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All Things iPod®



Saturday, September 16th

Get the ins and outs on all things iPod! Special Interest Groups (SIGs) begin at 9:00 a.m. and the Main Presentation starts at 11:15 a.m.

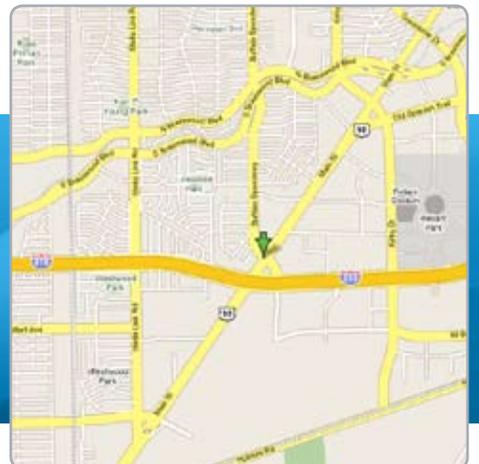
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**Howard Johnson
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Life with iSight

By Phil Booth

iSight sees all... Knows all... Tells all...

He is a traveling man. Missing in action for the last meeting was Rex Covington who recently was invited to FileMaker Corp's offices for a high level briefing. In August he took a very long way to get to Orlando FL for the annual FileMaker developer's conference, where he presented for the first time. He decided to make his way to Florida by going through Tennessee and North Carolina. Oh I forgot to mention this was on his Motorcycle. He road the fabled "Dragon" which is a stretch of highway 129 that has 329 curves in eleven miles. It is a challenge even for car drivers, and it has become a Mecca for Motorcyclist Rex has a video at http://www.covington.cc/adventures/motorcycle_rides/devcon_2006/tod_video.html

Programming VP Doug Smith is beside himself waiting on a box from the Mother Ship. Doug ordered a new MacPro and is pacing the floor checking the FEDEX website tracking the package. We will get a full report from him for next month. A lot of grass got cut for that machine.

Speaking of new machines HAAUG Treasurer Barbara Long was toting some new iron at the last board meeting. The Gen. 1 Titanium has been replaced with a 17" G-4 recently acquired from Rex. Now she has all of the modern conveniences like a working Ethernet port and WiFi.

Missing at the September board meeting but for a good reason was Tamara Alexander it seems that the Board Meeting coincided with her Birthday. I am not privy to the actual age but when you see her at the next meeting wish her a Happy Birthday.



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Apple® Recalls

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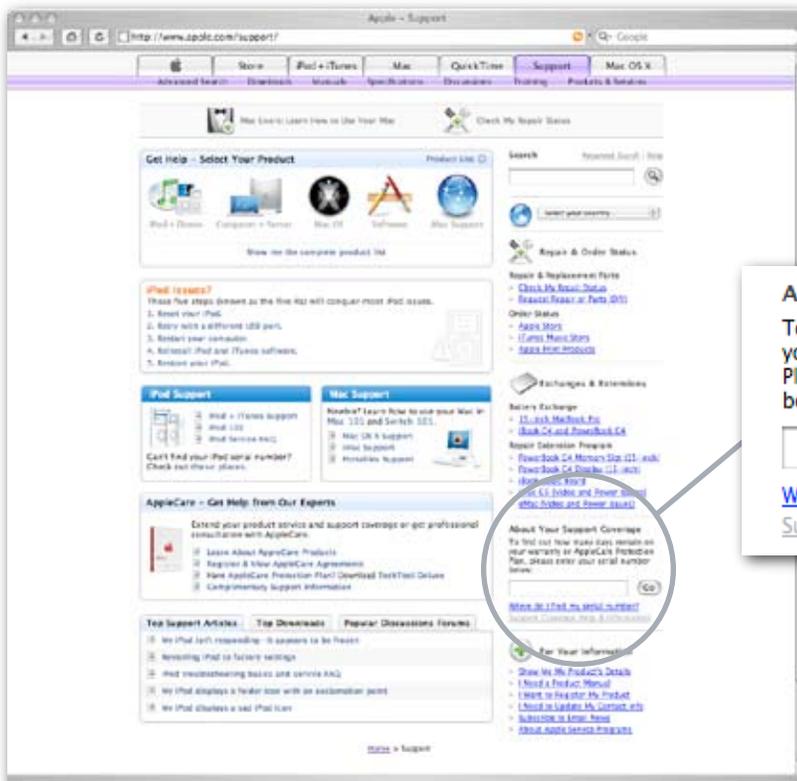
Recent recalls from Apple®

Below is the list of the batteries that are involved in the Apple Recall if you have an effected machine go to the Apple website and follow the steps to get your replacement.

Computer Model	Battery Model	Serial Number Range
12-inch iBook G4	A 1061	ZZ338-ZZ427
		3K429-3K611
		6C519-6C552 Ending with S9WA S9WA or S9WD
12-inch PowerBook G4	A 1079	ZZ411-ZZ427
		3K428-3K611
15-inch PowerBook G4	A 107 and A1148	3K425-3K601

To find out if your Appl' product applies to these recent recalls, simply visit <http://www.apple.com/support/>

All you will need is your computer or product's Serial Number handy to check on the status, including warrenty information, about your Apple® product. Enter in you Serial Number and click on "Go".



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Boss HAAUG Speaks

Monthly Address from the HAAUG President



Keeping up the energy.

I hope that you've been following the news about the Li-Ion batteries. First Dell recalled their Notebook/Laptop batteries, then Apple announced a similar recall for batteries used in models from 2003. Apple also recalled Macbook Pro batteries because of quality issues. So August seems to be the battery month.

Like the Marathon runner manufacturers have hit the wall with battery capacity. Every portable computer owner wants a machine that has the power of desktop with a battery that lasts on a four-hour flight. These high capacity batteries throw off a lot of heat, and if there is a problem in the manufacturing the problem is multiplied. We will publish the serial number range later in the issue so check your batteries, so if you think you have an effected computer contact check the Apple Website.

Apple announced this week changes to the iMac and Mac Mini lines. The iMac received the new 64 bit Intel Core 2 Duo processors, that promises to be up to 50% faster. The clock speeds start at 1.83 and top out at 2.33 Gigahertz. The big announcement was the addition of a 24" model. You can also upgrade the video card and have a good gaming machine. The other announcement was the upgrading of the Mac Mini line so the low end as well as the higher end machines now has dual core processors. The clock rate is 1.66 on the \$600 machine and 1.83 on the \$800 machine. Again consult the Apple website for more details.

HAAUG's web site recently under went some renovation and we have Tamara to thank for the redesign. This is just one of the many things that Tamara has done for the organization. In addition to editing the Barrel she is the one person HAAUG Graphics department.

HAAUG's web site is hosted on a HAAUG server, HAAUGnet is run on a HAAUG Server. They are very reliable but from time to time they need service. One of the people that will spend the hours, usually odd hours is Jeff Davis. He recently spent four hours replacing and restoring a drive on the HAAUG server. This is time that he could be with his family, but he is serving the interests of the club.

It is time to go through your iPhoto libraries and find your best shots. HAAUG will once again hold the Photo Contest. You should be able go to the web site for information on categories, rules and to enter the contest. Rex Covington has agreed to manage this year's photo contest.

This is almost the last thing I will write about MacFest, get your tickets now time is running out. Go to the haug.org and follow the link to the ticket purchase. I hope that I will see you there.

Phil Booth
2006 HAAUG President

Undiscovered Country

By David Jaschke • Apple Ambassador/User Group Liaison, Director-at-Large 4

The release of “Boot Camp” BETA!

Apple® released “Boot Camp” beta to allow Mac users who have Intel Macs to install and run a copy of Windows. For those people whose jobs require they run Windows applications or who must run applications that just are not available in a Macintosh® format, being able to run Windows® is a good thing. In the past, alternate applications were required to allow the Macintosh® to emulate an Intel PC. Programs such as Virtual PC allowed Mac users to install and run Windows®, but in emulator mode Windows runs s-l-o-w-l-y. On an Intel Mac, Windows® runs in “native” mode and doesn’t require an emulator. This means that Windows® runs at normal speed, for Windows® that is.

Not long after I got an Intel MacBook Pro, I downloaded Apple’s Boot Camp and installed it. Boot Camp allows you to partition or section off a portion of your hard drive to be used as a space for Windows®. Because of my limited space, I started with a very small Windows® partition. The installation of Windows® went smoothly and Boot Camp generates a CD with drivers for Windows® to use to access Macintosh® features and systems. I was able to install all the Windows® software that I needed to connect to my company. All worked well until the first upgrade to Boot Camp.

The latest Boot Camp fixes many problems and allows you to access more of the Macintosh’s features. In particular the latest version allows you to use the “delete” key as a Windows® Delete key instead of acting as a “backspace” key. This is needed to enter the famous “CTRL-ALT-DELETE” three finger salute to access many Windows® features. It also adds the ability to use the Apple command keys to act as the “right-click” button. Other improvements were also added.

Unfortunately the partition size was too small and I could not get the new drivers to install. I ultimately had to remove the partition and create a new one and reinstall Windows® and all my applications from scratch. The new drivers work great and make the experience much more pleasurable. As with most things done by Apple®, this version of Boot Camp is better and I expect that the version that will be released as a part of Leopard will be much better. If you really must run Windows, the free Apple® Boot Camp is definitely one good way to go and discover the undiscovered country.



HAAUGraphy

A photographic journal of The Houston Area Apple Users' Group

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Howard Johnson Express Inn - Septemner GM location photos. – Courtesy Mike Miron.

This Month's Crop of New & Renewed Members

John C. Christian
Arvin (AC) Conrad
Tyna Ellenbogen
Sally Evans APR
June K. Goodwin
Melissa G. Morse
John Roehm
C. J. Settles
Dennis Wagner
Anna Fay Williams



2006 HAAUG Nominations

Club Announcement

Call for nominations.

Well, it's that time of year again. Elections will be held in December for the 2006 HAAUG Board members. Do you feel that you can do a better job or have ideas on how to improve HAAUG? Do you want to have a say in how HAAUG's funds are spent? Do you want fame and fortune? Well forget the last one, but HAAUG needs a few brave souls to help guide it through the next year. Please consider being a member of the Board of directors. We have a number of positions and are interested in having new people on the Board.

If you wish to run, please contact either **Rex Covington** or **David Jaschke**.

To view the current roster of the Houston Area Apple Users Group, visit www.haaug.org/board

HAAUG 2006 Election Nomination Contacts

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1st Vice President
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Lyda McGhee
Secretary



Barbara Long
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Jeff Davis
Webmaster



Rick Roberts
SIG Coordinator



Jim Connell
Membership
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Amy Denton
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Michael Epstein
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Director at Large 3



David Jaschke
Director at Large 4

Voting Appointed Positions



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Alexander
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Clair Jaschke
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Joe Fournet
Vision Committee
Chairman



David Jaschke
Apple
Ambassador/User
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September SIG Topics

General Meeting - Saturday, September 16, 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.

Mac 101& Fundamentals

Rick Roberts

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.

Adobe® Creative Suite 101

Tamara Alexander

Basics of Adobe Applications, desktop print and web publishing.

Digital Photography

Joe Muscara

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September SIG Schedule

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

	Main Area
9 a.m.	Mac 101& Mac Fundamentals
10 a.m.	Digital Photography
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.	All Things iPod® with Special iTunes® Report Presented by Rick Roberts
12:30 p.m.	Adobe® Creative Suite 101
1:30 p.m.	Green Apples
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 and SIG topics are subject to change at any time. SIG leaders are volunteers, be nice to them.	

September Main Presentation:

All Things iPod

Want to learn how to get the most from your iPod? Rick Roberts will show you how.

Update on the new iTunes and iPods. Apple has released a new version of iTunes, a revamp of the Music Store with Movies added to the offerings. Improvements and price cuts to the iPod line up, including an all new Shuffle.

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University of Houston Hilton Hotel, Shamrock Ballroom – Houston, Texas

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Saturday, September 30th

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Don't miss this dynamic event at the **University of Houston Hilton Hotel's Shamrock Ballroom** **Saturday, September 30th from 9a.m. to 5p.m.**

Member's early registration is only **\$25.00**. Tickets can be purchased at the general meetings or by visiting www.haaug.org.

Ticket Prices –

Members Pre-Event	\$25.00
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Non-Members Pre-Event	\$30.00
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Y | N

If not, why? _____

If you have been a HAAUG member in the past, but do not plan to renew your membership, why did you decide not to renew? _____

Did you know that HAAUG offers various benefits to those with active membership? **Y | N**

What member benefits do you value the most? (Check all that apply.)

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly General Meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> HAAUG Heaven Forums |
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What changes would you like to see HAAUG implement to better serve its members?

Do you find the HAAUG Monthly General Meetings to be at a convenient time and location?

Y | N

If not, when and where do you feel would be more convenient? _____

Are you aware that HAAUG hosts Evening SIGs? **Y | N**

Have you ever attended an Evening SIG? **Y | N**

If not, why: _____

Do you access or visit the official HAAUG website (www.haaug.org)? **Y | N**

Do you find the website to be helpful and informative? **Y | N**

If not, what changes or additions would you like to see on the website?

Do you use the HAAUG Hotline (713.522.2179)? **Y | N**

If so, do you find it informative and/or helpful? **Y | N**

How did you hear about HAAUG? _____

Do you know someone who would be interested in joining HAAUG? _____

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Got a story,
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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Tuesday, September 19th

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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*

Shelly Brisbin – writer, editor & geek specializing in the Internet, Macintosh and Connectivity

Andy Ihnatko – columnist for the *Chicago Sun - Times*

Bob "Dr. Mac" LeVitus – *Houston Chronicle* columnist, author and Mac Consultant

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

Tuesday, September 19th

Lake Jackson SIG • 7pm - 8:30pm

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Saturday, October 21st

General Meeting • 9am -2pm

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Monthly Meetings

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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.

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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

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