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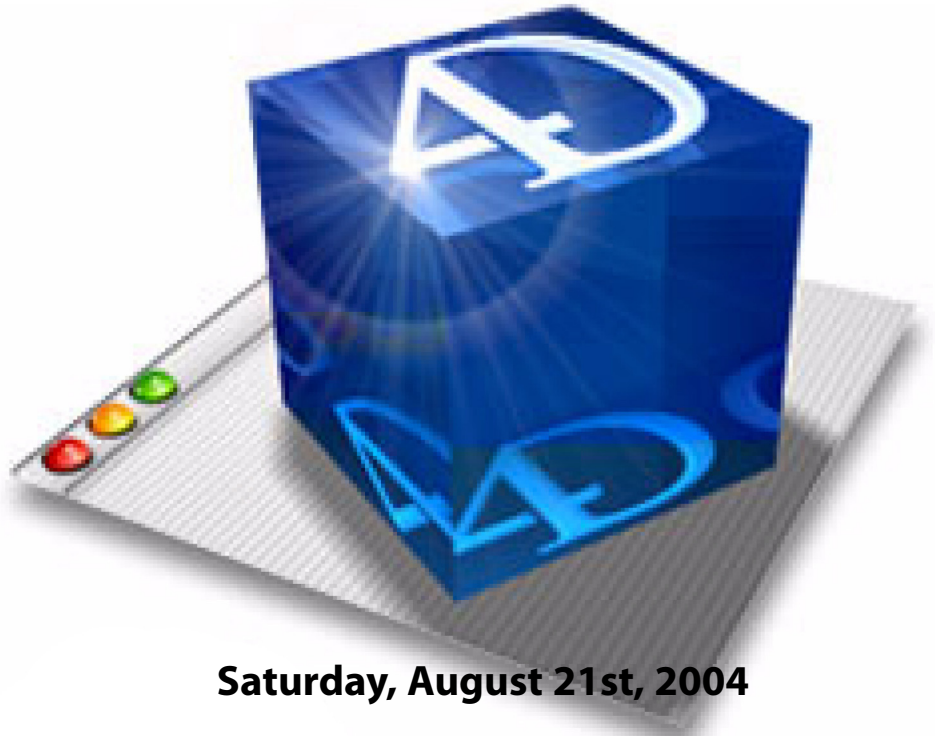
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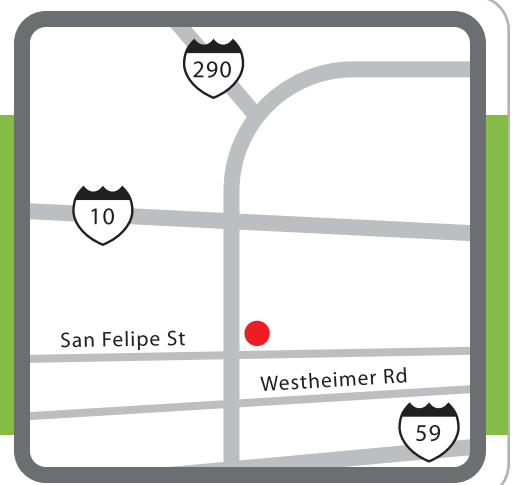
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Annual membership is \$45 for new members, \$40 for renewing members, \$20 for student members and \$20 for associate members (out-of-state members who receive the Apple Barrel through e-mail only). The Hotline is also the Mentor line if you need help.

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The July Swap Meet was a great success. A lot of people came out and bought a ton of stuff. Unfortunately there was a ton of stuff left over and placed on the HAAUG sale table. HAAUG doesn't have a place to store computers and other equipment left behind at Swap Meets. We all have our own stuff to haul and don't have space at home to keep a lot of other peoples stuff. If you bring it and can't sell or give it away, then you must take it with you.

Progress has been made with the membership database file. Rex Covington and Barbara Long have been working with Morton Butler to bring membership up to date. New member cards and letters have been sent out as well as renewals. You should have received your membership cards by now if you joined or renewed through last month. Please be patient as this is still a work in process. We hope to have everything working properly by sometime in the fall.

It is with great sadness that I must report the passing of a long time member and supporter of HAAUG, David Scheuer passed away August 2, 2004, of complications due to cancer. He was very involved in HAAUG holding many positions over the years including SIG Coordinator and most recently as the Senior Advisor. He will be greatly missed.

The Micro Center has been a great host for our monthly meetings. We are still looking for another permanent location for our meetings. If you know of a place with lots of parking and close to primary roads for free or a modest price, please contact me or Joe Kudrna. •



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Hot News

Important information for the discerning Mac user

Motorola and Apple Bring iTunes Music Player to Motorola's Next-Generation Mobile Phones

Rosemont, Illinois and Cupertino, California—July 26, 2004

Motorola, Inc. and Apple [have] announced they are partnering to enable millions of music lovers to transfer their favorite songs from the iTunes jukebox on their PC or Mac, including songs from the iTunes Music Store, to Motorola's next-generation "always with you" mobile handsets, via a USB or Bluetooth connection. Apple will create a new iTunes mobile music player, which Motorola will make the standard music application on all their mass-market music phones, expected to be available in the first half of next year.

"We can't think of a more natural partnership than this one with Apple, the brand synonymous with easy-to-use, legal music downloading, and Motorola, the innovator in mobile technology," said Ed Zander, Chairman and CEO, Motorola. "Being able to transfer songs you've purchased from iTunes to Motorola mobile handsets expands the market reach for both of us and drives new revenue for customers, delivering an amazing music experience to millions of wireless users."

"We are thrilled to be working with Motorola to enable millions of music lovers to transfer any of their favorite songs from iTunes on their PC or Mac to Motorola's next-generation mobile phones," said Steve Jobs, Apple's CEO. "The mobile phone market—with 1.5 billion subscribers expected worldwide by the end of 2004—is a phenomenal opportunity to get iTunes in the hands of even more music lovers around the world and we think Motorola is the ideal partner to kick this off."

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The History of HAAUG

Part One: 1978—HAAUG is Started



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Editors Note: This month, **Apple Barrel** is proud to present the first installment of a six-part series chronicling the beginnings of the Houston Area Apple Users Group. Written by then-Director David Jaschke, this article originally appeared [in its entirety] in the July 1990 **Apple Barrel**.

Steve Wozniak smiled as he watched the events happening around him at the meeting of the Homebrew Computer Club. The seed of an idea had just occurred to him. He would create a computer that would demonstrate the current state-of-the-art for home electronics. The Homebrew Club was started in 1975 by HAM operators who had taken a shine to the newest electronic toy, the microcomputer. Back then, computers had to be built by hand. Steve's first computer, dubbed the "Apple I," was eventually sold as an assembled "motherboard," that is, a circuit board with a microcomputer on it (no other components such as power supply, keyboard or video). Steve Wozniak, known as the "Woz," and Steve Jobs teamed up and sold their first few Apple I's to a local retail store.

That was in 1976. But even as Apple I's were being sold, the idea for another computer had occurred to the Woz. This computer would have a keyboard, a power supply, BASIC computer language, provisions to allow owners to add custom circuit boards, the ability to hook it up to a television set, and color graphics, all built into an attractive case. Thus, in 1977, the Apple Computer Company opened its first office and began to produce the Apple II computer.

1978—HAAUG is Started

In May 1978, Bob Collins and about 15 other Apple users met in the Jungman Branch Library and founded HAAUG. Those first few members were mostly amateurs who knew very little about computers or programming. Lack of computer components and software helped encourage owners to band together and form a club. The new group relied heavily on the help of DeWayne Van Hooser and the calls that Bob Collins made each week to Apple Computer Company and other user groups.

The new user group was initially governed by a steering committee consisting of about seven members. This committee was replaced by a set of officers elected in late 1978, which established the anniversary date on which subsequent elections have been held.

The fledgling HAAUG received support from members like Jack Turner, who was obsessed with owning every piece of hardware and software produced for the Apple II, whether or not he had any use for it. Jack's collection resulted in numerous demonstrations of new products to the club. Among the other founders was Richard Bluefarb, who was the sales manager for ComputerCraft on Fondren and served as the club's first treasurer. Relationships between HAAUG and local computer stores were initially good, but cooled as the club negotiated bulk purchases for its members, distributed large quantities of public domain software and refused to take advertising in the Apple Barrel. Early meetings were advertised using flyers posted in local computer stores.

Without doubt, no other HAAUG product has brought the club more attention than the Apple Barrel. This HAAUG newsletter has existed as long as the club. It was initially assembled by Bob Collins as a vehicle for communicating news about developments of interest to Apple owners. Early issues often contained articles reprinted from other user group newsletters and copies of clippings about Apple Computer from the Wall Street Journal. It has since evolved into a small magazine in which nearly all of the material consists of original articles contributed by HAAUG members. Dues of \$12 per year were used to pay for postage and printing of the Apple Barrel in its early mimeographed form.

Although the regular monthly meetings were held initially on Wednesday evenings at the Jungman Library, the real "business" of the club was conducted later in the evening down the street at Shakey's Pizza Parlor. This traditional



About This Photo...

Apple Computer co-founder Steve "the Woz" Wozniak purchases Girl Scout cookies from a member's daughter at HAAUG's 25th anniversary celebration.

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Micah Gartman

**Steve Jobs
"Doing Great"
While Recovering
From Surgery**

According to Pixar President Ed Catmull, Apple Computer and Pixar CEO Steve Jobs is "doing great" as he recovers from a successful surgery to remove a cancerous tumor from his pancreas. "He was cracking jokes and will be firing off a lot of e-mail from his Powerbook in the next month," Catmull said during a recent conference call.

On August 1, Steve Jobs sent an email message to Apple Computer employees stating, "I had a very rare form of pancreatic cancer called an islet cell neuroendocrine tumor, which represents about 1 percent of the total cases of pancreatic cancer diagnosed each year, and can be cured by surgical removal if diagnosed in time (mine was)."

pizza and beer session enhanced contacts among members and supported a flow of information that many members felt was more valuable than that presented in the more structured meetings. As the growth in membership forced changes to the club's meeting format, its effect on the pizza SIG was much less so.

Fortunately for user groups like HAAUG, most early Apple software was developed by hobbyists and placed in public domain. Within HAAUG these hobbyists ranged from individuals such as DeWayne Van Hooser, who brought mainframe programming skills to individuals, and Chris Meyers, who taught himself Apple assembly language after purchasing his computer. Concurrent development of public domain software within numerous user groups provided the basis for active swapping among groups. In addition, Apple Computer Company helped start the ball rolling by releasing to public domain five volumes of contributed programs found in the Apple Software Bank.

Like many sister groups, HAAUG accumulated this software in a club library that was made available to members. User groups developed individual structures for their libraries and generally assembled the best new programs written by its members or obtained in trade on "disks-of-the-month" from other user groups. Unfortunately, many of the programs received were the same as offered in previous months, resulting in numerous duplications in club libraries. The cost to members of this software was so reasonable that few complaints were received. This duplication problem became more pronounced when software trading picked up after Apple introduced the disk drive in the fall of 1978. Until that time all software was stored on cassette tapes. The effort involved in making a copy was a few magnitudes greater than for disks. It took over a year for HAAUG to convert from tapes to the new disk format. Some retailers were offering clearance sales on software on tape as late as 1983.

The club has maintained a Hard Copy Library of manuals and software documentation. Various other books, back copies of the Apple Barrel, and copies of other user group newsletters received in an exchange program have been accumulated in this library. The Hard Copy Library has often been a burden to the club, since the material is bulky, largely dated and difficult to make available efficiently and to retrieve from members. •

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What's New in iPhoto 4.0.3

This update addresses several issues with using multiple text rules in Smart Albums and it also eliminates some problems with creating iPhoto books in the German and Dutch languages. Additionally, iPhoto 4.0.3 keeps users informed about new version of iPhoto that have become available.

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Meet the Staff of Crazy Apple Rumors Site

Howard, the Talking Dog Photographer

Howard's a real team player who doesn't know the meaning of the word "Down!" Some may question the intelligence in hiring a dog as a photographer and, sure, he has no opposable thumbs, but his portfolio entitled "Things I've Rolled In" really won us over. While he can talk, he is still a dog after all. Mostly Labrador Retriever, Howard has a certain *je ne sais quoi* that some ascribe to just a hint of Wheaton Terrier.

Q : Hey! I recently followed some advice you gave me on how to fix a printer problem with my mirror-door G4 and have since found out that it voided my warranty! This is unacceptable!

A : Oh. Wow. Really? I'm terribly sorry about that. I don't know how that could have happened. What did I suggest?

Q : You told me to open the mirrored door and pour pudding into the DVD drive.

A : Pudding? Pudding? No, no, no. I never said that. Never pudding.

Q : OK, OK... tapioca.

A : **Tapioca**. Yes. **That's** what I said. Pudding! Pff! As if!

Q : OK, whatever. The point is, I talked to Apple and putting tapioca in your DVD drive voids the warranty! What are you going to do about this?!

A : Well... did it work? Did it fix your printer problem?

Q : Um... well... yes... actually. I can print again. I don't know how... I mean, it's scientifically impossible... but...

A : So why did you tell those [individuals] at Apple about it? I mean... what they don't know won't hurt 'em, right? Their precious warranty. Ha!

Q : Hey, I might need that warranty!

A : OK. OK. OK. I've got a trick for restoring the warranty.

Q : This doesn't involve pouring anything into my Mac does it?

A : No, no, no, no, no. Absolutely not. You don't **pour** mayonnaise... •

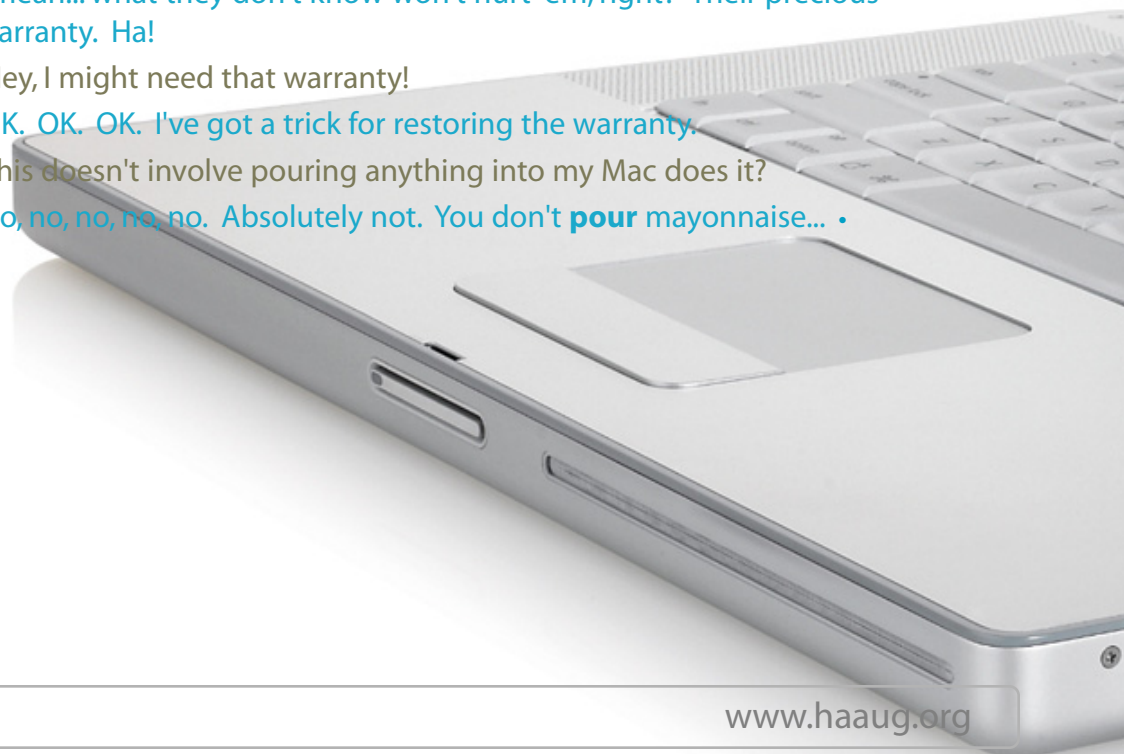




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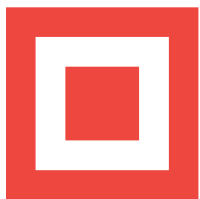
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August SIG Topics

General Meeting—Saturday, August 21st, 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.

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.

Mac Accounting — Peggie Weiser

Peggie Weiser of Power Consulting will give an overview of MYOB and QuickBooks.

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.

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 Accounting	Open	Room One
Open	InDesign	Open	Room Two
Open	Mac Games and Utilities		Room Three
Open	Open	Mac One-on-One	Room Four

Minutes

Of the HAAUG Board of Director's Meeting—July 6, 2004

ATTENDEES

David Jaschke, Doug Smith, Clair Jaschke, Barbara Long, Christina Huston, Rick Roberts, Joe Fournet, Jeff Davis, Morton Butler, Micah Gartman, Robert Lacey, Philip Booth, Casey Sivula, Rex Covington

Call to Order: 6:30 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Phil Booth announced that he has reserved the Bellaire Civic Center for both 2005 Swap Meets. We will need to rent extra tables.

REPORTS

Secretary: Clair Jaschke

Clair presented the June minutes, which were approved with amendments.

1st Vice President: Doug Smith

General Meeting Main Presentations

July	Swap Meet	
August	4D Software®	?????
September	DealMac®	Dan de Grandpre
October	Circus Ponies (Notebook)	
November	Available	
December	Available	
January	Swap Meet	
February	State of Mac	Bob LeVitus

Evening SIGs:

July 13	OS X Orientation	Rex Covington
July 27	InDesign	Philip Booth
TBA	MYOB and Quickbooks	Peggy Weis

Corel has not delivered the prizes awarded at the May General Meeting. OWC has once again sent processor upgrades. The ones they sent last month worked well.

2nd Vice President: Joe Kudrna

Joe reported (via phone) that the reservation at the UH Hilton for the July Swap Meet has been confirmed. Joe will e-mail the invoice (about \$1000) to Barbara. He will talk to MicroCenter about the August meeting. Barbara noted that the rental of tables and chairs for June has been paid.

Treasurer: Barbara Long

Barbara reported that bank balance is \$15,565.22. The net profit for the year is \$1,000.45. This profit is due to meeting being held at MicroCenter (no rent) and not printing or mailing the Apple Barrels. No deposit or rent has been paid for the July Swap Meet.

Boutique Manager: Barbara Long (acting)

Barbara reported that June sales totaled \$15. The last cap was sold. Caps have been good sellers and we should reorder. On-line store sales are good, but there are more impulse purchases at the meeting.

Membership: Morton Butler

Mort reported that there are 423 members and we are hoping to increase this number. There will be a special membership meeting Thursday, July 8, at 6:30 P.M. at the Café Express in Uptown Park.

Apple Barrel Editor: Micah Gartman

Micah reported that a draft of the July Apple Barrel was e-mailed to the Board members today. There is room in the Apple Barrel for classified ads. David Jaschke complimented Micah on his excellent first issue (June).

SIG Coordinator: Philip Booth

Phil reported confirmed the evening SIGs in the VP-Program's report. InDesign SIGs were held at the Saturdays and evening SIGs and went well. One idea developed from this SIG was to put together a HAAUG cookbook. This will be discussed further at a later date. Phil will study the June survey for new SIG ideas and/or topics. He is considering separating the Games/Utilities SIG into two separate SIGs with different SIG leaders, or even discontinue the Games SIG.

HAAUG Heaven Sysops: Robert Lacey

Robert had nothing to report on the operation of the HAAUG Heaven forums. Training on the use of HAAUG Heaven was discussed. Training and promotion of the use of HAAUG Heaven are needed to increase use of this asset. Robert will write an article for the Apple Barrel.

HAAUGNet Sysops: Jeff Davis

Jeff reported that HAAUGNet is working well. Joe Muscara is working on the mailing lists. Barbara thinks there are about 20 clients but this number has not been reconciled and confirmed. More advertising for HAAUGNet is needed. The sign-up sheets are done. Jeff will make an ad for the Apple Barrel.

Publicity: Christina Huston

Christina reported she had talked to the Apple Store and to Fry's. She would like to hand out Apple Barrels to the store manager. She can take the Apple Barrels to Kinko's and make the necessary copies. She will also consider other Apple service and/or preferred providers.

Vision Committee: Joe Fournet

Joe reported that there was no Vision meeting in June. The next meeting will be in August.

Volunteer Coordinator: Casey Sivula

Casey reported that she has reviewed the June surveys but has not consolidated the results. This survey did not address everything she would have liked but it was a good start. The Welcome Table worked out well at the June meeting. She will set up another Welcome Table at the Swap Meet with sign-in and a new survey. There was discussion of possible questions to be asked on the survey. There was more discussion about a HAAUG cookbook, which could be distributed on CD as an e-book. There was discussion about holding extra classes for a fee and about the Photography contest to be held probably in September.

HAAUG Hotline: Rex Covington

Rex reported the HAAUG Hotline is still on his phone. He is getting a lot of calls asking for the Apple Store. He is still working on the phone software and is checking on outside services with automatic systems.

Webmaster: Rex Covington

Rex reported that the HAAUG website is up and running. He will be adding links so members can reserve table for the Swap Meet. This will be set up in a few days with the help of Joe Muscara. Keeping front page up-to-date is his first priority.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MacFest 2005 Committee: Phil Booth (Rex Covington, Barbara Long, Casey Sivula)
Phil had nothing to report this month.

Relocation Committee: Joe Kudrna (Rex Covington)

Rex reported that David Crook is no longer on the committee. It looks like we will be at MicroCenter for the foreseeable future. He is still working with Time Warner to get an Internet connection for HAAUG at MicroCenter. Rick said he would try to help out on this item.

OLD BUSINESS

Insurance: Doug Smith

The liability insurance policy quote presented last month includes professional liability (for club officers and directors). Coverage is for \$1,000,000 for \$2,732.90 with financing available. We will consider this in the 2005 budget.

Apple Barrels Ads: Steve Jolly

Steve was not present and there was not report.

HAAUG.org web ads: Rex Covington

Rex has not completed this report yet.

NEW BUSINESS

Projector Bulb: Phil Booth

Phil reported one of the projectors must have a new bulb and has been researching various suppliers. The Board approved \$450 to purchase a new projector bulb.

Photo Contest: Rex Covington

Rex reported that Houston Camera Exchange would handle and judge the contest. The rules are still being worked out. There may be other sponsors and prizes. We are shooting for September for the contest, but will start promoting at the Swap meet. Regan of Houston Camera Exchange will be one of the judges

Adjourned: 8:06 P.M.

NOTE

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

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A big THANKS goes out to all of you who helped out in the Swap Meet. You guys are great!

At our next meeting, please stop by the Volunteer's "Welcome Table" to find out what you can do in the "Members Helping Members" campaign at HAAUG. At this time, we need three volunteers for about 1 hour each to assist at the "Table" to help us stay organized. Thank you!!!

Casey Sivula—Volunteer Coordinator