dual headliners, each performed their presentations twice that day and other HAAUG alumni provided four other presentations providing attendees with six hours of quality presentations and information. Many thanks to all involved.

Many thanks to Micro Center for providing us a centralized meeting place. We have been lucky to have Micro Center provide a meeting place for us for the last five months. Micro Center has made it know that for as long as the space is available, we can continue to meet there. The only expense is the cost of renting tables and chairs. HAAUG members are providing set up and take down man power. Many thanks to Micro Center and to the HAAUG members contributing their efforts to each meeting. •

Hot News

Important information for the discerning Mac user

Apple Unveils AirPort Express for Mac & PC Users

Cupertino, California—June 7, 2004

Apple [has] unveiled AirPort Express, the world's first 802.11g mobile base station that can be plugged directly into the wall for wireless Internet connections and USB printing, or thrown into a laptop bag to bring wireless freedom to hotel rooms with broadband connections. Airport Express also features analog and digital audio outputs that can be connected to a stereo and AirTunes music networking software which works seamlessly with iTunes, giving users a simple and inexpensive way to wirelessly stream iTunes music on their Mac or PC to any room in the house. AirPort Express features a single piece ultra-compact design weighing just 6.7 ounces, and will be available to Mac and PC users starting in July for just $129.

Apple was the first company to offer consumers easy, affordable wireless networking and is now the first to offer a truly portable wireless base station compatible with industry standard 802.11g and 802.11b wireless devices. AirPort Express features an incredibly compact design with no power brick required, providing maximum portability so it can easily be taken on the road for wireless broadband access in hotel rooms. The AirPort Express mobile base

AirTunes is Apple's breakthrough music networking technology which works seamlessly with iTunes running on either Macs or PCs to let users easily create a wireless music network in their home. iTunes 4.6 automatically detects remote speakers and displays them in a simple pop-up list for the user to select.

"AirPort Express isn't just the world's first mobile 802.11g base station—with the addition of AirTunes users can now play their iTunes music on any stereo in their home—all without wires," said Steve Jobs, Apple's CEO. "This innovative Apple product will appeal to both notebook users who want wireless freedom in their hotel rooms and to music lovers who want to listen to their iTunes music library on a stereo located anywhere in their home."

station also includes a built-in combination digital and analog audio connector allowing users to connect AirPort Express to a home stereo, powered analog speakers or the latest digital 5.1 surround sound systems.

AirTunes is Apple's breakthrough music networking technology which works seamlessly with iTunes running on either Macs or PCs to let users easily create a wireless music network in their home. iTunes 4.6 automatically detects remote speakers and displays them in a simple pop-up list for the user to select. Once the remote speakers are selected, AirTunes wirelessly streams the iTunes music from the computer to the AirPort Express base station. AirTunes music is encoded to protect it from theft while streaming across the wireless music network and uses Apple's lossless compression technology to insure no loss of sound quality. AirPort Express provides a range of up to 150 feet, and multiple AirPort Express base stations can be bridged together to send music to extended areas.

AirPort Express offers both Mac and PC users the ability to share a single DSL or cable broadband account with up to 10 simultaneous users and a single USB printer with multiple users. With its advanced security features, AirPort Express safeguards data on networked computers with support for WiFi Protected Access (WPA), 128-bit encryption and a built-in firewall.

Pricing and Availability

AirPort Express can be ordered immediately through the Apple Store (www.apple.com) and is expected to be available in July at Apple's retail stores and Apple Authorized Resellers for a suggested retail price of $129 (US). AirTunes requires the next version of iTunes, iTunes 4.6, which is expected to be available later this week as a free download. •

Software Update

The lastest software releases from Apple Computer

Mac OS X Update Addresses Security Concern

Cupertino, California—May 21, 2004

Apple [has] posted a Mac OS X update to address a theoretical vulnerability in the Help Viewer application that could have been exposed when browsing the web. The update is available automatically to all users through Apple's free Software Update service or by going to:

http://www.apple.com/support/downloads/

"Apple takes security very seriously and works quickly to address potential threats as we learn of them—in this case, before there was any actual risk to our customers," said Philip Schiller, Apple's senior vice president of Worldwide Product Marketing. "While no operating system can be completely immune from all security issues, Mac OS X's UNIX-based architecture has so far turned out to be much better than most."

To maintain maximum system security and stability Apple always advises that all Mac OS X users keep their system current by installing this and all Mac OS X software updates. •

"While no operating system can be completely immune from all security issues, Mac OS X's UNIX-based architecture has so far turned out to be much better than most."

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Apple Releases 10.3.4 Update

from tidbits.com

Apple [has] released Mac OS X 10.3.4, a free update for owners of Mac OS X 10.3 Panther. (A similar update was also released for Mac OS X Server 10.3.) Apple says the update addresses issues in Mail, Safari, Address Book, Stickies, QuickTime Player and DVD Player; also improves behavior with iPods connected via USB 2.0, mass storage devices, and video cameras connected to PowerBooks via FireWire. The installer also incorporates recent security updates, improves file sharing and directory services, and fixes some disc burning oddities. The update is available via Software Update, which requires a 41 MB download. •

Apple Releases Backup 2.0.2

from maccentral.com

Apple [has] updated their .Mac Backup utility to version 2.0.2. According to notes provided with the update, "Backup 2.0.2 adds performance and stability improvements to scheduled backups." In addition to backing up data to a .Mac account, Backup also allows users to backup files to an external FireWire hard disk, CD or DVD disks. The update is available via the Software Update control panel. •

When Lightning Strikes

Contributed by Robert Lacey, HAAUG Heaven SysOp

People often ask me how to prevent damage to their computers from lightning. I've worked in the electrical field for 40+ years now and I'm here to tell you that there is no way to be absolutely certain that you won't be a victim. The closer the strike is to your computer, the greater the chance that you will experience some damage.

Voltage spikes may enter your home on power lines, telephone lines, cable TV lines, TV/radio antenna wiring or even metal pipes. Magnetic fields generated by lightning have been known to melt metal objects in close proximity to the strike even though the lightning did not strike the objects.

Everyone owns equipment, in addition to their computer and monitor, that is susceptible to the extreme voltages and fields generated by lightning. Radios, TVs, refrigerators, stoves, telephones, lighting dimmer switches, DVD players and VCRs, cars, thermostats, and security systems are common examples of equipment that contain electronic devices that are sensitive to the effects of lightning.

Lightning may damage electronic components slightly and it could be days or weeks before your ram chip, hard drive or logic board fails. If the electronics in multiple home appliances fail within weeks of a lightning storm, I'd definitely suspect lightning damage.

Surge-Protection Equipment

All surge-protection equipment requires a properly grounded electrical system in order to function properly. Older ungrounded systems may not work properly so read and understand the manufacturer's requirements and be sure that your installer is well qualified to perform the work.

Whole house surge-protection systems are available that, properly installed, will provide the best protection. They cost $300 to more than $1000 (plus installation costs) and may include $10,000-$20,000 of insurance protection. The best systems have protection for power, telephone and cable lines.

Individual surge-suppressor receptacles ($30-$40 plus installation) will provide protection for equipment plugged into them.

Uninterruptible Power Supplies (UPS) often incorporate surge suppression for power and telephone lines and many include insurance coverage. •

Lightning Facts

The average lightning bolt is 5-10 miles long.

Lightning can easily travel 40 miles horizontally before turning to the earth.

Florida receives the most lightning strikes in the US, Hawaii the least, Texas is high on the list.

Recommendations

When storm conditions exist, disconnect your computer equipment from all incoming power, telephone and cable lines.

Have an off-site back-up of all your important data.

Heavily insure everything in your home or business from lightning damage.

Properly install the best quality surge-protection equipment you can afford.

Move everything to Hawaii.

Steve Jobs to Kick Off Apple's Worldwide Developers Conference 2004 with Preview of Mac OS X "Tiger"

Cupertino, California— May 4, 2004

Apple Unveils New Power Mac G5 Line

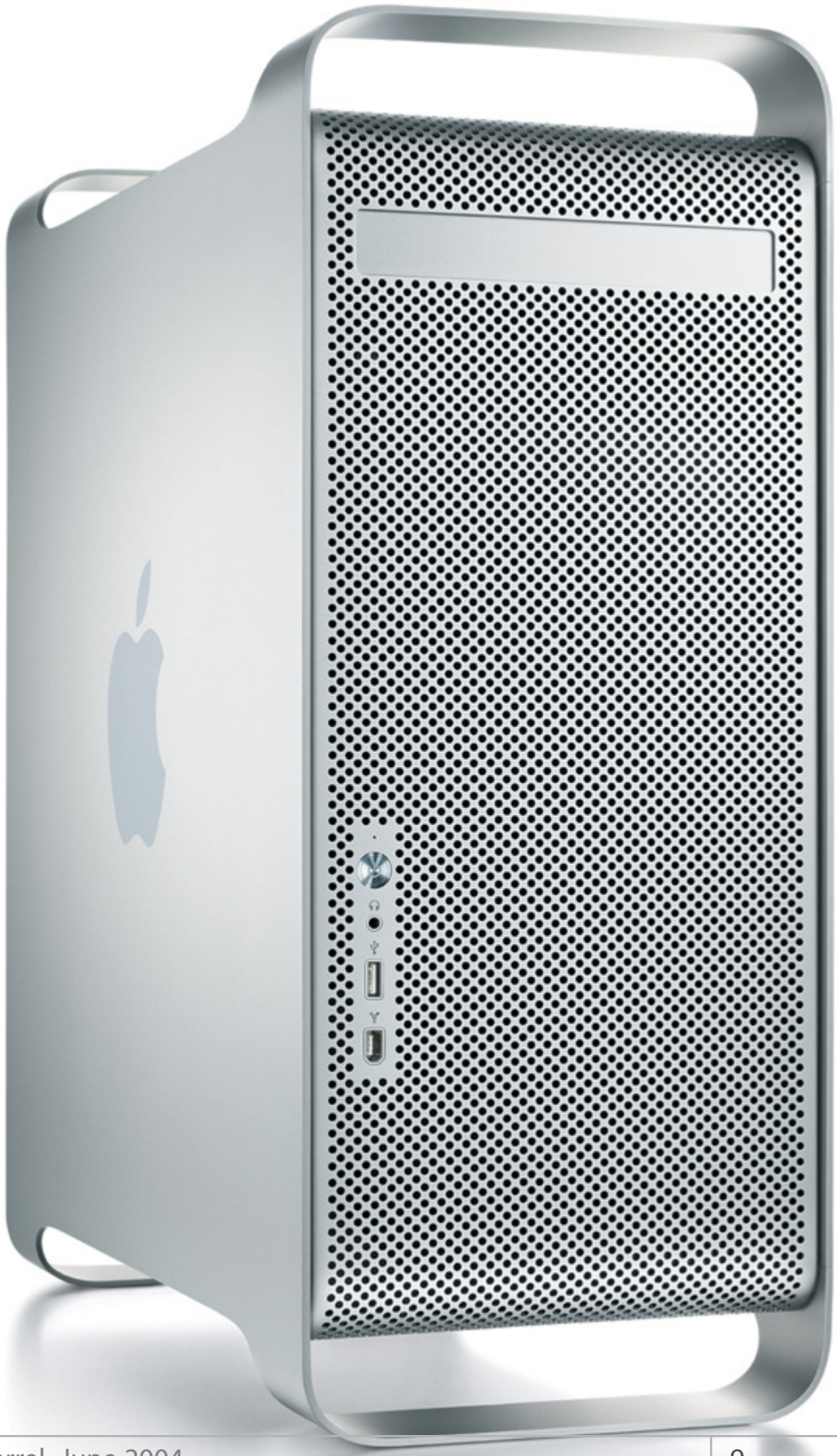
Apple [has] unveiled its new Power Mac G5 desktop line with every model featuring dual 64-bit PowerPC G5 processors. The top model, featuring two 2.5 GHz processors, the industry's fastest front-side bus running at 1.25 GHz per processor, and advanced liquid cooling starts at $2,999. The entry model, featuring dual 1.8 GHz processors, starts at just $1,999.

Apple [has] announced that Steve Jobs will kick off its Worldwide Developers Conference (WWDC) with a keynote on Monday, June 28, 2004, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at San Francisco's Moscone West. This year's keynote will include a preview of "Tiger," the next major release of Mac OS X.

The five-day event, which runs from June 28 to July 2, will host close to 200 technical sessions with new content designed to serve a wide range of Mac developers, including an in-depth look at the latest Mac OS X technologies, hands-on labs with the latest Mac systems, expanded tracks on Enterprise IT and a dedicated track for QuickTime developers and content creators.

Other activities at Apple's WWDC 2004 include:

- an in-depth look at Mac OS X technologies, from its open source foundation to innovative application frameworks, next generation development tools and its industry leading graphics and imaging capabilities. WWDC is the place to learn why Mac OS X is fueling the innovation of both the desktop and server market;
- an expanded Enterprise IT track specifically designed to help enterprise developers, system administrators and IT managers understand the core technologies that will be delivered in Tiger and fully leverage them in their environments;
- an enhanced QuickTime and Digital Media track for developers and content creators looking to explore the latest in multimedia for mobile devices with 3GPP, best practices for content delivery with QuickTime Streaming Server, and new tools and techniques for creating and delivering exceptional digital media content;
- expanded hands-on labs with the latest Mac systems, where developers can port and test their code and get technical assistance from the Apple engineers directly responsible for the technologies;
- comprehensive sessions providing a roadmap and technical details on Application Technologies, Development Tools, Graphics and Media, Hardware and OS Foundations; and
- special events and activities such as the Pre-Conference Workshops, Apple Design Awards, Apple Campus Bash, WWDC Exhibit Fair and Special Interest Groups. •



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June SIG Topics

General Meeting—Saturday, June 19th, 2004

Drop by the boutique to get your HAAUG gear. Win an extra drawing ticket if you are wearing HAAUG gear.

Not at a Meeting? Go to www.haaug.org and click on the Boutique button to see all the offerings from CafePress.

Mac 101
Prerequisite, owning a Mac or Mac clone: this one hour SIG is for beginners or those with basic Macintosh questions.

Geek Forum — Joe Muscara
Involved in high end Mac stuff? Here is a place to kick ideas and problems around with other high-end users. For links and information, please visits the Geek Stuff forum.

Green Apple
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.

OS X — Rex Covington
Panther Fundamentals: Understanding Multiple Users, Accessing Your Account Information, Creating a New User, Simplifying Your Mac for Novice Users, Configuring Your Mac for Special Needs Users, Switching Between Users, Sharing Files Among Users, Understanding File Permissions

Photoshop
1. Fill, Stroke, and Color
2. Painting Tools
3. The Brushes Pallet
4. The Edit Tools.

Macintosh Fundamentals — Jonathan Magnus
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.

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

	9:00am	10:00am	10:45am
Room One	Green Apple	OSX	
Room Two	Geek Forum	Photoshop	
Room Three	Mac 101	Mac Fundamentals	
Room Four	Open	Open	New Member Orientation

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

iPod — Rick Roberts
Rick is back with more talk on the Apple iPod. Join in and help design the SIG

InDesign — Philip Booth
We will start exploring InDesign CS's work space and the user interface,. We will also cover some of the differences between InDesign and PageMaker.

Mac Games and Utilities — Robert Lewis
This Month we will look at how to care for your Mac. During this time we will look at the Latest versions of DiskWarrior, Norton's SystemWorks 3.0.1, TechTools 4, and Drive 10. In addition, we will look at what I consider the top shareware utilities available on the web. Time permitting, I will also do a demonstration of Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King by Aspyr Software. Door prizes at the end of the SIG.

Brain Upgrade — Doug Smith
HAAUG VP Doug will demonstrate how to install a processor upgrade in his computer.

Mac One-on-One — Volunteers as available
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.

Mobile Computing — Joe Kudrna
Topic to be announced.

Please look for the numbers designating the areas that the SIGs will meet

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

11:15am	12:30pm	1:45pm	
Main Presentation	Mac Games and Utilities		Room One
Open	InDesign	Mobile Computing	Room Two
Open	iPod	Open	Room Three
Open	Brain Upgrade	Open	Room Four

Minutes

Of the HAAUG Board of Director's Meeting—May 4, 2004

ATTENDEES
David Jaschke, Doug Smith (e), Joe Kudrna (e), Clair Jaschke, Barbara Long, Mike Epstein, Christina Huston, Rick Roberts, Joe Fournet, James Warren, David Crook, Philip Booth, Amy Denton, Casey Sivula, Rex Covington.

Call to Order: 6:40 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
David Jaschke announced that the new agenda order would be followed in order to speed up the meeting.

He also announced that he would be using a bell instead of the timer like last month.

REPORTS

Secretary: Clair Jaschke
Clair presented the April Board minutes, which were approved without amendment.

1st Vice President: Doug Smith

May	FileMaker Pro	Rex Covington
June	Microsoft Office 2004®	Gary Wilson
July	Swap Meet	
August	4D Software®	?????
September	DealMac®	Dan de Grandpre
October	Available	
November	Available	
December	Available	
January	Swap Meet	
February	State of Mac	Bob LeVitus

Rex noted that Corel wants to show Paint in May. Phil will set up a SuperSIG.

2nd Vice President: Joe Kudrna
Phil read the following from Joe's report.

May	MicroCenter
June	MicroCenter (Rice is backup)
July	University of Houston
January	Bellaire Civic Center, $50 deposit needed

Treasurer: Barbara Long
Barbara reported that the report is ready to be printed and put in PDF format.
She reported the bank balance is $15,114.43 with $874.75 net profit. All deposits have been made and all bills paid. We have paid $678 to our attorney so far.

Boutique Manager: Barbara Long (acting)
Sales for April: $45. Sales for MacFest: $45. MacFest items can now be bought from the Boutique store on the HAAUG website. There will be an ad in the Apple Barrel. There are only a few caps and digital robots left but no money to reorder them.

Membership: Morton Butler
Rex reported the database reconstruction goal has moved from May 15 to June 15. Only automation is left to be done; all membership data is up-to-date. Membership cards, letters, etc., are to be sent out this weekend for the first time this year.
Barbara reported that there are 488 total active members.

Apple Barrel Editor: David Crook
David Crook reported that he and his wife have started their own business (nursery/landscaping) so he is really busy.

Headlines for the May Apple Barrel may include:
• Microsoft coming in June
• Board minutes
• Book review from Rick Roberts
• Article on MacFest from Phil Booth

David wants to be replaced as Apple Barrel Editor. Until he is replaced, he will work with Phil's new InDesign SIG to design the Apple Barrel. Since Adobe does not provide group rates, maybe the Board will buy a copy of InDesign for the new editor. Rex said he would see if he can get a free copy since InDesign costs $270.

Apple Barrel Ad Manager: Steve Jolly
Steve was not present and had no report.
Doug reported that the Houston Sign Company wants to place an ad in the Apple Barrel; Doug will send David Crook the business card size ad.

There was additional discussion on the Apple Barrel regarding the following points.
• More contents, less ads and filler; MUG Center has articles that can be used.
• Borrowed pigs: Correspondence with owner of pigs should be submitted to Board to have on record
• Only one submission on banner contest.
• Emphasis on May 15 as next meeting date due to error in Dr. Mac column

SIG Coordinator: Philip Booth
Phil reported that he would have the SIG sheets to David Crook by Friday or Saturday. We need SIGs. Phil may do an InDesign SIG. Sean Grigg may start an Office SIG. Phil hasn't heard from Robert Lewis and may put the Games and Utilities SIGs on hold. Rick Roberts may do an iPod SIG at the Saturday meeting; there is already an evening iPod SIG.

HAAUG Heaven Sysops: Robert Lacey
Robert was not present. Rex reported that Robert and Joe Muscara are working on the HAAUG Heaven forums. They should be done by the end of May.

HAAUGNet Sysops: Jeff Davis
Jeff was not present. Rex reported that there would be an ad in the Apple Barrel. All forums are set up for DSL. The subscription rate for DSL would be up to $47. There are several new dial-up users. He does not have an accurate count of HAAUGNet members (approx. 15 to 17) since this part of the membership database has not been set up yet.

Publicity: Christina Huston
Christina reported that she sent out press releases for MacFest. The User Group Report Internet Show wants a HAAUG representative to talk about MacFest. She gave handouts to the Apple Store, especially for MacFest. Fry's has a new sales manager who wants to come to our meetings. The suggestion was made for HAAUG to join technical associations; they would not necessarily have to be computer organizations. This would be pricey, but would be useful for networking with high technology organizations.

Vision Committee: Joe Fournet
Joe suggested that there should be one person who's responsible for coordinating meeting locations. He hasn't seen any MacFest or HAAUG publicity. He said we need to build up membership to include Mac users who do not know about HAAUG and that we should have more interesting presentations to draw attendance. He suggested we negotiate less expensive contract w/IAPC or look into other providers. David Jaschke noted that Jeff is renegotiating our contract with IAPC, especially the DSL service. Board members made several other suggestions.

The next Vision committee is the Tuesday after the General Meeting.

Volunteer Coordinator: Casey Sivula
Casey had no report as we are between events. Rex commended Casey on a great job of getting volunteers for MacFest and for the monthly set-up of the General Meetings.

Mentor: Amy Denton
Amy reported she had no calls this month and she forwarded one e-mail. She wants to get a list of volunteer experts at the next meeting.

HAAUG Hotline: Rex Covington
Rex reported that the HAAUG Hotline is still on his cell phone. He is working on the new software system and hopes to have it done by the end of the month. Most of the non-junk calls are made close to General Meeting time.

Webmaster: Rex Covington
Rex reported the HAAUG website is up-to-date and running well. It has not been down over 6 months and has been updated on time for the last 3 months.
Rex said he sent an e-mail on website ads to Club Business and will try to keep the report up-to-date.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
MacFest 2004 Committee: Phil Booth (Rex Covington, Barbara Long, Casey Sivula
Phil reported that this month he does not have the number of those who attended the MacFest. He gave a big "thank you" to all of the committee members and others who helped put the MacFest together. Rex suggested that the 2005 committee get started right away; Phil said he wanted to have a post-mortem meeting on the 2004 MacFest before starting on 2005 MacFest. Barbara reported the attendance as 68 sold tickets + 16 comp tickets for a total of 84 attendees; only one prepaid ticket holder did not attend. There were 45 lunches sold for a cost of $614.25. Total expenses were $1,343.88 including lunch; total income was $2497.00 including sponsors; Kagi's percentage for online ticket sales was $30; total net income was $1,123.12.

Relocation Committee: Joe Kudrna (Rex Covington, David Crook)
David Crook reported that the committee did not meet this month. Joe Kudrna visited a couple of places. Rex is working with Time Warner Roadrunner to put Internet service in for us at MicroCenter.

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 had nothing to report this month. Several members noticed that haaug.net (Randy's site) is back up.

HAAUG By-Laws Committee: David Jaschke (Rex Covington, Clair Jaschke, David Crook, Amy Denton, David Scheuer, Barbara Long)
No report

OLD BUSINESS:
Insurance Policy: Doug Smith
Doug reported that the insurance policy is in the quotation stage

Place for Board Documents
Rex said he and Jeff set this up today and will send out e-mail with instructions.

NEW BUSINESS:
Chair and Tables for MicroCenter May 15. Up to $275 was approved.

Brochures and postcards (MicroCenter, Fry's, Apple Store): Jeff has the template. Up to $300 was approved to have brochures and postcards printed.

Comments on new agenda: Submitting reports early is speeding up the meeting since the person submitting the report needs less time for his/her presentation.

Joe Fournet suggested we have a meeting place coordinator for all of our various meetings. David Jaschke want Joe Kudrna present at a Board meeting to discuss this topic.

Adjourned: 8:29 A.M.

NOTE
Any board or committee reports not listed in these notes were not presented or discussed.

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Volunteers Needed

The Saturday, June 19th meeting at the MicroCenter offers another opportunity for "Members Helping Members."

We WELCOME volunteers for our new "Welcome Table." If you have a friendly smile and a willingness to help out other HAAUG members and guests, be sure to stop by our Welcome Table and check in with Casey. Volunteers are gathering as early as 8:00 a.m. at the MicroCenter.

Casey Sivula, Volunteer Coordinator