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**Saturday,
November 19th, 2005**

Guest Speaker : Stone Design is the developer of a number of productivity applications for Mac OS X, including **Create**® (draw, publish to print and web), **iMaginator**™ (image processing made easy), **TimeEqualsMoney**™ (time/expense tracking & invoicing), **PhotoToWeb**® (make websites from photos), **SliceAndDice**™ (images to webpages) and **PStill**™ (combine, convert, process PDF). Check out www.stone.com and come meet Andrew Stone!

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Apple Releases iTunes 6

By Gene Zimmerman

A brief look at what's new in iTunes 6.0.1

Apple announced iTunes 6.0 in mid-October along with the 5th generation iPod that now plays video and the new iMac that has a built-in iSight camera and a nifty remote for use with the new Front Row software. Before the end of the month, they released a minor update: 6.0.1 that I'm now using. What does iTunes 6 offer that wasn't in iTunes 5? Here are some highlights:

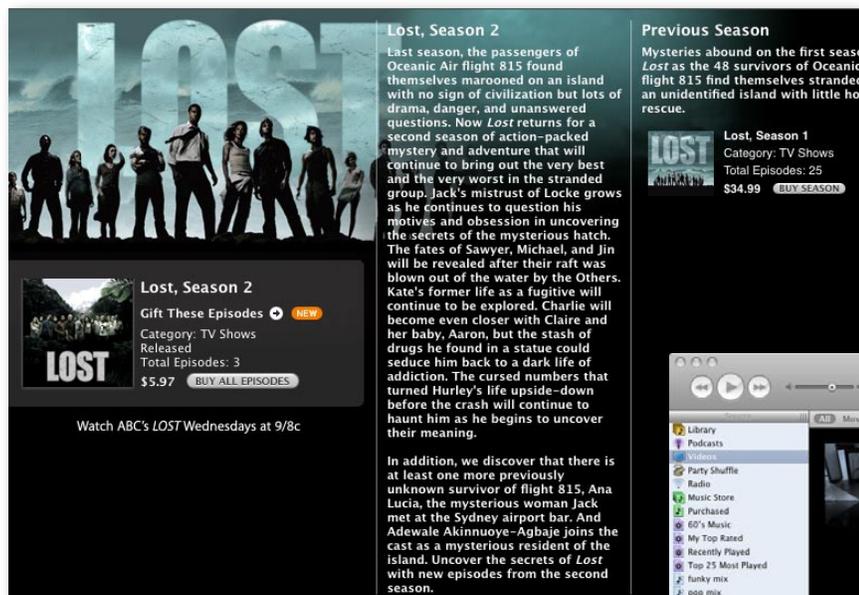
Now you can download video content for \$1.99 per download. So far this content includes about 2000 music videos, several Pixar short videos, and episodes of 5 ABC TV shows, including Lost and Desperate Housewives. (As in iTunes 5, you can still download video podcasts for free.)



There's a gifting feature that allows you to gift certain songs, videos, or albums to someone special. You can also upload your own reviews of music you've downloaded. In addition, iTunes will now recommend music for you, based on your prior downloads. So far this feature is in the Beta stage. The feature everyone is talking about the most, of course is the ability to buy and download videos on-line. I downloaded the Pixar short called "For The Birds." It is only a 3 minute, 21 second movie, so downloaded very quickly on my broadband connection. The video can be viewed one of three ways on your computer: in the same little window where album art is displayed, in a resizable pop-up window, and full-screen. The full-screen view was a bit fuzzy, so I recommend the other views. Since I have an old iPod, I can't download and view it as you can with the nifty new ones!

For a more detailed review of iTunes 6, I recommend the review on Playlist, which can be found at:

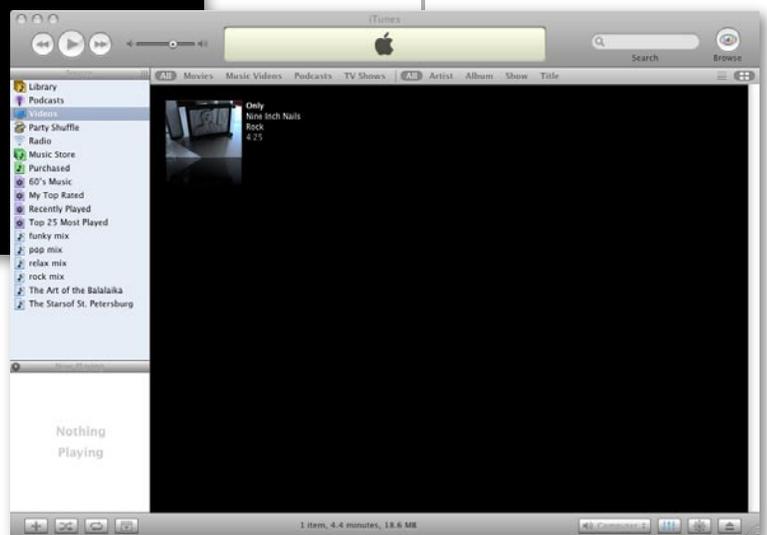
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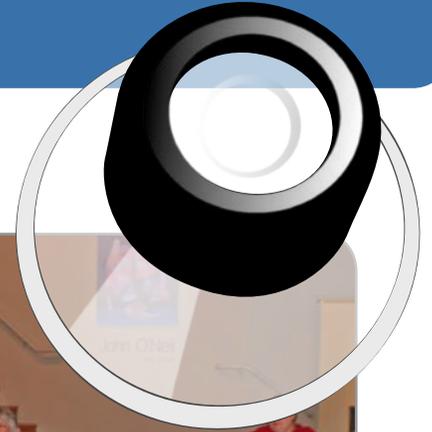
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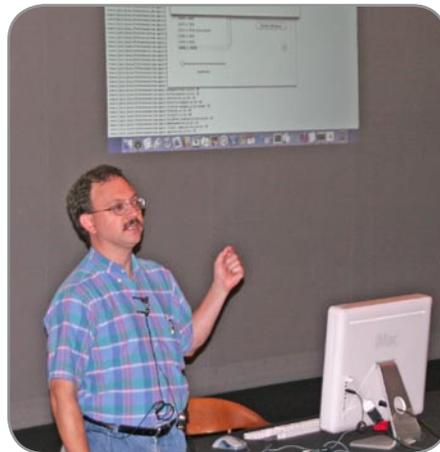
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Election Time Nears for HAAUG

Positions and Responsibilities of the Board (in general).

President

The President is the "Executive Officer" with general responsibility for the business affairs and property of the HAAUG and supervises over the other officers of the Board. Other responsibilities include, attending all Membership and Board of Directors meetings, setting the agenda and holding order at Board meetings and submit an annual report.

First Vice-President-Program

The First Vice-President-Program, in the absence of the President, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President. Other responsibilities include, scheduling Programs and presentations at regular meetings.

Second Vice-President-Facilities

The Second Vice-President-Facilities, in the absence of the President and First Vice-President-Program, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President. Other duties include, negotiating meeting facilities and arrangements.

Secretary

The Secretary keeps the minutes of all meetings and makes them available to the general membership, as well as informing the Board of Directors of actions required by these by-laws.

Membership Chairman

The Membership Chairman maintains the membership rolls of the club, provide opportunity for new members to enroll at meetings, advises members of renewal time with timely notices, and report membership data to the Board of Directors on a regular and timely basis.

Apple Barrel Editor

The Apple Barrel Editor oversees the collection of stories and articles, the assembly, publishing, and distribution of the Apple Barrel both electronic and printed.

SIG Coordinator

The Special Interest Group Coordinator coordinates all room and equipment assignments for all Special Interest Groups (SIGs) at meetings and assists for additional weeknight meetings as well as developing the monthly SIG Schedule.

Webmaster

The Webmaster maintains and updates HAAUG's official web site as approved by the Board of Directors.

Director - Four (4) Positions

The Directors are active and concerned members who are committed to steering the organizational goals for the good of the organization. They serve on committees or work individually to study and resolve problems at the request of the Board of Directors.

To find out more information on the Board of Directors and By-Laws of the Houston Area Apple Users' Group, please visit the HAAUG website at www.haaug.org.

Hurricane Preparation

By Phil Booth



Securing your data when disaster threatens

This summer the Houston area got a real wakeup call in the form of Rita and Katrina. Four years ago Houston suffered some of the worst flooding in its history when Tropical Storm Allison paid us a visit. The immediate Houston area was spared most of the effects of Hurricane Rita, but now is the time think about your preparation for the next event. Atlantic Hurricane season starts June 1st and ends on November 30th but thinking about this now, while we remember the events of Rita, will allow you to ease your prep for the next storm. The context of this article is how to use your Mac to ease your preparations, preparing your computer /data for a storm, and what you need to file insurance claims.

The Houston area is subject to several meteorological events that can cause disasters. Heavy rain which if it occurs in the right place will cause extensive flooding. Tropical weather, including Hurricanes and Tropical Storms, is a combination of wind and rain events. Rain and wind driven storm surge are the primary cause of flooding during a tropical event. The winds will topple trees and disrupt power lines. Though a rarity heavy thunderstorms can spawn tornados. Tornados cause heavy destruction in limited areas.



So what do you prepare for? Pound for pound tropical weather will cause the most destruction, so preparing for a tropical event will cover most of the needs for the other events. The silver lining with tropical weather is the long lead-time before the event occurs. Look at a Hurricane Tracking Chart the map is overlaid with dots that mark a Latitude and longitude; pick a point on the map, when a storm crosses that point, you start your tropical weather prep.

Dollar for dollar backing up your data is the cheapest insurance for your data in a disaster. But the backup needs to be stored somewhere besides your house. After you do the back up of your computer's hard drive, you then do a special backup. Create a Disaster kit that will include your special documents that you would need for disaster recovery. These Documents include the "Endorsement" page from the front of your homeowners, automobile and flood insurance policies. You could scan these pages and then save the files out as a PDF, put them on a CD/DVD. Make several copies and send one to a friend or relative in another state, have another in your "evacuation" kit and another one in a bank safety deposit vault. Remember Insurance policies are renewed every year or six months so you will need to keep these up to date. I spoke with a member who is an insurance agent; he said that those documents are the minimum you will need to start the claims process.

Another suggestion is to take your digital camera and shoot photos your stuff, furniture, art objects, electronics and computers. Burn the photos to a CD Rom and

again mail to friend/relative, keep one in the evacuation kit and one in the safety deposit box. Having this documentation will make your claims processes go a little easier. If you are really organized you can scan the invoices of large ticket items like furniture, appliances, and electronics, and keep those records on a CD/DVD. Anything you can do to prove that you own something and what you paid for it will help. Just before Hurricane season might be a good time to sit down with your insurance agent to review coverage, and get to know your agent. You will feel better if you have a name and a face if you need service.

The storm is coming and you will either "ride it out at home" or evacuate, what do you do to give your computer a fighting chance to come through the storm. If you have a second floor move your system upstairs, in the attic if you do not have a second floor. Place the CPU in one or more plastic bags and seal with tape. This should keep falling water and rising water out of your machine. This is not guaranteed but it will help. If at all possible take the CPU with you, if you decide to evacuate, this is especially true if you use your machine for business. Turning on the computer is much easier than restoring from a backup after buying a new machine.

There are guides (PDFs) developed by FEMA and the Red Cross available for download at the Harris County Flood Control District Web Site. <http://www.hcfd.org/tropicalweather/> These guides will give you valuable information on tropical weather preparation.

The most important thing is for you and your family to stay safe. It is important that you and your family have a plan to deal with a weather related disaster. You and your family need to make a plan to have the supplies available for survival, or a trigger point that will cause you to evacuate. Computers can be reloaded or data can be reconstructed; you and your family's safety is the most important.

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November SIG Topics

General Meeting - Saturday, November 19, 2005

Ad hoc

Groups are welcome to use the casual spaces to meet on other topics.

Scheduled SIGs take precedence. The HAAUG SIG Coordinator is Rick Roberts.

If you have a topic that you think warrants a SIG, please

see Rick (large, bearded fellow) at the meeting,

or email him at rroberts@mac.com.

Mac 101& Fundamentals

Jonathan Magnus

This SIG is for basic Macintosh questions.

Green Apples

David Jaschke

SIG for new Macintosh users, users that have switched from another OS, or have never used a computer.

New Member Orientation

Getting the most from your membership. How HAAUG works to serve you.

Business Meeting

The business meeting will be conducted before or after the Main Presentation.

Main Presentation

Andrew Stone

Stone Design

Homepage 101

Tamara Lewis

Learn the ends and outs of developing and implementling personal and commercial websites.

Digital Photography

Joe Muscara

Bring your cameras, bring your photos (printed or electronic) and we'll discuss what makes a great photo.

Media consumption on the Mac

How to use Real Audio, Streaming MP3, Microsoft Media, iTunes and QuickTime with your Mac.

Mac One on One

Members helping members, one at a time.

Barbecue SIG

Or wherever. Join members for an early dinner at a eating establishment near the meeting location.

November SIG Schedule

Find out when and where your SIG will be taking place.

	Auditorium	Classroom	Commons	Small Room
9 a.m.	Mac 101& Mac Fundamentals			New Member Orientation
10 a.m.	Mac 101& Mac Fundamentals	Mac One on One & Workshops	Green Apples	New Member Orientation
11:00 a.m.	11:00 to 11:15 - We will transition to the business meeting and main presentation in the auditorium. Get in early, we'll move the schedule as fast as we can.			
11:15 a.m.	Business Meeting.			
11:30 a.m.	Stone Design			
12:30 a.m.	Homepage 101	Workshops	Digital Photography	Mac One on One
1:30 p.m.	Web Media		Digital Photography	Mac One on One
2:30 p.m.	Tear down, pack it up, and clean it up...			
3:30 a.m.	BBQ SIG location to be determined by consensus.			
Room assignments are subject to change at any time. SIG leaders are volunteers, be nice to them.				

November Main Presentation: Stone Design

Guest Speaker:
Andrew Stone



Classifieds

Products and support for the Macintosh Community

Got a story, review or photo you would like to see in the monthly edition of the Apple Barrel?

The *Apple Barrel* is always looking for good, meaty material for its monthly publication. If you have a personal story, review of a new product or just a funny or helpful thought, feel free to spread the word via the *Barrel*.

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Minutes

Of the HAAUG Board of Director's Meeting - September 6, 2005

Attendees:

David Jaschke, Clair Jaschke, Lyda McGhee, Phil Booth, Jeff Davis, Barbara Long, Rick Roberts, Jim Connell, Casey Sivula, Tamara Sasha Lewis, Doug Smith, Robert Lacey, Gene Zimmerman.

Call to Order: 6:35 p.m. by 1st Vice President, Doug Smith.

REPORTS:

Secretary - Lyda McGhee: The August minutes were approved as amended.

1st Vice President - Doug Smith: Rusty Little with Alsoft will be here in September. The anticipated update for Disk Warrior will not be available in time for the meeting. The B & S Challenge along with presenters for FileMaker and Drive Genius are on tap for October but, due to time constraints, the B & S Challenge may be moved to a later date, probably November or December. Doug reported that Drive Genius will be giving away an iPod Shuffle to a HAAUG member at this meeting. Andrew Stone from Stone Design will be here in November and Joe Muscara will present Freeway at the December meeting. The swap meet is in January. Bob LeVitus will be the speaker for the February meeting and DealMac will be here in March.

2nd Vice President - Casey Sivula: HAAUG is booked at the Rice Media Center through the end of the year. The January swap meet will be held on the third Saturday and Phil will check to see if the Bellaire Civic Center is available.

Treasurer - Barbara Long: Barbara will send her reports tomorrow via email.

Membership - Mort Butler: There are now 314 members. In the month of August, we had 3 new members, 1 early renewal, and 2 regular renewals. In August, 2004 our membership was 321.

Current Membership Stats:

Regular members	297
Student members	9
Associate members	2
Lifetime members	6
TOTAL	314

Apple Barrel - Tamara Sasha Lewis: More articles are needed.

Advertising Manager: This position is open.

Boutique - Barbara Long: Barbara reported that one cap was given away at the general meeting in August.

HAAUG Heaven - Robert Lacey: HAAUGHeaven is up and running but not too many people are using it.

HAAUGNet - Jeff Davis: no report.

Publicity - Casey Sivula: Casey reported that she is sending out faxes this week and that there is a need to revamp the way things are done.

Vision - Joe Fournet: no report.

SIG Coordinator - Rick Roberts: Rick will lead an iPod SIG at the general meetings. In an effort to get more members to take advantage of HAAUG Heaven, Rick will ask the SIG leaders to spend a couple of minutes at the beginning of their SIGs to talk about how to use HAAUG Heaven and, especially, the forum dedicated to that particular SIG.

HAAUG Hotline - John Reeves: The hotline is currently up and running.

Webmaster - Jeff Davis: Jeff reported that the site has been updated with this month's information.

HAAUGNet - Jeff Davis: HAAUGNet was down for a couple of days (Friday through Sunday) to replace a hard drive, install Tiger, and rebuild the server. All is now working well.

Volunteer Coordinator - Casey Sivula: The position of Advertising Manager is still open. Any volunteers?

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MacFest 2006 Committee - The Park Plaza quote will be discussed at next week's meeting. Also, we will start getting speakers for the event.

HAAUG History Committee - Things are going smoothly. There was no meeting last month.,

Brochure Committee - Tamara showed a small booklet as an alternative size for HAAUG's brochure instead of the trifold brochure we have used before. No decision was made but she will get prices for discussion at the next board meeting.

Photo Contest - Donations for the awards are needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rent - Up to \$600 was approved for the September meeting.

Postcards - Tamara showed some sample business cards. The board decided to order 1,000 cards with a four-month calendar (September - December) on the back for a cost of \$39.95. Bob Lacey donated the cost of the business cards. Thank you, Bob!

Katrina Aid - A member had suggested that we collect non-perishable food items for Katrina evacuees. However, the board decided we would rather encourage Red Cross donations and this will be reflected on both the website and in the Apple Barrel.

Email address change - The new email address for HAAUG Club Business is haaugclubbusiness@haaugnet.org.

Media contact list - The board approved spending up to \$150 for a list of local media contacts that includes names, email addresses, and fax numbers.

Woodlands SIG - Gene Zimmerman will check on the feasibility of having a HAAUG SIG in the Woodlands area. He will help with the organization of the SIG and he will find out if the Woodlands Apple Store will let us hold an evening SIG there.

Adjourned: 8:12 p.m.

NOTE:

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



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November 15th

Woodlands Mac SIG • 7pm - 8pm

Montgomery College

November 22nd

FileMaker 7 & 8 SIG • 7pm - 9pm

Ziggy's Healthy Grill - Greenbriar & W. Alabama

December 10th

General Meeting • 9am - 3:30pm

Presentation by Joe Muscara on Freeway 4 Pro website publishing software

HP Product Presentation

Digital camera holiday gift ideas from Reagan Atkinson of Houston Camera Exchange
Rice Media Center

January 21st

Swap Meet and Silent Auction

Location TBA

February 18th

General Meeting • 9am - 3:30pm

Doctor Mac - Bob LeVitus

Rice Media Center

Volunteers, we thank YOU!!!

There are many opportunities to volunteer, and we appreciate all of you who pitch in with our organization of "Members Helping Members." That's what it's all about!

Whether it's unfolding chairs or tables, assisting with the boutique, helping out at the membership desk, helping the SIG coordinator, joining committees, teaching a class, or serving on the Board of Directors—it all helps and we appreciate it! See you at the next meeting!

Casey Sivula, Volunteer Coordinator

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