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**Saturday,
March 18th, 2006**

Dan deGrandpre, founder of Dealmac.com, the website with the motto "how to go broke by saving money," returns for another fun-filled presentation at Rice University Media Center, on Saturday, March 18, 2006.

Don't miss the fun!

Meeting Location

Rice Media Center
at Rice University

Entrance 8 / Building 47
University Blvd. @ Stockton Dr.

6100 Main Street, MS-529
Houston, Texas 77005
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Apple Gets Poetic

By Johnathan Magnus

“Don’t Steal Mac OS X”

You may or may not have heard about the ‘poem’ hidden inside OS X that says, “Don’t Steal Mac OS X” <http://macslash.org/article.pl?sid=06/01/13/091202>. There is a history here that goes back to the days of the Apple II and a company called Franklin (Go to www.folklore.org and search for “Stolen From Apple”). This issues may be about protecting copyrighted material more than an attack on the conscience of software pirates. The law surrounding copyrights and software is new and constantly changing, but the laws that protect the copyright of poetry or artwork are very old, established and easy to enforce.

The same is true for the laws around spam and unwanted emails. We all receive many, many unwanted emails and there are few, if any, effective laws to combat spam. A few years ago there was a company, founded by lawyers, that had a way to completely stop spam and unwanted emails (<http://siliconvalley.internet.com/news/article.php/1449851>). It was completely free to the user. You would go to their web site and digitally sign a legally binding contract contract that you would not send unwanted emails to anyone. In exchange for this contract you would receive permission to use a copyrighted hykou (a 4 word ‘poem’) as your email signature and get a program that modified your email program (on PCs only) to reject any email that did not have the poem as part of the email.

The idea was that any spam or unwanted email would not have the poem and your system would automatically reject it. If a spammer used the poem they would be in violation of the contract with the lawyers who owned it and the lawyers would sue them. The profit from the lawsuit(s) would repay the lawyers for developing the poem and software. If this system had been immediately adopted any spammer would have been sued out of existence. The biggest problem was that once you signed up for it (and installed the software to modify your email program), you could not receive emails from anyone else until they signed up. Needless to say it never got off the ground.

It is fairly common now to imbed hidden ‘art’ in hardware integrated circuits. Many manufacturers either add ‘art’, extra unused circuits or strangely wired circuits to their silicon creations as a way to prove that another company has copied their product. You can find some fun examples of the ‘art’ at <http://micro.magnet.fsu.edu/primer/virtual/virtualzoo/index.html> or search Google for silicon zoo.

So if someone decides to pirate Mac OS X, it may be easier and faster for Apple to go after them for stealing a copyrighted poem (that happens to be part of the software they stole) than to go after them for stealing an Operating System.

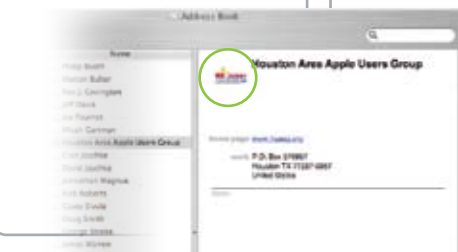


Green Apple Tip of the Month

Pictures of You

OS X’s ever so wonderful Address Book is a great way to store and customize your contacts, organize emails and phone numbers as well as birthdays and homepages. One easy tip to customize your contacts is to designate various images and pictures to your contacts. It is as simple as “drag and drop”!

Simply find an image or picture from your hard drive or on the internet and drag the file or image from your browser to the outlined box next to the contact’s name or business.



Boss HAAUG

Monthly Address from the HAAUG President

Dear Fellow HAAUG Members and Friends,

We welcomed Bob LeVitus to HAAUG's February meeting and, as always, he put on a great show. I really should try some of that software Bob demonstrated. HAAUG took a few minutes to recognize those people who spend a lot of their free time helping the organization. One of those people is Jonathan Magnus, our Mac Fundamentals SIG leader. Jonathan runs, hands down, the most popular SIG at the monthly meeting. He has a wealth of knowledge that he freely dispenses to anyone who asks.

However, it was not all sweetness and light at the meeting. We did have some parking issues. Along with the cold and rainy winter storm, the Rice Continuing Education group had an event that day and Rice Baseball was having a game. All this, plus the fact that Bob LeVitus' appearance marks one of our most popular meetings, meant that the parking lot filled up quickly. Unfortunately, HAAUG does not have exclusive use of the Rice Media Center parking lot. We are getting a very good deal on the use of the Media Center but we also must pay the parking of everyone who comes to our meeting. The young person who braves the weather to let members into the lot is also paid by HAAUG. When the lot is full, members will need to use alternate lots and pay the fee. There was some confusion about where to go and how to pay. We will make sure that the attendant has the right information about where to park should the situation happen again. As many know, the parking situation was one of the reasons that we left Duncan Hall. However, the bottom line is that the Rice Media Center is a great place for us to have a meeting even with the occasional parking problem.

In March, we see the return of Daniel de Grandpre of the website DealMac.com. I am sure that he will have information on great deals for your computer gear. He was here about a year and a half ago and the program was very popular. Make your plans to attend on March 18th., In addition to our usual door prizes, we will auction off an HP Photosmart 8250 color printer, donated by John Reaves, at the March meeting. Details will be available at the meeting.

It is official MacFest 06 will be at the University of Houston Hilton Hotel. Most will realize that it is the same place where our last swap meet was held. The date is September 30th. The Member pre-show price is \$25, and with the speakers that are appearing, that is a bargain.

HAAUG is always looking for members to lend a hand and there are several positions looking for someone to fill them. If you think that you might like to volunteer, speak to any member of the Board of Directions. We can find a position to fit you.

Phil Booth

2006 HAAUG President



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A photographic journal of The Houston Area Apple Users' Group

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Frank Tamborello
Randy Zercher



The "Pig-Pen"

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

Turn That Frown Upside-Down

Is your Mac getting a bit sluggish? From day to day, hour to hour, minute to minute, byte to byte, your system collects and logs all sorts of data. And just like a pack rat, things become harder and harder, and take longer and longer to find, not to mention process and store.

As any well trained computer user should know, there are three "simple" things one must almost religiously do. One... back up, two... update and three... defrag/ repair permissions on occasion. But there is one more element to keeping your computer running effectively that we often times don't think about... KEEPING IT CLEAN!

Nope, I'm not talking about good Mac hygiene, but rather good housekeeping when it comes to what has most likely become one of the more important tools in your daily life. As Dr. Mac had stated in his ever so entertaining and enlightening address at last month's General Meeting. The easiest way to get your Mac running like a well oiled machine is to get rid of the junk. As spring comes this month, do some well needed spring cleaning. Start with your Desktop, since this is often the no-man's land for "junk" files. If in doubt, burn a CD with the miscellaneous folders and files just in case.

Second, physically delete old, unwanted and forgotten emails that have made permanent residence on your hard drive by simply going into Mail and "Erase Deleted Messages" (Click on the Trash in Mail, select Mailbox from the Main Menu and click "Erase Deleted Messages"). Third, startup your main browser and clear your "History". Even though many of you love to use the History feature to go back to your favorite sites, this is not the place for your most visited sites. Rather, learn to use the Bookmarks Bar to store your favorite web sites, etc.

By following these easy enough housekeeping techniques, your Mac will surely be smiling.

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March SIG Topics

General Meeting - Saturday, March 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

Dan deGrandpre from DealMac

Get the ins and outs on today's hottest online discount store!

Creative Suite 101

Tamara Alexander

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

March 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	Digital Photography	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.	Dan deGrandpre from DealMac			
12:30 a.m.	Adobe® Creative Suite 101	iWeb		Mac One on One
1:30 p.m.		iTunes/iPod		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.				

March Main Presentation:

Presentation on the latest and greatest deals on Macintosh products.

Classifieds

Products and support for the Macintosh Community

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or photo
you would like
to see in the
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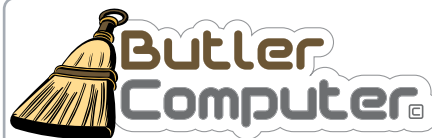
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Minutes

Of the HAAUG Board of Director's Meeting - February 7, 2005

Attendees:

David Jaschke, Clair Jaschke, Lyda McGhee, Phil Booth, Barbara Long, Rick Roberts, Doug Smith, Rex Covington, Tamara Alexander, Gene Zimmerman, Robert Lacey, John Reeves, Amy Denton, Mike Miron, Mike Epstein, Jonathan Magnus, Jeff Davis.

Call to Order: 6:30 p.m. by President, Phil Booth.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Rex Covington announced that Casey Sivula would like to be removed from all board activities including Publicity Chairman and Volunteer Coordinator.

REPORTS:

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

1st Vice President - Doug Smith: Bob LeVitus will be the speaker for the February meeting for his annual State of the Mac speech. Bob will also do a Garageband SIG. DealMac's Dan Grandpre will be here in March. In April, Rick Ligas will show off his CD collection called Essential Spotlight Info.

2nd Vice President - Mike Miron: HAAUG is booked at the Rice Media Center through the end 2006 except for the swap meet in July. Mike will try to get Rice to reserve September 30th for MacFest at the Rice Media Center.

Treasurer - Barbara Long: Our current bank balance is \$14,894.49 and the year-to-date profit is \$591.17. All bills are paid. The silent auction at the swap meet brought in almost half of the facilities expense.

Membership - Jim Connell: There were 25 total transactions: 3 new members, 5 2-year early renewals, 9 regular early renewals, 7 regular renewals, and 1 late renewal.

Regular members	254
Student members	8
Associate members	2
Lifetime members	6
TOTAL	270

Last year at this time, we had 378 members. There was a brief discussion about ways to go about membership building.

Apple Barrel - Tamara Alexander: Tamara needs more articles for the upcoming Apple Barrel. She will create Want Ads for a new Publicity Chairman and Volunteer Coordinator.

Advertising Manager: This position is open.

Boutique - Barbara Long: There were no sales in January.

HAAUG Heaven - Robert Lacey: Member participation needed. HAAUG Heaven can be an excellent vehicle for SIG leaders to promote their SIGs and discuss relevant topics. There was a brief discussion about ways in which members could get more out of HAAUG Heaven.

HAAUGNet - Jeff Davis: Everything is working fine.

Publicity: This position is open.

Vision - Joe Fournet: no report.

SIG Coordinator - Rick Roberts: It was decided that Tamara's SIG will be called Desktop Publishing even though it can cover many related topics. Dr. Mac's Garageband SIG will be held after the main presentation. February's nighttime SIGs will be held at Ziggy's as follows:

February 21st - FileMaker

February 28th - What We Did and Saw at MACWORLD

There was a brief discussion about possibly doing a member survey so that we could do a better job with SIGs and presentations.

HAAUG Hotline - John Reeves: The hotline is working well. We will change the email so that any request for immediate help will be sent to John rather than to Amy.

Webmaster - Jeff Davis: The website is being updated on a daily basis. Jeff is thinking about starting all over with iWeb.

Volunteer Coordinator: This position is open.

Mentoring - Amy Denton: no report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MacFest 2006 Committee - Chris Breen and Bob LeVitus are both confirmed for September 30th and MacFest will be held at the Rice Media Center on that date. Andy Ihnatko will be at MacFest. Sherry Brisbin, author, will also be presenting.

HAAUG History Committee - David is once again collecting data on HAAUG history.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board appointments - Mike Miron was appointed to be VP of Facilities. Clair Jaschke was appointed Senior Advisor and David Jaschke was appointed Apple Ambassador/User Group Liaison. All current officeholders of non-voting board positions were reappointed as well.

Rent - Up to \$425 was approved for each month for the general meetings through December, 2006. This allocation does not include the swap meet in July.

BOD Meeting Schedule - The July, 2006 Board of Directors meeting has been rescheduled to meet on June 27th since the previously scheduled meeting would have been on July 4th.

HAAUG Podcast - Jonathan Magnus will produce a monthly podcast for HAAUG. We will put a link to Jonathan's site on the HAAUG website so that members can download the podcast.

Adjourned: 7:55 p.m.

NOTE:

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



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Tuesday, March 21st

Evening SIG • 7pm - 9pm

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Saturday, April 15th

General Meeting • 9am -2pm

Come learn who knows the most Mac trivia at the Mac Challenge at Rice University Media Center.

Saturday, September 30th

MacFest 2006

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

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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

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HAAUG Heaven

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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 300 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.

Learn more about the benefits of HAAUG membership at www.haaug.org.

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