Apple Barrel

The Journal of the Houston Area Apple User Group

July 2004

WWDC Recap
page 2

Hot News
page 3

Software Update
page 5

überGeek
page 7

iPod Your BMW
page 8

Classifieds
page 10

Pro/Enterprise
page 12

Minutes
page 14

Upcoming Events
page 16

HAAUG's Semi-Annual Swap Meet

Saturday, July 17th, 2004
9:00am – 3:00pm

Yes, it's time again to clean out your closet
and sell that Mac stuff everybody else wants.

Members in good standing get a FREE table!
Extra member and dealer tables are $50. Electricity is $5 extra.

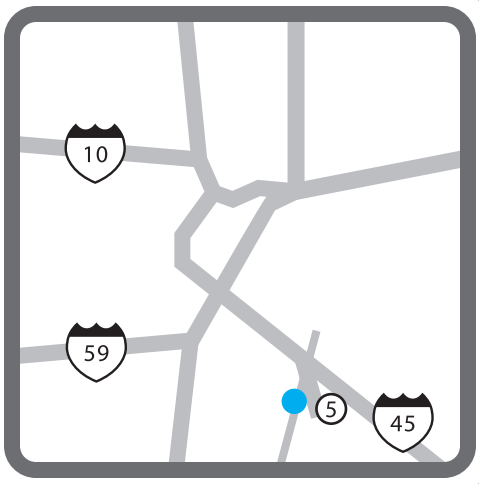
To reserve your table, visit www.haaug.org

Meeting Location

Please join us for this month's swap meet at:

Hilton–U of H
4800 Calhoun Street
Houston, Texas
77204-3028

(713) 741-2447



HOUSTON AREA APPLE USERS GROUP

P. O. Box 570957
Houston, Texas 77257-0957

WWDC Recap

By Micah Gartman, Apple Barrel Editor

Apple Barrel
is a monthly publication of the
HOUSTON AREA APPLE
USERS' GROUP (HAAUG),
P.O. Box 570957
Houston, Texas 77257-0957.

Apple Barrel's editors have a policy to protect the creative rights of authors. The Editors acknowledge that authors' works are copyrighted and intend to honor those copyrights by: 1) this statement of policy, 2) providing, when considered significant, copies of edited text to the author for review prior to publication, 3) seeking permission to reprint previously published pieces from the author whenever possible, and 4) printing acknowledgment of reprints used.

If you are interested in joining HAAUG, please call the HAAUG Hotline at (713) 522-2179 or sign up via our web site http://www.haaug.org. Annual membership is $45 for new members, $40 for renewing members, $20 for student members and $20 for associate members (out-of-state members who receive the Apple Barrel through e-mail only). The Hotline is also the Mentor line if you need help. Guests are welcome to attend one or two meetings to get acquainted with HAAUG, but participation in certain presentations and activities may be limited. HAAUG is an independent support group of Apple product users and is not affiliated with Apple Computer, Inc.

The following are trademarks of Apple Computer, Inc., Apple, Apple II, Apple IIGS, eMac, Macintosh, iMac, iBook, PowerBook, ImageWriter, LaserWriter and the Apple Logo. All other brand names mentioned are registered trademarks or trademarks of their respective holders, and are hereby acknowledged.

Apple Unveils 30" Cinema HD Flat Display

"Our gorgeous new 30-inch Cinema Display is the largest desktop canvas ever created, and you can even run two of them side-by-side to get 8 million jaw-dropping pixels," said Steve Jobs, Apple's CEO. "Apple's Cinema Displays have always set the bar for the industry's highest quality displays, and our new 30-inch display is a giant leap forward for our pro customers." [read more...]

Apple Previews Mac OS X "Tiger"

"With OS X Apple has become, once again, the industry innovator in operating systems and Tiger will further widen the gap," said Steve Jobs, Apple's CEO. "Others are now following OS X's taillights, and Tiger will make it even harder for them to ever catch up." [read more...]

Apple Previews Xcode 2 with New Features & Enhanced Performance

"Since its launch 12 months ago, Xcode has been a hit with the Mac OS X developer community," said Philip Schiller, Apple's senior vice president of Worldwide Product Marketing. "We are pleased to continue to advance these great tools so that our developers can build a new generation of great Mac OS X applications." [read more...]

Anyone interested in learning how to use the

HAAUG Heaven Forums

should check out the demonstration at the Swap Meet this month.

Jeff Davis, Joe Muscara and Robert Lacey will be available to show you how to use the Forums and to answer your questions.

Hot News

Important information for the discerning Mac user

Apple Launches iTunes Music Store in the UK, France & Germany

London, England—June 15, 2004

Apple [has] launched its revolutionary iTunes Music Store in the UK, France and Germany giving music fans there the same large online catalogue, a la carte pricing, free previews, one-click purchasing and downloading, and ground-breaking personal use rights that have made iTunes the number one online music service in the world. With Apple's legendary ease of use, pioneering features such as iMix playlist sharing, and breakthrough pricing of just €0.99 and £0.79, the iTunes Music Store is the best way for Mac and PC users in the UK, France and Germany to legally discover, purchase and download music online. Apple also today announced that it will launch a European Union version of the iTunes Music Store in October of this year.

"The number one online music store in the world has finally come to the UK, France and Germany," said Steve Jobs, Apple's CEO. "With a huge catalogue of over 700,000 songs, breakthrough prices of just €0.99 and £0.79 per song and seamless integration with Apple's wildly popular iPod, we think this is the digital music store that Europe has been waiting for."

The iTunes Music Store in the UK, France and Germany all feature over 700,000 songs from all five major music companies and dozens of independent record labels, including exclusive tracks from leading worldwide artists, including songs from Anastasia, Ash, The Beastie Boys, Beginner, Black Eyed Peas, The Corrs, Jamie Cullum, The Cure, The Darkness, Arielle Dombasle, Bebel Gilberto, Herbert Groenemeyer, PJ Harvey, The Hives, Indochine, Norah Jones, Keane, Bob Marley, George Michael, Eddy Mitchell, Moby, Pascal Obispo, The Pixies, Rosenstolz, Seeed, Snow Patrol and Mano Solo. The iTunes Music Store will be releasing its first ever iTunes Originals in-studio series featuring an exclusive recording session and interview clips with Alanis Morissette.

"I am the type of artist who wants to reach a lot of people, and the iTunes Music Store is the best way in the world to do that," said Grammy-award winning singer/songwriter Alicia Keys. "With iTunes, Apple has taken music distribution and promotion to a new level that can be embraced by fans and artists alike."

Offering the same groundbreaking personal use rights as in the US, the iTunes Music Store in the UK, France and Germany gives users the ability to play songs on

iTunes for Mac and Windows includes the iTunes Music Store and is available as a free download immediately from www.apple.com/uk/itunes, www.apple.com/fr/itunes and www.apple.com/de/itunes. Purchase and download of songs from the iTunes Music Store for Mac or Windows requires a valid credit card with a British, French or German billing address. The iTunes Music Store works with the British Pound in the UK and the Euro in France and Germany.

"The number one online music store in the world has finally come to the UK, France and Germany," said Steve Jobs, Apple's CEO. "With a huge catalogue of over 700,000 songs, breakthrough prices of just €0.99 and £0.79 per song and seamless integration with Apple's wildly popular iPod, we think this is the digital music store that Europe has been waiting for."

up to five personal computers, burn a single song onto CDs an unlimited number of times, burn the same playlist up to seven times and listen to their music on an unlimited number of iPods. The iTunes Music Store in the UK, France and Germany offers Mac and PC users the same innovative features including:

- "iMix," an innovative way for users to publish playlists of their favourite songs on the iTunes Music Store for other users to preview, rate and purchase. iMix creates a virtual iTunes community, enabling users to discover new music recommended by fellow music fans and rate the iMixes published by other iTunes users;
- "Party Shuffle," a playlist that automatically chooses songs from a user's music library, displays just-played and upcoming songs, and allows users to easily add, delete and rearrange upcoming songs on the fly. Party Shuffle is the ultimate DJ at any gathering and a great way for users to get reacquainted with their personal music library;
- More than 5,000 audiobooks which can be purchased with one click and listened to on any Mac or Windows computer as well as on iPods. iTunes is the only digital music jukebox that allows users to seamlessly purchase audiobooks in the same easy way that they purchase music;
- Instant registration on the iTunes Music Store for AOL Europe customers using their existing screen names and passwords with direct links to buy songs from the iTunes Music Store in the UK, France and Germany. Exclusive recordings from Sessions@AOL and AOL's Broadband Rocks will be available on the iTunes Music Store in the UK, France and Germany later this month;
- The ability to create and print stunning CD jewel case inserts for albums or compilation discs, combining album art and track lists using professionally designed templates. For compilation CDs, iTunes will automatically generate a mosaic of album covers based on the chosen songs; and
- Automatic WMA to AAC conversion, enabling Windows users to automatically create iTunes versions of their songs encoded in unprotected WMA. Converting an entire music library into iTunes and syncing it onto iPod is now a snap.

Pricing & Availability

iTunes for Mac and Windows includes the iTunes Music Store and is available as a free download immediately from www.apple.com/uk/itunes, www.apple.com/fr/itunes and www.apple.com/de/itunes. Purchase and download of songs from the iTunes Music Store for Mac or Windows requires a valid credit card with a British, French or German billing address. The iTunes Music Store works with the British Pound in the UK and the Euro in France and Germany. •

Software Update

The lastest software releases from Apple Computer

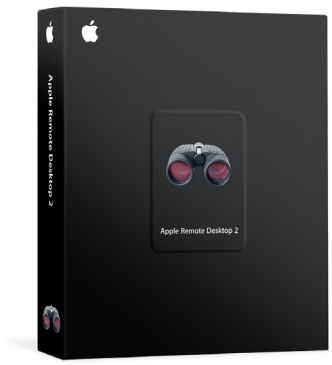
Apple Introduces Apple Remote Desktop 2

Cupertino, California—June 21, 2004

Apple [has] announced Apple Remote Desktop 2, the second generation of Apple's asset management, software distribution and help desk support software. Along with dramatic improvements in screen sharing performance, Apple Remote Desktop 2 includes more than 50 new features for centrally managing Mac OS X systems.

"With Apple Remote Desktop 2, we've delivered a powerful suite of IT management tools that includes high-performance, real-time screen sharing," said Philip Schiller, Apple's senior vice president of Worldwide Product Marketing. "Apple Remote Desktop 2 is essential for anyone managing a group of Macs."

Apple Remote Desktop 2 can perform a wide range of desktop management tasks such as installing operating system and application software, running hardware and software inventory reports and executing commands on one or more remote Mac OS X systems on the network. Remote software installation tools allow IT professionals to install single or multiple software packages immediately or at specific dates and times. Comprehensive hardware and software reports based on more than 200 system information attributes allow



Built-in real-time screen sharing enables help desk professionals to provide online assistance by observing and controlling the desktops of any remote Mac or Virtual Network Computing (VNC)-enabled computer, including Windows and Linux systems.

"With Apple Remote Desktop 2, we've delivered a powerful suite of IT management tools that includes high-performance, real-time screen sharing," said Philip Schiller, Apple's senior vice president of Worldwide Product Marketing. "Apple Remote Desktop 2 is essential for anyone managing a group of Macs."

administrators to keep track of their Mac OS X systems. In addition, built-in real-time screen sharing enables help desk professionals to provide online assistance by observing and controlling the desktops of any remote Mac or Virtual Network Computing (VNC)-enabled computer, including Windows and Linux systems.

Apple Remote Desktop 2 also includes:

- Task lists to provide an at-a-glance view of the status of running, queued and completed tasks. Tasks can be saved and used later with new parameters;
- Remote shell scripts that make it easy to run UNIX scripts or UNIX commands simultaneously on multiple Mac OS X systems. Apple Remote Desktop 2 includes new command-line tools for setting network, energy saver and date and time system preferences;
- Remote Control to perform common Mac OS X functions such as opening files and applications, emptying trash, logging out and locking the screen simultaneously on multiple Mac OS X systems;
- Network Scanners to simplify the discovery of Mac OS X systems on the network. Administrators can now quickly search for computers using Rendezvous, by specifying a range of network addresses or by importing a list of machines from a text file;
- Offline Reporting that lets administrators include mobile systems in hardware and software inventory reports even when not connected to the network;
- User Access Mode which allows administrators to delegate a subset of Apple Remote Desktop tasks to standard (non-admin) users; and
- Remote Boot Disk Selection to set the local startup disk or specify a network startup disk when used in conjunction with the NetBoot and Network Installation features built into Mac OS X Server.

überGeek

Hi-tech news for the Mac OS X Power User

H.264 Video Codec Adopted for Next Generation DVDs

Cupertino, California—June 23, 2004

Apple [has] announced that the DVD Forum has ratified the H.264 Advanced Video Codec (AVC) to be included in the next generation High Definition (HD) DVD format. The H.264/AVC codec was jointly developed by the Moving Picture Experts Group (MPEG) and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and has been ratified into the MPEG-4 specification as the next-generation video codec. H.264/AVC is based on open standards and will ship in Apple's QuickTime software in an upcoming release next year.

H.264/AVC is an extremely scalable video codec, delivering excellent quality across the entire bandwidth spectrum—from high definition television to video conferencing and 3G mobile multimedia. As shown in a preview at the National Association of Broadcasters convention in April, video encoded at full high definition resolution (1920x1080 24p) was played back between 6.8 and 8 Mbps on a dual-processor Power Mac G5 delivering full HD quality at up to half the data rate of MPEG-2.

As the platform of choice for content creators worldwide, QuickTime delivers the full media experience for thousands of unique software titles, enhanced music CDs and hundreds of digital camera models. More than 250 million copies of QuickTime 6 have been downloaded in less than two years since its release. According to Frost & Sullivan's 2004 Global Media Streaming Platform Report, between 2002 and 2003 Microsoft's and Real Networks' worldwide market share percentages were either stable or declining while QuickTime's market share increased to 36.8 percent, a close second to Microsoft. Real Networks came in third place with less than 25 percent of the worldwide streaming market share. QuickTime 6.5, which also includes enhanced support for 3rd Generation Partnership Project (3GPP) and 3GPP2 mobile networks, is available as a free download for Mac and Windows users at www.apple.com/quicktime. •

"Apple is firmly behind H.264 because it delivers superb quality digital video and is based on open standards that no single company controls," said Philip Schiller, Apple's senior vice president of Worldwide Product Marketing. "QuickTime 6 has already topped 250 million downloads, making it one of the most successful media standards ever, and we will be adding support for H.264 to QuickTime next year."

iPod Your BMW

Apple & BMW Unveil the First Seamless Integration of iPod and Car Audio System

Cupertino, California and Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey—June 21, 2004

"One of the next frontiers for a seamless digital music experience is the car," said Steve Jobs, Apple's CEO. "We all spend a lot of time driving, and now this elegant solution lets iPod users enjoy their entire music collection in their BMW or MINI."

Apple and BMW Group [have] announced the BMW iPod Adapter, the first seamless integration between iPod and a car audio system. The new system developed by Apple and BMW enables drivers to seamlessly use their iPod in BMW's 3 Series, Z4 Roadster, X3 and X5 Sports Activity Vehicles and MINI Cooper by simply plugging their iPod into a cable located in the car's glove compartment. With the iPod safely located in the glove compartment and powered by the car's battery, drivers can now enjoy high fidelity sound through their car's stereo system and control their iPod using the standard buttons on their BMW or MINI steering wheel.

"One of the next frontiers for a seamless digital music experience is the car," said Steve Jobs, Apple's CEO. "We all spend a lot of time driving, and now this elegant solution lets iPod users enjoy their entire music collection in their BMW or MINI."

"With Apple, we're bringing the ultimate digital music experience to our customers," said Tom Purves, Chairman and CEO, BMW of North America. "The BMW iPod Adapter provides our drivers with virtually endless miles of music without their hands ever leaving the steering wheel."

The seamless integration of iPod makes it effortless for drivers to control their music through their existing audio system and the multifunction steering wheel. The BMW iPod Adapter enables drivers to easily access their entire music library, shuffle songs, skip between tracks and adjust volume—all of this with no loss of sound quality or driving control. Drivers can also create up to five unique "BMW playlists" to listen to while on the road enabling them to enjoy their favorite songs at the touch of a button. The BMW iPod Adapter integrates Apple's iPod and iPod mini through a direct connection in the glovebox, providing outstanding sound quality and constant power to the iPod.

The rollout is being supported with a dedicated website www.ipodyourbmw.com, for customers to learn more about this groundbreaking marriage of music and car, as well as a marketing campaign that includes print, outdoor, online and television advertising. •

"With Apple, we're bringing the ultimate digital music experience to our customers," said Tom Purves, Chairman and CEO, BMW of North America. "The BMW iPod Adapter provides our drivers with virtually endless miles of music without their hands ever leaving the steering wheel."

Classifieds

Products and support for the Macintosh community

New HAAUG Members

Bob Arnett
Michael Austin
Robert Baldwin
Ron Beard
Neil C Bland
Berry Bowen
Dorothy Z Bowman
Ron A Brownlee
Michele Carte
Thomas Wilson Childers
Margot Curtis
Kent Drummond
Winthrop A. Eastman
John Egan-Wyer
Chris P Galeziewski
Gary Gartsman
Virginia Goldman
Cindy Gresham
John E. Grey
George A Gruber
Michael W Haley
James M Hancock, Jr.
Jim Higgins
Bob Holstein
Todd Horst
Dinah Y Hoxie
Walter (Prentiss) Jensen
Pat Johnson
Robert Jordin
Ellen King
Paul Kloesel
Kellie A Lahey
Leonard Leon
Tamara Sasha Lewis
Cynthia Macdonald
Jim Mahon
Carol Mann
Roy R Marrero Jr.
Terry Marriott
Terry Marriott
Joe Martinez
J.J. Jim McKinley
Beth McKinney
Reeta T Mehta
Allan Meltzer
Ron Miller
David S Miller
Rosalie F Milton
Harry M Moore
Jill M Moore
Robert J Muise
Elva Y Nelson
Long P Nguyen
Randy Ortwein
Ed Pepper
J.F."Pete" Peters
Robert W Pruit
Shirley P Rabke
Shirley P Rabke
Mark Robin
James Rose
Leon Sandberg
Nancy Severance
Henry M. Shanoff
Jeanette Siciliano
Cameron Simmons
Don Sims
Gary Skakun
Danny J Sparks
Alice Sweeney-Herd
Patricia Tillman
Louise L. Trotter
Bill Walterman
Peggy R Weiser
Elaine C Williamson
Gary Willson
Joe Wimmer
Randy Zercher

MAC FIRST AID
COMPUTER SERVICES

Specializing in Apple Computers

- On-site Service
- Repairs
- Consulting
- Very Reasonable Rates
- Special Discount Rate for HAAUG Members

Serving the Houston Area for 15 Years
(281) 537-2842

Butler Computer

Apple Product Professional
Providing Support & Training

Mort Butler
mort@pdq.net
Office (281) 890-9330
Cell (281) 650-6080

DYNAMIC DIGITAL DESIGNS
Database • Network
Rex Covington
FileMaker Solutions Alliance Partner
281-300-4788
Mac Support

Toner & Inkjet
Cartridges
FREE delivery on orders $40 or more

Printer Repairs
Fast & Affordable
Bring your printer to us & save!

LaserInk

1311 Willard, Suite 1 Houston, TX 77006 (in Montrose)
713.522.4546
WEB www.laserinktx.com **HOURS** M–F 8:30am–5:30pm

Need help? Ask the experts.

Consulting • Database Development
Web Design and Development • Internet Hosting

MAC EXPERTS

www.macexperts.net (281) 788-5333

HOUSTON SIGN COMPANY

Sign • Banners • Vehicle Graphics

Digital Printing• Screen Printing

Come to us for all you signage needs

Quality & Service Since 1946

Phone 713.662.3123

www.houstonsign.com

Eclipse Productions

(713) 665-5261

media communications association international

All Covered®

Managing technology, serving business™

713-355-7200

www.allcovered.com

Renewing HAAUG Members

Paul Aldrich
Bob Beeley
Zack Bigner
Edward Bodor
Charles Bovee, Jr.
Leslie W Boyer
Stephen G Brown
Gerald Buc
Frances O. Burford
Childers Burt Cohen
John Crawford
Gerry Del Junco
Gerald J Dodge
Jeffrey Dravis
Don C Edelman
Elizabeth English
Marian W Fleming
Lewis E Garrett
Micah Gartman
W Fenton Guinee
Ann Halsell
Kathleen Helm
Thomas V Jenkins
Sean Johnston
Steve Jolly
Steven Kane
Joann Kearns
Charles Kelso Jr
Cathy Kent
Ray Kirk
Robert Lacey
Raul Lede
Eldon Libby
Lois McCall
Charles G McCarthy
Rod McCullough
Frank & Patricia McGhee, Jr.
Jim D Oliver
Kennth Oliver
Peter Pickett
Ben Pinkerton
Richard Pipkin
Alan Presley
S. Harold Reuter, M.D.
Richard D Roberts
Virginia Roeder
Jill Rowlands
William Ryan, Jr
Leon Sandberg
David Scheuer
Bruce Senior
Larry Sims
Gem Smith
Leslie Smith
Lee Smith-Moir
Ben Smusz
John Snow
Dreux Ste. Marie
Evelyn Stewart
Nancy van Morkhoven
Brian Ward
Hy Warshaw
Chris Welsh
Henry C Wichman
Alan R Wolf

Apple Sells 1566 Xserves For U.S. Army Research

By Jim Dairymple—June 21, 2004

Apple [has announced] the sale of 1566 dual processor 1U rack-mount 64-bit Xserve G5 servers to COLSA Corp., which will be used to build what is expected to be one of the fastest supercomputers in the world. The US$5.8 million cluster will be used to model the complex aero-thermodynamics of hypersonic flight for the U.S. Army.

"We did about a year and a half of research on a variety of processors before making our decision," Dr Anthony DiRienzo, executive vice president at COLSA Corp., told MacCentral. "We did a best value competition and Apple won that competition. It was based on performance; the facility (power requirements, floor space etc.); cost; and an assessment of vendor stability. We solicited to six companies and they won."

The supercomputer, named MACH 5, is expected to deliver peak performance capability of more than 25 TFlops/second. In comparison, the Virginia Tech supercomputer announced last year attained sustained performance of approximately 10 TFlops/second, according to Apple director of product management, server hardware, Alex Grossman.

With those numbers, the MACH 5 would rank second only to Japan's $350 million Earth Simulator computer.

"We evaluated PC-based proposals from other vendors but none came close to delivering either the price, performance or manageability of the AppleXserve G5," said DiRienzo.

The Xserve G5 supercluster system is expected to be online and working for the Aviation and Missile Research, Development and Engineering Center (AMRDEC) division of the US Army Research and Development Command by late Fall.

Shortly, DiRienzo said they would take delivery of 300 Xserves a day, set them up in the racks and the next day begin the process again until all of the Xserves are installed and working. •

"We did about a year and a half of research on a variety of processors before making our decision," Dr Anthony DiRienzo, executive vice president at COLSA Corp., told MacCentral. "We did a best value competition and Apple won that competition. It was based on performance; the facility (power requirements, floor space etc.); cost; and an assessment of vendor stability. We solicited to six companies and they won."

Minutes

Of the HAAUG Board of Director's Meeting—June 8, 2004

ATTENDEES
David Jaschke, Doug Smith (iSight), Joe Kudrna, Clair Jaschke, Barbara Long, Mike Epstein, Rick Roberts, Steve Jolly, James Warren, Jeff Davis, Morton Butler, Micah Gartman, Robert Lacey, Philip Booth, Amy Denton, Casey Sivula, Rex Covington

Call to Order: 6:35 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
James Warren announced that he would not be at the July Board meeting.

REPORTS
Secretary: Clair Jaschke
Clair presented the May minutes, which were approved without amendment.

1st Vice President: Doug Smith

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

2nd Vice President: Joe Kudrna

June	MicroCenter
July	University of Houston, University Center, Houston Room Peter Gingiss needs a fax ASAP. The Cougar Den is the first alternative and the UH Hilton is the second alternative
January	Bellaire Civic Center Phil will try to use his deposit at the Bellaire Civic Center for our deposit to book the facility.

Joe should contact Barbara to get deposit checks on any facility. Joe Fournet suggested that Joe Kudrna should have an assistant to help facilitate booking locations for all meetings (general, SIG, and committee). Joe Kudrna liked the idea and will contact Casey to find a volunteer. All evening SIG information will be posted on the website tonight.

Treasurer: Barbara Long
Barbara reported that there is $14,527.03 in the bank. Net profit for the year is $1,368.54. All bills have been paid and all deposits made.

Boutique Manager: Barbara Long (acting)
Barbara reported that there was $60 in sales in May.

Membership: Morton Butler
Membership is still in design & control of Barbara Long & Rex Covington as they finish design of the database. Barbara reported that there are 510 members. So far, 333 letters, membership cards and renewals were sent out in May for the first time this year. Mort said he may rewrite the welcome letter a bit.

Apple Barrel Editor: Micah Gartman
Micah presented a hard copy of the Apple Barrel in a new format. Not all articles were in place but the Board was pleased with the new look. Barbara noted that she has just sent an advertisement rate sheet to the Board. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the placement of free ads in exchange for services. This included discussion of the size and circumstances of these ads and whether the Board can or should be consulted. A motion was made and passed by a majority of the Board members present: All exchange ads must be approved by the Board of Directors prior to publication. Also a note should accompany the exchange ad: This ad is placed in exchange for services. Please patronize this company. The Editor can include appropriate links in articles without Board approval. Links to other sites on the HAAUG website are not considered ads.

Apple Barrel Ad Manager: Steve Jolly
Apple Barrel Ads Accounting: Steve is still working on this subject and hopes to have a report next month. Barbara needs this information in order to properly account for and bill for the ads.

SIG Coordinator: Philip Booth
Phil reported that he will do an InDesign SIG after the main presentation. After that, this SIG will move to the evening SIGs. Doug will contact Phil about doing a SIG.

HAAUG Heaven Sysops: Robert Lacey
Robert reported that the HAAUG Heaven forums are up and running except for a site crash two weeks ago. The subject of training on how to use the HAAUG Heaven Forums was discussed. Training for Board members is tentatively scheduled for June 15 at 7:00 p.m. at Stag's Head Pub. Rex will e-mail out an announcement. There needs to be training for general membership at the Saturday meetings. Micah said the Apple Barrel could promote HAAUG Heaven Forums.

HAAUGNet Sysops: Jeff Davis
Jeff Davis reported that HAAUGNet is still functioning well. The committee is still putting together client information. Barbara said there are 20 clients; Jeff said there may be a few more. They will compare notes.

Publicity: Christina Huston
Christina reported that there has not been a lot of activity for Publicity this month. She did talk to the [Apple] Galleria store and to Fry's. She is working on a Publicity plan. It is made more difficult since our Saturday meeting place is not certain each month. She would also like to do a survey of members to see what is important to them. Christina also noted a number of places where we could advertise or put out the word about HAAUG.

Vision Committee: Joe Fournet
Joe Fournet was not present but submitted a report. His synopsis follows.
Members need to keep Board discussions short and on topic. More reliable meeting space needs to be found. Suggest redefining kind of facility we seek/need. Facilities committee should appoint a person to book all meeting places. Need better scheduling to avoid conflicts. Reach out to other complementary organizations that use computers to attract new members. Figure out what our membership is and what they want. Develop publicity plan for HAAUG. Need new editor for Apple Barrel ASAP. Greeters needed for general meeting. Need to resurrect and improve Mentors.

Volunteer Coordinator: Casey Sivula
Casey reported that she wants to add a "Welcome Table" at the next meeting. This table would have greeters and handouts, direct traffic, and conduct a different survey each month. Rex will make a sign for the table. Casey said she would be looking for volunteers for MacFest '05 and she will assist with the Swap Meet.

Mentor: Amy Denton
Amy reported she has had no mentoring requests. David Jaschke will write an article mentioning Mentoring for the Apple Barrel. Amy is building a specialists list.

HAAUG Hotline: Rex Covington
Rex reported that the Hotline is still forwarded to his phone line. He will start working on the phone answering system later this month.

Webmaster: Rex Covington
Rex reported that the website is up and running. It has not been down in over seven months and has been updated on time for the last four months. Please advise him if any changes are needed.

Apple II Librarian:Bruce Baker
David Jaschke has talked to Bruce Baker who reported that the Apple II Library is pretty much closed.

Mac Librarian: (open)
As former Librarian, Mort reported that the only activity of this library is to compose and burn New Member CDs. Rex said there were other options and will write up something.

Committee Reports
MacFest 2004 Committee: Phil Booth (Rex Covington, Barbara Long, Casey Sivula)
Phil reported the last meeting of the committee has been held. All but one prepaid ticket holder came to the MacFest despite the weather. The committee lost two presenters but juggled to cover. We needed better publicity. MacFest 2004 made a profit due to the low cost of the meeting place (Bellaire Civic Center).

Relocation Committee: Joe Kudrna (Rex Covington, Micah Gartman)
The committee reported that a more permanent site is needed. The committee did not meet in May. Joe K. is still talking to Rice about the parking policy.

HAAUG Litigation Committee: David Jaschke (Amy Denton, Barbara Long, Bruce Baker, Clair Jaschke, Micah Gartman, David Scheuer, Doug Smith, James Warren, Jeff Davis, Joe Fournet, Phil Booth, Rex Covington, Steve Jolly, Rick Roberts) David Jaschke reported that there have been no further conversations between HAAUG and the former HAAUG Heaven sysop. There

has also been no word from our lawyer and no response from the former sysop.

HAAUG By-Laws Committee: David Jaschke (Rex Covington, Clair Jaschke, Micah Gartman, Amy Denton, David Scheuer, Barbara Long)
There was no report.

OLD BUSINESS
Liability Insurance Policy: Doug Smith
Doug reported that the price for liability policy was $2,732.90 per year. This was the lowest price but is still too high. A motion was passed to reject this price and to keep shopping. The Board will consider a price between $1,000 and $2,000 per year. This item will be put in next year's budget.

Board Indemnity Insurance: Doug Smith
Doug reported a quote on this item is still pending.

Print Brochures and Postcards
Rex will ask George Sroka who has been printing our brochures and postcards. Jeff has not ordered brochures.

New Business
Appointments: Apple Barrel Editor
David Crook's resignation of last month was accepted. The Board appointed Micah Gartman as the new Editor.

Rent tables and chairs for 6/19 meeting at MicroCenter
Joe Kudrna has confirmed that MicroCenter is available for the June meeting. Extra chairs and tables will be needed. The Board approved up to $300 for the rental of the June tables and chairs.

Barcodes for membership badges
We will start putting barcodes on membership badges in July. We will start scanning badges in February for the raffle and to check attendance. We have a barcode printer but will need to buy a handheld scanner. A motion was approved to spend up to $300 for a scanner and any necessary accessories.

MacFest 2005 Committee: Phil Booth (Rex Covington, Barbara Long, Casey Sivula)
The committee has already starting working on MacFest 2005 so we can get some really big name presenters. Right now it looks to be the same cost as MacFest 2004. Date has been set for May 7, 2005 (first Saturday in May). Phil asked if the profits from 2004 could be designated for 2005; David Jaschke said no, as all monies go to the general budget but MacFest 2005 will be in the 2005 budget so separate monies are not necessary.

Volunteers for June 18
Casey will need volunteers on Friday, June 18, at 6:00 p.m. to help set up for the Saturday meeting. Supper will probably be at Pappa's Burgers

Posting Apple Barrel
Micah can post the June Apple Barrel on his website. He and Rex will swap links.

Internet at Bellaire Civic Center
We cannot get an Internet connection at the Bellaire Civic Center unless the cable modem we use is registered with the node.

Photo Contest
Casey reminded the Board about the digital photo contest. Houston Camera Exchange has agreed to judge the entries and will donate the grand prize of a digital camera. The contest will start in July. Casey will bring the details to the July Board meeting.

Adjourned: 9:05 p.m.

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

The Houston Area Apple Users Group Board of Directors meets on the first Tuesday of every month. All members are invited. The meeting is held at:

The Stag's Head Pub
2128 Portsmouth St.
Houston, Texas 77098
(713) 533-1199
http://www.stagsheadpub.com

Apple User Group

Upcoming Events

Subscribe to the HAAUG iCalendar at www.iCalShare.com

Houston Area Apple User Group
2004 Officers and Directors

President
David Jaschke
1st Vice President Programs
Doug Smith
2nd Vice President Facilities
Joe Kudrna
Secretary
Clair Jaschke
Treasurer
Barbara Long
Director-at-Large 1
Michael Epstein
Director-at-Large 2
Christina Huston
Director-at-Large 3
Rick Roberts
Director-at-Large 4
Joe Fournet
Director-at-Large 5
Steve Jolly
Director-at-Large 6
James Warren
Apple Barrel Editor
Micah Gartman
HAAUG Heaven Sysop
Robert Lacy
Mac Librarian
Open
Apple II Librarian
Bruce Baker
Membership Chairman
Morton Butler
Senior Adviser
David Scheuer
SIG Coordinator
Phillip Booth
Immediate Past President
Jeff Davis
Apple Barrel Ad Manager
Steve Jolly
Boutique Manager
Barbara Long
Webmaster
Rex J. Covington
HAAUGNet Admin
Jeff Davis
HAAUG Hotline
Rex J. Covington
Mentor Program
Amy Denton
Publicity Chairman
Christina Huston
Vision Committee Chairman
Joe Fournet
Volunteer Coordinator
Casey Sivula

August 2004

4D Software®

September 2004

DealMac®

October 2004

Open

November 2004

Open

December 2004

Open

January 2005

Semi-annual Swap Meet

February 2005

State of the Mac with Bob Levitus

Volunteers Needed

Thanks so much for all the help we received for our June General Meeting. You guys are great!

The Swap Meet offers more chances to participate in the "Members Helping Members" theme and get to know more of our fellow "HAAUG" members. Be sure to stop by our "Welcome Table" for more information on upcoming events. Thanks again!

Casey Sivula
Volunteer Coordinator