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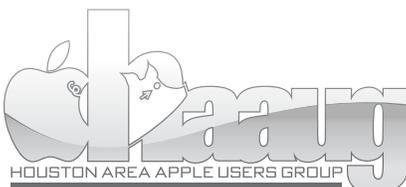
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**Saturday,  
April 15th, 2006**

What exactly is Spotlight? What does Spotlight give us that we didn't have before? Why you might not like Spotlight - at first and how do you use Spotlight? **Rick Ligas** from Discover Your Mac presents the one and only *Spotlight Training CD* at Rice University MediaCenter.

### Meeting Location

Rice Media Center  
at Rice University

Entrance 8 / Building 47  
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# No Need to Defrag – Editorial

Editorial on March's "Pig-Pen" Article • By Jonathan Magnus



## Green Apple Tip of the Month

### Spring Cleaning For Your Email

Friends, family, work, and play - these are the contributors of a messy email INBOX. So how do you organize those "can't live without" messages and attachments - not to mention email addresses..? Organization is key when trying to keep your message list in your INBOX at a minimum. Mail, like many other higher-end email applications, offers multiple and fully customized Mailboxes (folders) to aid you in organizing and thus optimizing your sea of emails. While in Mail, you will see a plus sign at the bottom left of the application window. To create a new Mailbox, click the "+" sign and Mail will create a blank Mailbox which you can title and drag-n-drop email messages into for fast organization. The best part is that you don't have to permanently erase those meaningful emails that may at times seem to be clutter.

HAPPY SPRING CLEANING!

## There is no need to 'defrag' OS X. Ever.

First, you must remember to keep 10% of your hard drive as free space. OS X can suffer drastic slow downs if your drive gets more than 90% full.

Why? OS X needs 'swap space', this is hard drive space it uses as if it were memory. This was called 'virtual memory' in OS 9. You had to decide how much you were going to use and had to reboot the system if you ever needed to change that amount. If you made the amount too small, you could not open all the programs and files you needed and if you made it too big part of your hard drive was being wasted. Always a difficult balance. When you launch a program, it is copied into real memory and it runs there. If you open a data file it too is copied into real memory and it stays there so you can work on it. Suppose you keep opening programs and/or data files they keep getting copied to real memory. If you manage to fill up all of your real memory, OS X will look at what you have loaded and "swap out" to a special file (called a 'swap' file) on the hard drive the program or data file you have used the least. If you continue to launch programs and open data files OS X will continue to 'swap out' of real memory to make room. OS X is always trying to keep the programs and data you use the most right at your fingertips in real memory ready to go.

This swap file is created at startup and is the size of your real memory (plus a small amount of overhead). It is an invisible system file. If you ever think you see it, leave it alone, it does not belong to you. If you delete it your system will immediately crash. A nasty, ugly crash and you will very likely lose some data (ask me how I know). OS X can make this file 'grow' as needed keeping a perfect balance between performance and wasted hard drive space. If you manage to use up all of your available hard disk space, OS X will do one of 3 things: Crash (unlikely), give you an error (also unlikely) or do it best to 'swap out' ever smaller pieces of files to try to obey your last command. This last situation results in the system becoming dead slow and the hard drive working furiously. It even has a name, the system is said to be "thrashing". Basically it is putting a tremendous amount of wear and tear on the hard drive. This situation is to be avoided. Always keep at least 10% of your hard drive free. Always. When you restart your system, OS X releases all the swap files back to the original one the size of real memory maintaining the best balance.

### Now that you have at least 10% of your drive free, why is de-fragging unnecessary? Well...

In OS X, when you save a file, the system automatically plants it right in the middle of the largest free space you have available. This way it and the file behind it will have as much room to grow as possible.

If you defrag, you force all of the files tightly together guaranteeing that if any one of them grows, it will be fragmented. If you let OS X handle things, it would not be fragmented. Yes, the drive would be more efficient just after it is defragged, but as soon as you modify any file, it is fragmented again. If you let OS X handle it, all files have the maximum amount of space to grow and the drive will never need to be defragged. Ok, as you get nearer the "10% free" you will have fewer and fewer places you can put large data files without their being fragmented. This is true. Say you have an 80 Gig drive and you work with 5 Meg files. If you have more than 8 Gigs free, there is a pretty good chance that one of the spaces will be at least 5 Megs in size, OS X will automatically put it in the space where it will fit, and your new file will not be fragmented. There may be a situation where 1 or 2 of these 5 Meg files gets

fragmented. Do you really want to wait an hour or more for software to move 72 Gigs of data so 2 files won't be fragmented? Hard drives are pretty fast these days, working with 1 or 2 fragmented files will only cost you a few seconds per day. De-fragmenting will take an hour or more and have to be done daily. Besides, OS X will automatically de-fragment any file up to 20 Meg in size when it opens the file (if the file is not protected).

If really need to work with that many very large files either get a larger hard drive or clean up the one you have. Most of us have 10s of Gigs of stuff we should throw away or clean off of our system. Do you really need to keep 3 revisions of the birthday part announcements you sent out last year?

OS X also automatically keeps a "hot list" of the small files it uses frequently and puts them in a special location on the hard drive. These files are organized so they can be accessed quickly. The files on this hot list will change as you use your system. If you defrag your drive, the software you use to defrag it decides where files go. Next time you start it up OS X has to move these files back to their special place and you lose time while it does that and your system is less efficient until OS X has them where it needs them. Let OS X do it's job.



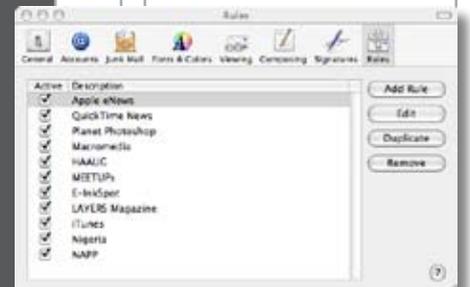
## RED HOT Tip of the Month

### Controlling Your Mail

Often times, we receive emails that can be describe as nothing but SPAM. Control what kinds of emails you get in your INBOX with Mail's **Rules** settings. While in Mail simply go to Mail > Preferences and select the "Rules" tab. In the Rules palette you can set all sorts of simple to complex rules for how Mail handles your emails. If you set them complex and specific enough, this can act as a virtual SPAM blocker, trashing and bouncing repeat, unwanted messages automatically.

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## System Requirements

### Hardware:

Power Macintosh G3 computer at least 300Mhz

### Mac OS X Version:

Mac OS X 10.2.8 or higher

### Application software:

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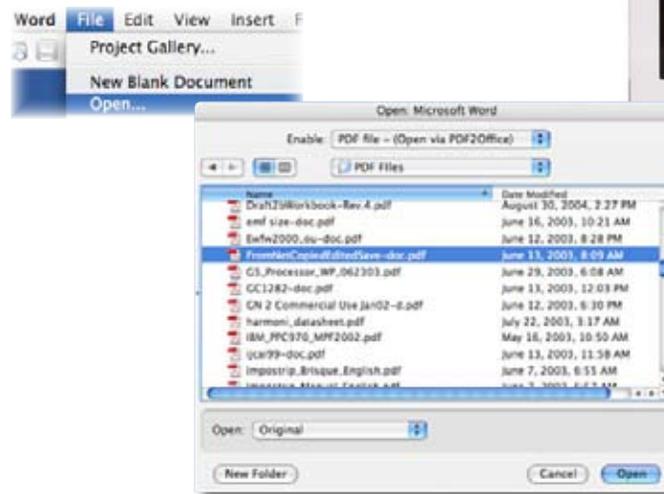
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# Boss HAAUG Speaks

Monthly Address from the HAAUG President



## Dear Fellow HAAUG Members and Friends,

On April 1st 1976, two college dropouts formed a partnership that some people think changed the world. Both of their first names were Steve, Jobs and Wozniac. One was an engineering genius; the other had a gift for marketing and promotion. That partnership was Apple Computer and the first product was the Apple I. Thirty years later we are using the descendent of their first product. As many of you know, Steve Wozniac helped HAAUG celebrate its 25th birthday. It was a pleasure hearing about the early history of Apple from one of the founders. The late 70's, 80's and 90's were a period of unprecedented creativity. Many of the things that we now take for granted were dreamed, developed, and marketed during this period. If you work in an office, you take Ethernet for granted. If you create documents, word processing software and laser printers are the standard. I can cite so many examples of how the march of technology is taken for granted. How many of us would want to use a command line user interface on an everyday basis? So let us all celebrate the 30th birthday of Apple, the company whose products we use everyday.

If you're reading this, then I am preaching to the choir because you are already a member of HAAUG. You made a decision that there was something in HAAUG that made it worth the annual dues. Why is membership in a user group important when there are all those resources available from the Internet? I am lucky to have some of the smartest Mac people as good friends. If I have a problem or a question I can call, iChat or e-mail these people and get an answer. Who are these people? They are your fellow members of HAAUG. You can ask them a question at a meeting, pose a question on the HAAUG forum, or e-mail.

That is the difference between an online forum and a user group. When you ask a question on an online forum you might get an answer from someone who calls himself the "Messenger of Death" and you have no idea who that person is or what kind of experience he might have. Ask a question at a HAAUG meeting and you might talk Jonathan Magnus, Rex Covington or Jeff Davis, some of the smartest Mac folks in Houston. Online resources are fine; I use them myself, but nothing beats a real conversation. That is the reason that I am a 10 year + member of HAAUG. My membership allows me access to these resources.

Your Board of Directors is committed to making your membership count. We are currently exploring ways of increasing member benefits. But, as in other organizations, the main benefit is the network of acquaintances that you create. Those are the people that can point you in the direction to solve your problem or suggest a technique to ease a boring task.

April is Spotlight Month at the meeting. Rick Ligas from Discover Your Mac will demo his company's Spotlight Training CD. Also, we are still collecting cell phone handsets so if you purchased a new cell phone and have the spare handset, we will take it off your hands. Do not forget to purchase MacFest Tickets. The special is gone but \$25.00 is a real bargain. This year's MacFest is looking like the best ever and you will not want to miss it.

During Bob LeVitus' presentation at the February Meeting, he brought up the recent news of viruses, Trojan Horses and other mal-ware that may infect Macs. This was trumpeted in the media as if all of our machines were infected. I will grant you that there are some of these things out in the wild but your chances of picking up one of these things is very close to zero. If you are using OS X you will need to provide your administrative password to install most software. In 10.4 the OS even warns that you are downloading an executable file and asks if you want to continue. My advice is to be aware of what is happening and, if the OS wants a password and you are not installing anything, stop and wait. Think things through and, if it does not feel right, don't do it. This would be the time to call on that HAAUG network that you have created to see if they have any ideas or have seen the same thing.

Also in the news were more reports of "phishing" expeditions by those cretins looking for suckers. Please do not respond to requests from E-Bay, Pay Pal or your credit card company wanting information. At least 99.44 percent of the time, it is some criminal trying to pry your personal information, like your credit card number, bank log in and/or ATM pin from you. Many people are worried about sending credit card information over the Internet to stores like Amazon but it is a whole lot easier masquerade as your bank or credit card issuer and ask for the information. Trying to break the encryption schemes that are used in E-commerce is almost impossible. Be alert and be wary.

**Phil Booth**

*2006 HAAUG President*

# Easy Screenshots in OS X

By Michael Miron

## Screenshot Shortcuts

**Full Screenshot:**  + Shift + 3

**Partial Screenshot:**  + Shift + 3

## Crafty Shortcuts for Screenshots

Is there a wonderful, scary or amusing image on your Mac's screen that you would like to save and send or show somebody else? You can create a "screenshot" using this keyboard combination: Apple+Shift+3 (If your sound is turned up enough you will hear a "camera shutter" noise when you do this.) The screenshot will appear as an icon on your desktop and/or on your hard drive with the name "Picture 1" and you can rename the file if you want. Additional screenshots are consecutively numbered. A screenshot file can be duplicated or attached to email like any other file. When you double-click on the icon, it will open in Viewer if you are using OS 10. In OS 9 or earlier screenshots are not PDF files; and can only be opened on another Mac. (You might be able to convert them to PDF files; I can't remember!) PDF stands for "Portable Document Format" and files saved this way can usually be viewed on any computer platform, using free downloadable viewers like "Adobe Acrobat"(R). OS 10 screenshots are PDF files.

Do you want to save just a portion of the desktop and not the whole screen? Use Apple+Shift+4 and the cursor will turn into a small target-reticle. When you click-and-hold with the mouse, the location of the cursor becomes an anchor point for a rectangular marquee. (If you have not encountered a "marquee" in other applications, it is an area bounded by a dashed line or highlighted in some way, to separate it from the background. Everything inside the boundary of a marquee becomes part of the "selection" for the next operation you designate.) In this case, you can move the cursor/reticle to any screen position - for example, adjacent to the area you want to select as your screenshot. Then click-and-hold to set the first "anchor point", move the mouse elsewhere and when you release the mouse-button the marquee - which is visible as you move the mouse - disappears as the screenshot is recorded.

Besides the many practical uses for a screenshot (like saving a complex error-message) you can use it for a great prank: make a screenshot of your usual desktop, and when the icon appears, double-click on it. When the screenshot opens, in the top menubar (the one for your Mac, not the one visible in the screenshot!) find View and select Full Screen. Now your screenshot fills the entire screen, overlaying your actual desktop. The cursor moves when you move the mouse, but no action results from use of the mouse button. Nothing can be done at all except by keyboard command, and if you have a clock in your menubar the one now visible is inactive and frozen at the time displayed when you made the screenshot.

To all appearances your monitor is displaying a normal desktop, but you (or your victim, or someone trying to tamper with your computer while you are absent) can't do anything! You can only get back to the real desktop screen by using the Escape key or Apple+Q to Quit the screenshot view.

Further devious uses are entirely up to you.

# The "Pig-Pen"

Down and Dirty How-to's • By Rick Roberts

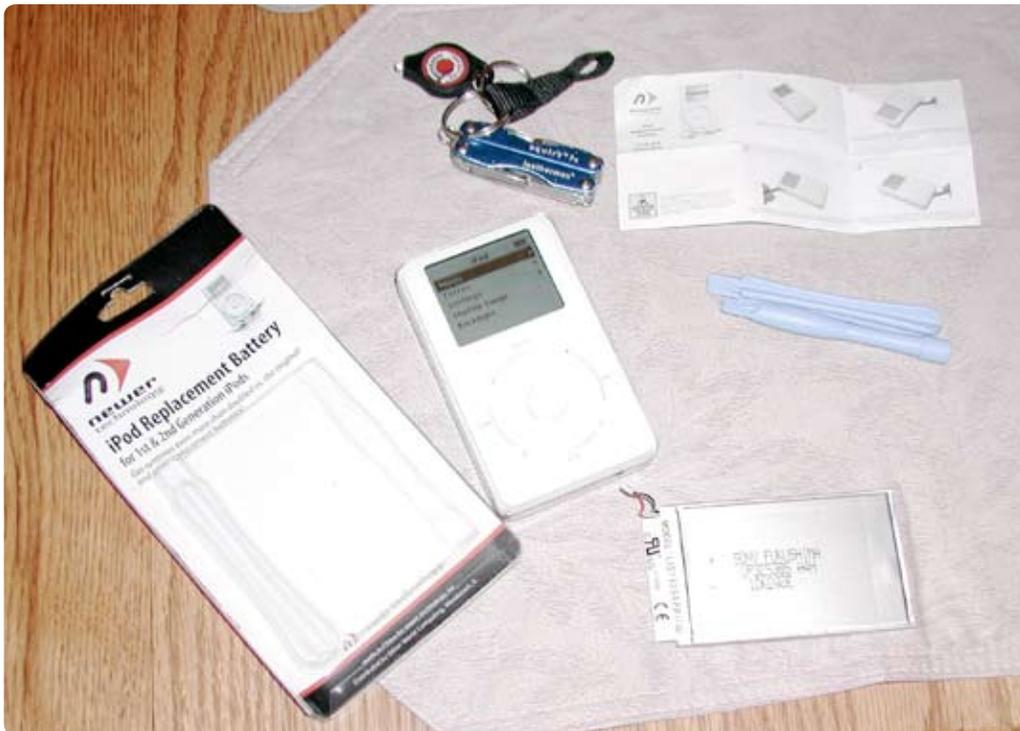
## iPod Battery Change

The nice folks at Other World Computing in Chicago were nice enough to send us a Newer Technology battery kit for the 2nd gen ipod to try out. I happened to have a 2nd gen that needed a new battery installed before I could hand it down to my little brother, on his way to a tour in Iraq.

OWC sells these kits as a do-it-yourself package. The kit includes the battery and a set of tools with a short instruction sheet. The website has a QuickTime movie demo of the battery change, which was excellent. After watching the video, I was convinced that this was doable and jumped right in. I was almost wrong.

I found that the tool kit, a set of plastic tools that look much like what you would use to change a really small bicycle tire, were not up to the task and broke down before I could get the iPod case open. I ended up using a small pocket knife to pry open the case. I got the case open but, I broke one of the plastic retaining clips that hold the two halves of the case together. The good news is that my old iPod survived. The outer case is a little worse for the experience, but the new battery works fine.

Another member has reported that he was less successful, his 3rd gen did not survive the surgery. My recommendation would be to pony up the dough to have Apple replace your battery.

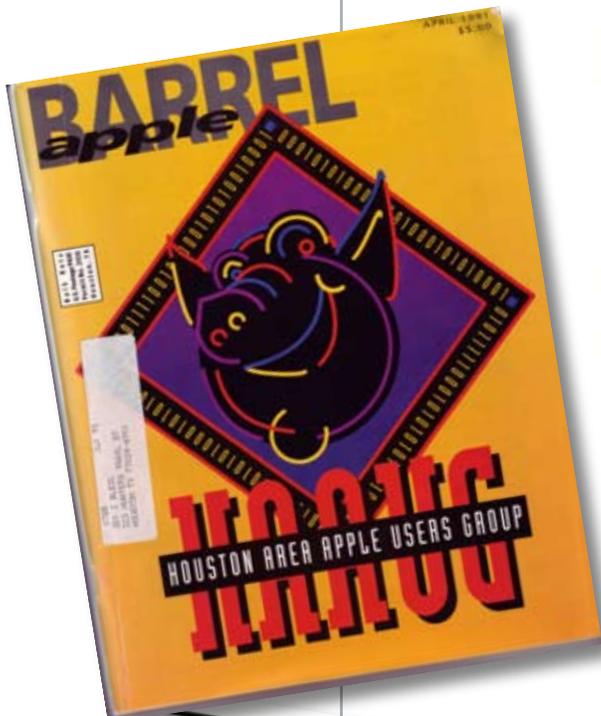


# HAAUG's Many Faces

By David Jaschke • HAAUG History Committee

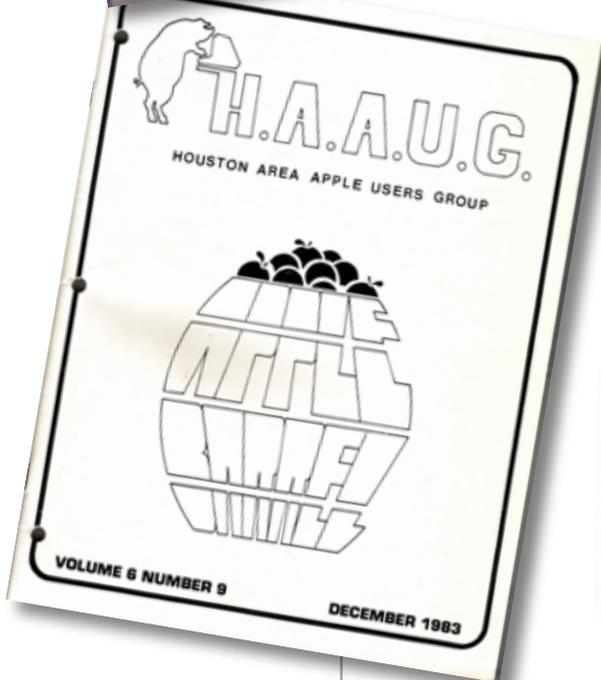
## A Look at the Evolution of HAAUG's logo.

The first logo was drawn by a death row inmate, Claude Wilerson which was the depiction of a hog on a platter with an apple in its mouth.



Sometime later the logo evolved into an upright pig at the console of a computer which rested on the top of the "H" letter of HAAUG. While this shows a computer, the computer is decidedly not an Apple computer, since at that time the Apple® computer did not have a built in monitor.

This logo was incorporated in the cover of the club magazine, the Apple Barrel.



Other logo styles have been tried including the famous “neon pig” that graced the cover of HAAUG’s only full color Apple Barrel.

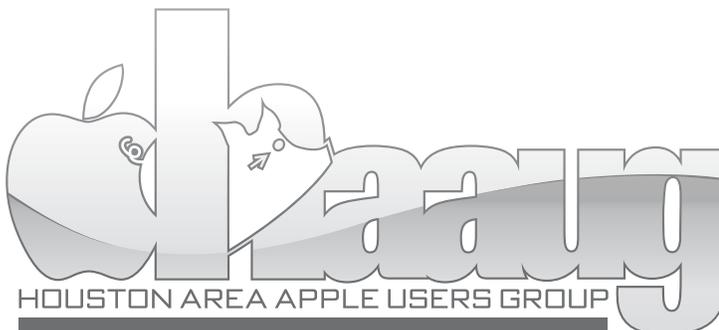


While a member of the Board of Directors, I volunteered to take over the HAAUG Boutique which consisted mainly of T-shirts with the outline logo. We wanted to expand the number of items being sold and wanted to add color to the logo. I designed the color logo with the rainbow pig design. Each part of the logo reflected the Apple logo colors in sequence but maintained the original logo style. The Boutique added caps, coffee mugs and color logo T-shirts and polo shirts. A very few HAAUG jackets with a large version of the rainbow pig and color letters were sold also.

Sometime later, an Apple Barrel editor updated the logo to have the pig peeking out of the letter “H”.



The latest logo is being designed by our current Apple Barrel editor. It will reflect the current Apple logo which is one solid color.



# April SIG Topics

General Meeting - Saturday, April 15, 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 General Meeting, or email him at

[rroberts@mac.com](mailto: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 Presentation

### Rick Ligas

Learn how to make the most out of OS X's Spotlight utility with *the Spotlight Training CD* from Discover Your Mac.

## Adobe® 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

### Rex Covington

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

## iMovie

### Joe Kudra

A new SIG on Apple's iMovie application.

# April 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.	<b>Rick Ligas</b> with Discover Your Mac presents <i>the Spotlight Training CD</i>			
12:30 a.m.	Adobe® Creative Suite 101	iWeb	iMovie	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.				

## April Main Presentation:

Rick Ligas will give an exclusive presentation on *the Spotlight Training CD* the newest utility product from Discover Your Mac.

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# Minutes

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

## Attendees:

David Jaschke, Clair Jaschke, Lyda McGhee, Phil Booth, Barbara Long, Rick Roberts, Doug Smith, Rex Covington, Amy Denton, Mike Epstein, Jeff Davis, Jim Connell, Joe Fournet.

**Call to Order:** 6:32 p.m. by President, Phil Booth.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The best solution to the parking problem at Rice is to make sure that the parking attendant knows where to send people when there is no more room in the designated lot at the Rice Media Center.

John Reeves has resigned as a board member/director and as the chairperson for the HAAUG Hotline.

## REPORTS:

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

**1st Vice President - Doug Smith:** DealMac's Dan Grandpre will be here in March. In April, Rick Ligas will show off his CD collection called Essential Spotlight Info. It was noted that the April general meeting is on Easter weekend. May and June are open. We can always use the Mac Challenge when needed. Doug is looking for ideas for speakers.

**2nd Vice President - Mike Miron:** Mike Miron needs to be reimbursed for parking charges at the last general meeting.

**Treasurer - Barbara Long:** Our current bank balance is \$14,908.23 and the year-to-date profit is \$631.11. The profit for the month is \$38.94. All bills are paid.

**Membership - Jim Connell:** There has been a 28% drop in membership since this time last year. A detailed discussion is needed re: membership. A special board meeting has been scheduled for this on March 28th at 6:30 at Ziggy's. Jim will send his ideas for this discussion to the board so that we may prepare for the special session. Also, we must have an updated brochure.

Regular members	264
Student members	9
Associate members	2
Lifetime members	6
TOTAL	281

**Apple Barrel - Tamara Alexander:** There was no report as Tamara is attending the rodeo tonight.

**Advertising Manager:** This position is open.

**Boutique - Barbara Long:** A cap was sold for \$15.

**HAAUG Heaven - Robert Lacey:** No report.

**HAAUGNet - Jeff Davis:** Everything is working fine.

**Publicity:** This position is open.

**Vision - Joe Fournet:** No report.

**SIG Coordinator - Rick Roberts:** Rick will send an updated SIG schedule to board members tonight. A few SIGs may be moved around.

**HAAUG Hotline - John Reeves:** No report.

**Webmaster - Jeff Davis:** The website will be updated tonight.

**Volunteer Coordinator:** This position is open. In March's Boss HAAUG column, Phil mentions the need for volunteers.

**Mentoring - Amy Denton:** no report.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**MacFest 2006 Committee** - The UH Hilton Hotel location has been confirmed for MacFest on September 30, 2006.

**Audit Committee** - The board approved that the Audit Committee report be delayed until April.

**Adjourned:** 7:05 p.m.

## NOTE:

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

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## Tuesday, April 11th

**NEW! Lake Jackson SIG • 7pm**

OPEN SIG

Bookends • 145 Oyster Creek Drive, Lake Jackson, TX, (979)297-8994

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**Evening SIG • 7pm - 9pm**

FileMaker Pro 7 & 8

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Demo of the New Intel Mac Mini, by Jerry Buc

Montgomery College, Room C125 • 3200 College Park Drive, Conroe, TX - 77384

[www.montgomery-college.com](http://www.montgomery-college.com)

## Saturday, May 20th

**General Meeting • 9am -2pm**

Explore Microsoft® Office Professional with a presentation by HAAUG.

## Saturday, September 30th

**MacFest 2006 @ the University of Houston Hilton Hotel (Shamrock Room)**

**This Year's Speakers Include:**

*Chris Breen* – Macworld columnist, author and editor of *Playlist.com*

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