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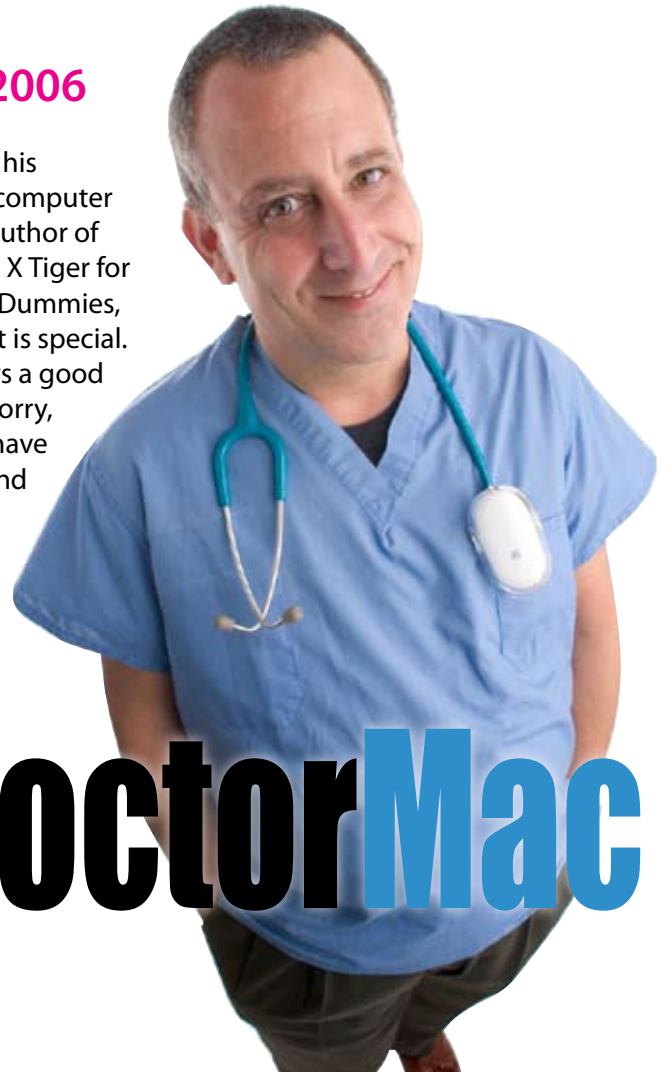
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Saturday, February 18th, 2006

Bob "Dr. Mac" LeVitus gives his "State of the Mac" Bob is a computer columnist, Mac geek, and author of 48 books including Mac OS X Tiger for Dummies, GarageBand for Dummies, and dozens more. Each visit is special. He's informative, and always a good time. Be there or you'll be sorry, because the rest of us will have had a blast and learn lots and you'll be, well, sorry you missed it.



Doctor Mac

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at Rice University

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The NEW iPod Nano is Here

By Doug Smith

Apple's® New Music Trio

I worried when news brought that Apple revamped the iPod nano line up this week. The iPod video arrived on Monday and I feared that line would be next to drop prices or to add features. But have no fear, the nano is here. All three of them? Yes there are now three sizes of the iPod voted most likely to end up in the washing machine.

The two and the four gig iPods have been joined by a one gig nano that is slated to hold 240 songs like the large iPod Shuffle does, but this one gives the user a color display to find that one special song. All three choices are available in black or white and offer free laser engraving and free shipping.

Now the problem I had will be your problem. What will be engraved on the back? Make it special, like the iPod, these words will be a part of you for a few years.



Green Apple Tip of the Month

Using Help Feature

Use Apple's built-in help system to find out how to best use your computer. Click in an open space on your desktop to select Finder. Click on the Help and select Mac Help or type command-question mark to access the help system.



Bargin Buys at Swap Meet

By Lyda McGhee

One HAAUG Members Bargain Hunting at the January Swap Meet

The HAAUG swap meet is the best place I know to find an incredible bargain or two. Over the years, I have gotten several. For example, a few years ago I found a brand new, unopened copy of the then current version of Photoshop for \$200 (retail \$600) and a current version of Word for \$45 (retail \$279). Also, It's always a treat to find an old piece of software that you wanted but didn't get when it was new. Now, you can get it for a fraction of its original price.

This year's swap meet was even better. The silent auction included Painter 9, the current version of a natural media graphics program that retails for \$429. I was amazed that I won the silent auction with a bid of only \$26! What a deal!

Everywhere I looked I saw Mac merchandise, new and used, at really good prices. A few of my favorite purchases were iPod accessories. I am looking forward to the next swap meet in July so I can check out all the summer bargains. You just never know what you'll find.....



RED HOT Tip of the Month

Revamp Drabby Default Icons for Custom Icons

Thanks to the OSX interface, changing out a boring default icon for files, folders, and applications is a snap! Just select the file, folder, or application that you wish to change the icon of and Control+Click or right-click its icon. Select "Get Info" from the drop down menu and a pop-up window will appear with all sorts of info on that item. In addition to all the technical info of the selected icon, you will see a thumbnail and preview version of that item's official icon. Notice that you are able to select the thumbnail icon image. With that in mind, visit a Mac customizing website that offers icons, etc. Download a few icons and put those downloaded files into a



folder called icons, or something along those lines for later use. Now "Get Info" on one of those new icons and select it's thumbnail image and copy it via **⌘C** (Command+C). Now select the thumbnail icon image of the icon you wish to change and replace it via **⌘V** (Command+V).

HAAUGraphy

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This Month's Crop of New and Renewed Members

- Jeff Buck
- Robert Cham
- John Crawford
- Jonathan A Crocker
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- Daniel Dick
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- Winthrop A. Eastman
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- Suzette A Pruit
- William Ryan, Jr
- Leon Sandberg
- Larry Sims
- Leslie Smith
- Betty D Smith
- Anna Fay Williams
- Robert B. Yawn



The "Pig-Pen"

Down and Dirty How-to's •By Tamara Sasha Alexander

Create An iMix and Share Your Taste in Music

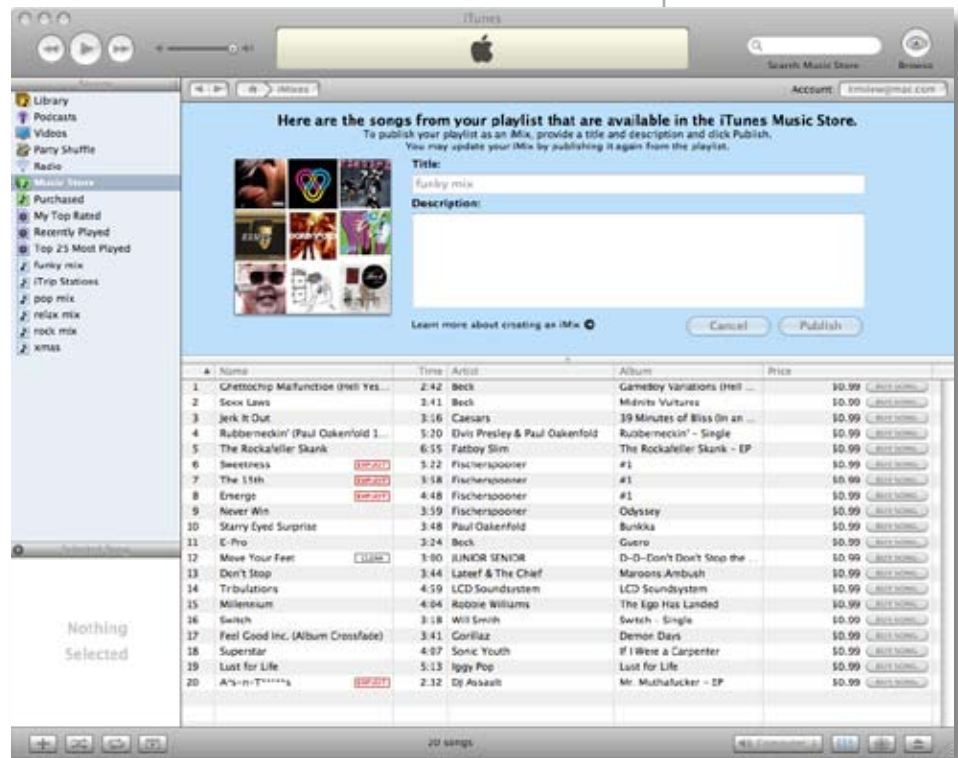
With the creation and explosion of iTunes it is no wonder that people around the globe want to not only indulge in their love of music, but also share that love with others. A few months ago my husband was bit by the iTunes bug and subsequently had the urge to be able to display and share those musical interests. Thank goodness that Apple had already built in a vehicle for this called an iMix.

In the Apple® iTunes music store I'm sure you've seen iMixes from various artists and famous people, but the rich and famous aren't the only ones that can have a personalized music library for show and tell. Thanks to Apple, making your own iMix is as easy as 1...2...3.

First, open iTunes and create a new Playlist by clicking on the plus sign (located in the bottom left of the iTunes window) or by selecting File > New Playlist. You will see that a new Playlist icon now shows in the "Source" column. Name this Playlist what ever strikes your fancy. Fill your newly created Playlist with songs from your Library by selecting songs in your Library and dragging them to your Playlist icon.

Once you've successfully created a personalized Playlist go to File > Create an iMix and iTunes will scan and check the songs in the Playlist to see if those songs are indeed available via iTunes. Note that those songs that iTunes does not carry will not be included in the iMix.

When iTunes completes the inventory of your iMix, iTunes will automatically bring out the Music Store and you will see your newly made iMix and two data fields where you can make a custom name for the iMix as well as a nifty description of your compilation. Click "Publish" and that's all, you now have your very own iMix in the iTunes Music Store.



Boss HAAUG

Monthly Address from the HAAUG President

Dear Fellow HAAUG Members and Friends,

Your Houston Area Apple Users Group just completed two very successful months; at the December meeting we collected a wide arrangement of Toys for the Toys for Tots program, and we just completed a successful January Swap Meet. Thanks to the Members who contributed to Toys for Tots, I think that we made some dreams come true for members of the Houston community. One last note on Toys for Tots HAAUG welcomed Lance Corporal Lorea, Lance Corporal Boyd, Lance Corporal Herber, and Corporal Dougherty, of 1st Battalion 23rd Marine Reserve unit in Houston. They represented the Marine Reserve who sponsors the Toys for Tots program nation wide.

As stated above we just had a successful Swap Meet last month. We held a silent auction during this event. The January Silent Auction netted close to \$500.00, thanks to all who donated and bid on items. We also started the Cell Phone recycle collection with a good start of about 5 phones. Thanks to all who donated. If you have an unused Cell phone at home bring it to the February meeting.

This month we welcome our good friend Bob LeVitus as the main speaker at the February 18th meeting. Bob will give his perspective on the state of the Mac, report on the goings on at MacWorld conference and expo, and if we ask nicely he will do a session on Garage Band. This is Bob's annual Visit to HAAUG, he is also booked for the 2006 edition of MacFest. If you don't get the Chronicle you might not know that Bob contributes a column every Tuesday. Bob has the distinction of being one of the few people that write an Apple centric column in a daily newspaper.

The MacFest committee got some good news when we got our speakers locked in and they are great. As stated above Bob LeVitus will be speaking, and making a return engagement will be Chris Breen, the Mac 911 columnist for MacWorld. We have found a fellow Texan Shelly Brisbin, who is the author of Mac Addicts guide to iLife 05. Last but defiantly not least, we have just heard that Andy Ihnatko who writes for the Chicago Sun Times will also speak. Andy has written on the Macintosh for a long time, Teaming up with Bob LeVitus in writing the help column in Mac User Magazine. We are very lucky to get these fine speakers to present at MacFest.



The date is September 30th, specific topics and the event location will be announced later, but you can secure your ticket for Twenty dollars, \$5.00 off the pre-event price, if you purchase at the February Meeting. MacFest is an event that you will not want to miss.

This is the first of twelve installments of HAAUG Blog, I will be commenting on club issues, Mac news, and what ever comes up. Oh by the way my name is Philip Booth and I have the honor of being President of HAAUG. I have served as the SIG Coordinator, and Chair of MacFest. I also have experience as President of a chapter of a nation professional organization.

I would like to Thank Rex Covington for his great service this last year and the many years before. Rex is truly Mr. HAAUG. Most Members don't know the amount of Time that Rex puts in, in service to HAAUG. In future columns I will spotlight the other members of the HAAUG Board.

Phil Booth

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Where's the Love?

By Rex Covington

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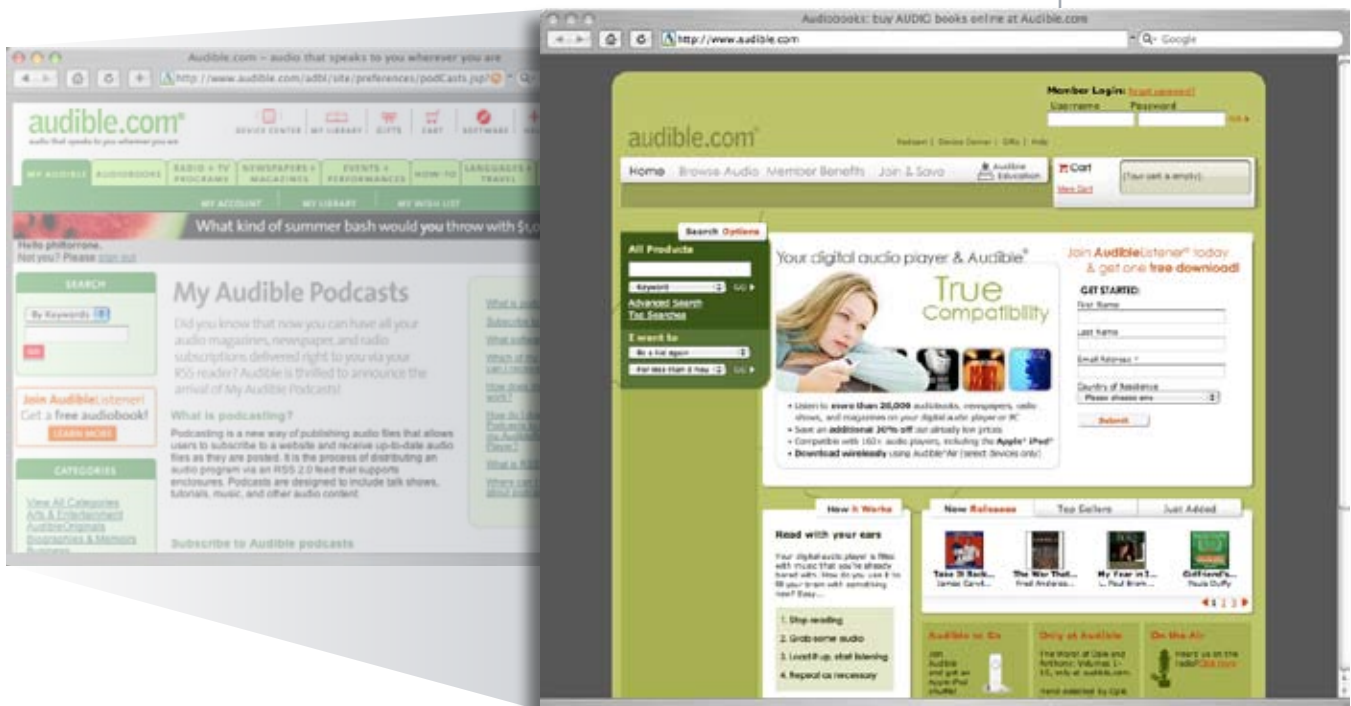
I have been listening to audio books for a long time, even before using Audible.com. I would rent a tape(s) for my trips back and forth to Ft. Worth. It is a great way to get a book in while driving. When Audible first started I jump aboard and have been a member from the start. Two books a month for about \$20.00 a month. Not a bad deal for audio books and it works great with the iPod. I have been recommending them for a long time now.

Well, the reason I wrote this article is that Audible.com changed there website up a few months ago and did a horrible thing to me and I'm sure to other customers. They got rid of there old website and put up a beta website to all of there customers without asking and without warning. A company should never force their "Beta" work on any customer that does not ask for being a beta tester. That would have been fine for me except they took away many things I loved about their website.

My next listen, My Audible (customize the website to what I want to hear), and my Author Alert, are a few things that I loved about there website. They have brought back My next listen, but I'm still missing a lot things I was using and paying for. The color, icon size and the things I don't care to know about, were small irritations.

I have sent 12 emails to them about the things I wanted back and have not received a response (Except for the email auto response). I had to called them to find out what was going on, which was still not very helpful.

I do like a couple of things on the new website, but it was not worth losing the features I liked the most and the inconvenience they have put me through.



February SIG Topics

General Meeting - Saturday, February 18, 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, and those who 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.

Main Presentations

Bob "Dr. Mac" LeVitus

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GarageBand

Dr. Mac

The writer of *GarageBand for Dummies* shows you the hoops for using the music creating application.

Creative Suite 101

Tamara Lewis

Basics of Adobe Applications, desktop print and web publishing.

Digital Photography

Joe Muscara

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

iTunes/iPod

Rick Roberts

You, your iPod. Covers iTunes and iPhoto. Other topics, like HandBrake are fair game. We can branch into general AV topics.

Mac One on One

Members helping members, one at a time.

iWeb Media

Rex Covington

A special SIG with Rex Covington on Apple's new iWeb application

February 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		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.	Bob "Dr. Mac" LeVitus gives his State of the Mac Address			
12:30 a.m.	GarageBand with Dr. Mac	iWeb	Adobe® Creative Suite 101	Mac One on One
1:30 p.m.		iTunes/iPod	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.				

February Main Presentation:

Presentation on the recent announcements made at MacWorld and "State of the Mac" as well as things to look forward to in the future.

Classifieds

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Minutes

Of the HAAUG Board of Director's Meeting - January 3, 2005

Attendees:

David Jaschke, Clair Jaschke, Lyda McGhee, Phil Booth, Barbara Long, Rick Roberts, Casey Sivula, Doug Smith (iChat), Rex Covington, Tamara Alexander, Gene Zimmerman, Robert Lacey, Jim Connell.

Call to Order: 6:30 p.m. by President, Rex Covington

REPORTS:

Secretary - Lyda McGhee: The December minutes were approved as written.

1st Vice President - Doug Smith: 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 2006 except for the swap meets in January and July. The January swap meet will be at the UH Hilton and we are checking the pricing for the July swap meet at the UH Hilton. Right now, we don't have too many swap meet tables reserved but past experience tells us that registration usually picks up markedly the week before the swap meet. The registration form is on the website.

Treasurer - Barbara Long: Barbara is trying to get in all the year-end entries. Our current bank balance is \$14,346.04 and the preliminary year-to-date profit is \$231.66.

Membership - David Jaschke (interim): Rex and Barbara will be ready to turn over the membership database to Jim Connell when he takes office as the new membership chairman. The board approved a motion to go back to June of 2004 and offer the \$35 renewal rate to anyone who has not yet renewed. This offer will be valid through the end of March 2006. In November, there were 4 new memberships, 4 early renewals, 4 2-year early renewals, and 14 regular renewals. In December, there were 10 early renewals, 2 2-year early renewals, and 6 regular renewals.

	NOV	DEC
Regular members	261	266
Student members	2	2
Associate members	8	8
Lifetime members	6	6
TOTAL	277	282

Apple Barrel - Tamara ALEXANDER: So far, Tamara has one article and one how-to from Phil. She is waiting for a Red Hot

Tip of the Month and a Green Apple Tip of the Month. It is only necessary to provide a hint of three or four lines. David and Clair will send her some. Also needed are some jokes for Geek Humor and a list of member benefits that will include a referral to the current month's HAAUG Announcements email for details. Rex will send in the copy for Boss HAAUG Speaks and Barbara will give Tamara the list of new and renewing members. Tamara also needs a picture of our new president, Phil Booth.

Advertising Manager: This position is open.

Boutique - Barbara Long: Two polo shirts were sold in December (\$70) and we received a check for \$26.30 from Cafe Express.

HAAUG Heaven - Robert Lacey: HAAUG Heaven has endured yet another month of continuous operation with minimal participation. Once again, Bob is asking for Board members to participate in the forums.

HAAUGNet - Jeff Davis: Everything is working fine.

Publicity - Casey Sivula: Jim Connell will be sending out the final fax copy release sometime this week. It will go to all the board members. Please print it out and share it.

Vision - Joe Fournet: no report.

SIG Coordinator - Rick Roberts: Rick reported that the two main presentations went well and we might want to consider the same format in the future.

HAAUG Hotline - John Reeves: The hotline is working well.

Webmaster - Jeff Davis: The website is getting updated a little bit better.

Volunteer Coordinator - Casey Sivula: no report.

Mentoring - Amy Denton: no report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MacFest 2006 Committee - Chris Breen and Bob LeVitus are both available for September 30th so MacFest has been rescheduled for that date. Andy Iknato is considering and Rex will meet with him at MacWorld. Rex also sent an email to Mr. Brown, the Adobe Guy. There will be a MacFest Committee

meeting the week after the swap meet. We need to find a location.

HAAUG History Committee - There was no report but the committee will return to active status in January.

Apple Barrel to PDF Committee - There was no report but the committee will meet in January.

Brochure Committee - Tamara needs content for the brochures and Rex will help her with that after tonight's meeting.

Audit Committee - This committee has not yet met.

OLD BUSINESS:

Budget Committee - An email was sent to the board members and the budget for 2006 was approved.

Postcards - Tamara is still working on it.

Business Cards - The business cards need to be redone for the next 4 months and reordered. Rex will help Tamara after the meeting.

Shared Links on the Website - Rex reports that he has not yet done this.

Cell Phone Recycling - Phil has some information on this and he will present it to the membership at the swap meet. Rex will also put something about this in the Apple Barrel.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

Adjourned: 7:37 p.m.

NOTE:

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



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Tuesday, February 21st

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Tuesday, February 28th

Mac World SIG • 7pm - 9pm

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Saturday, March 18th

General Meeting • 9am-3:30pm

Deal Mac

Rice Media Center

Saturday, September 20th

MacFest 2006 • 9am-3:30pm

Location To Be Announced. Check the [HAAUG website](http://www.haaug.org) for details and event news.

Volunteers, we thank YOU!!!

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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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Monthly Meetings

This is where the excitement begins. On the third Saturday of each month, members of HAAUG meet for a day filled with activities, including presentations by major software and hardware vendors, special interest group (SIG) meetings, public domain software libraries, raffles and much, much more. Swap Meets are held twice each year, in January and July

Software Libraries

HAAUG maintains public domain and shareware libraries for the Apple II, Macintosh and Newton systems. HAAUG also distributes system software for the Macintosh (7.0.1 and earlier), Newton and all Apple II series computers. HAAUG has been designated by Apple Computer to be the Central United States Repository for Apple II Software.

Bulletin Board System & Internet Link

HAAUG Heaven is our 24-hour meeting place with several gigabytes of downloadable software, helpful information and discussions on all topics of computing, all accessible at rates from DSL speeds down to 33,600 bps.

HAAUG Heaven

provides each member with an internet e-mail address allowing exchange of world-wide electronic mail. Many discussion topics and many internet newsgroups make the answers to your questions as close as your keyboard.

Club Magazine

Club and industry news, meeting information and special member offers are published in our monthly newsletter - The Apple Barrel. The Barrel's content is also available to members on HAAUG Heaven in Adobe Acrobat format.

Mentor Program

The HAAUG Mentor Program puts people with hardware, software, system or network problems in contact with volunteers who can provide solutions. Contact with the mentors can be made through the HAAUG Hotline, HAAUG Heaven, e-mail or at the monthly meetings.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

People with common interests, including Macintosh and OS X basics, Newton, internet, games, educational computing, databases, publishing, graphics, desktop video, programming and more gather for in-depth discussion, product demonstrations, tutorials and general knowledge sharing.

HAAUG Hotline

Call the HAAUG Hotline at 713-522-2179 for the latest meeting information, to leave voice mail for officers.

Lots of Fun & Friendships

HAAUG is a not-for-profit volunteer group founded in 1978, three years before there was an IBM PC. Approximately 700 members enjoy the benefits of HAAUG. We range from beginners to experts, but we all know the secret to making our computers more valuable - a HAAUG membership.

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