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Digital Photography EXTRAVAGANZA



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- 2006 -
HAAUG
Digital Photo Contest

Saturday, November 18th

Meet Reagan Atkinson from Houston Camera Exchange and representatives from Canon and other camera vendors, learn all about iPhoto®, and find out the winners of the 2006 HAAUG Digital Photo Contest with door prizes from Stone Design! Special Interest Groups (SIGs) begin at 9:00 a.m. and the Main Presentation starts at 11:15 a.m.



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Meeting Location

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at Rice University

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Boss HAAUG Speaks

Monthly Address from the HAAUG President



Giving thanks.

November brings the holidays; a time for family and friends a time for documenting another year of growth. November's meeting is devoted to digital photography; this is a meeting that you do not want to miss. Regan Atkinson of Houston Camera

Exchange will present. We will have a presentation by MacWorld Editor Chris Breen via iChat video and Canon will also attend and have a variety of products on display. There may be some other manufactures coming but that was not confirmed at this writing. Thanks go to Rex for organizing this month's main presentation. This is a meeting to bring a friend even if they are not Mac users.

This month's meeting is also important because the board will present the 2007 budget to the members for their approval. At the end of October a group of the board developed the budget using very conservative projections on income. We were also very restrained on the expense sided of the ledger. HAAUG is projected to loose about \$400.00 over the next year. I hope that some of the programs that we will initiate will build income. Your board is very responsible when it comes to spending HAAUG's money.

The second item of business to be presented to the membership is the slate of officers. We will take nominations to the HAAUG board of directors from the floor at the meeting. As of the last board meeting there were several positions that needed filling. Organizations like the Houston Area Apple Users Group are always looking for members to step into leadership positions. I headed another organization and it was the same story we were always looking for members to become leaders. Please think about becoming a member of the board. It really does not take a lot of time. Also there are other jobs that need the right person. Please talk to a board member and see if your talents will match a need that HAAUG has. To paraphrase the famous TV Chef, it is a way to kick your HAAUG membership up a notch.

I am back from a cruise vacation, not just any cruise but Geek Cruise's Mac Mania V to the Western Caribbean. Me and 100 other Mac faithful got on a large ship and had a weeklong user group meeting. Well there were some shore excursions thrown in. I have never been on a cruise before, but it is a great way to experience cruising for the first time. (pardon the self indulgence but if you go to <http://web.mac.com/philipbooth> you can read about the cruise) While I was attending the sessions, I was struck by the similarity between the members of HAAUG and the folks who attended the cruise. Events like my cruise and the HAAUG monthly meeting reinforce my theory that user groups continue to serve a need. I know that the Internet is the source of all wisdom, but talking to people face to face is so much better. I have recently been reading an E-mail thread where someone could not get their Airport base station to work. The thread took three days to resolve and along the way people started sniping at each other. Yes you do get some support but it takes a long time to resolve. Where as if you ask a question at a HAAUG meeting your chances of getting the correct answer the first time is considerably higher. User groups have their place and HAAUG has its place, and I would invite you to invite other people to attend the monthly meeting. You might be doing them a favor.

Phil Booth
2006 HAAUG President

TubeSock® for iPod

By Jason Alexander

Keeping found web videos warm and in-reach.

Stinkbet's TubeSock® is a great application to download videos and other media from the popular website YouTube.com. It's easy, straight forward and a breeze to utilize with your iTunes® and iPod®.

If you can copy and paste a URL from your browser, you can use TubeSock®. For the most part the application works as a Widget with minimal settings and little desktop clutter. The main window features a streamline palette for pasting URLs from YouTube.com with the ability to choose formats for exporting such as extracting audio from video files. Formats made available for exporting include MP3s, MP4s, PSP, iPod® and H 264.

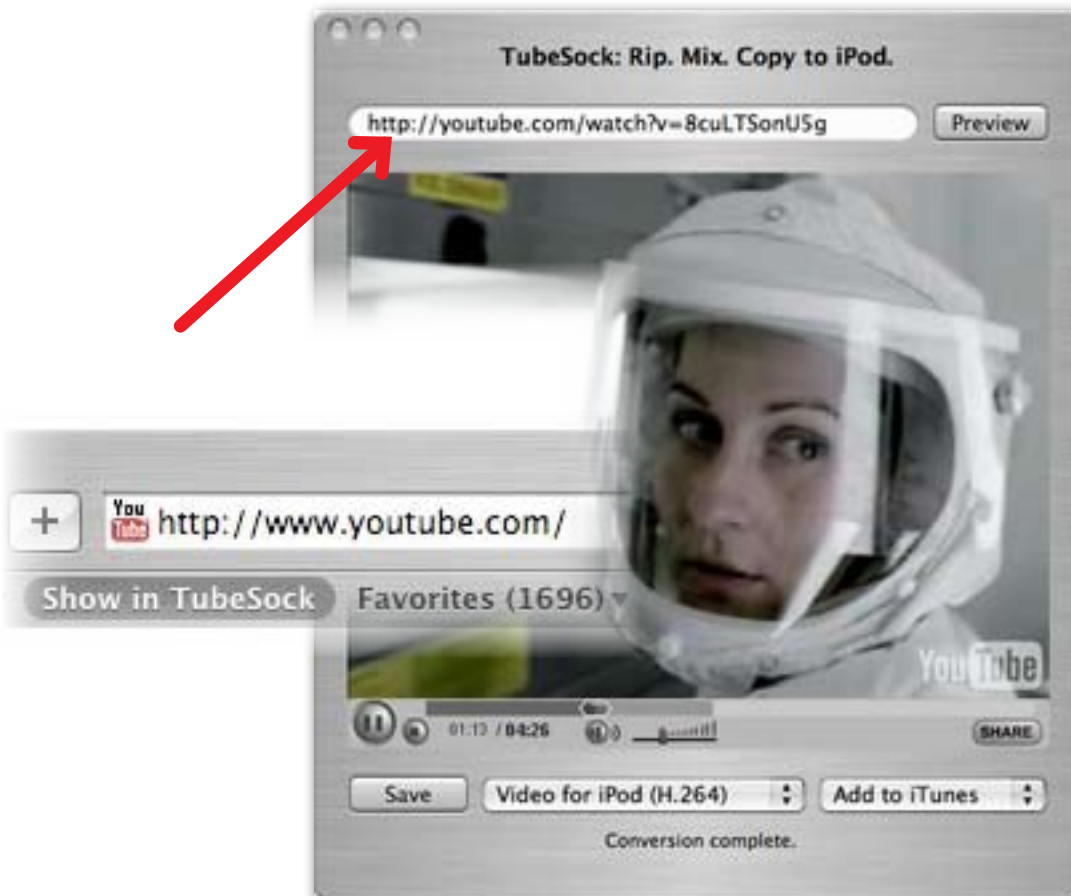
There are though some miner drawbacks to the online video utility. For instance, when trying to play this low quality, highly compressed videos on your TV, via a RCA cable or other iPod® compatible gadgets, lots of digital noise and pixilation can be seen. In addition, in many instances where you are exporting to an MP3 format, the file is rendered several times.

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A photographic journal of The Houston Area Apple Users' Group



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The HAAUG Board with Bob "Dr. Mac" Levitus.



Raffle winner Michael Epstein holding his \$25 iTunes® Gift Card

This Month's Crop of New & Renewed Members

- Ward Arendt
- Grady Beard
- Kenneth Bennett
- John Gaver
- Gregg Hill
- Jonathon E. Magnus
- Carole J. Mouton
- Karl Seibert
- Douglas B. Smith, Jr.
- William M. Treadway
- Thomas Woodell, II



Jonathan Magnus teaching the Mac101 sig.



HAAUG VP Programs Doug Smith.

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

David Jaschke
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November SIG Topics

General Meeting - Saturday, November 18, 2006

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

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.

Mac OS 9

An opportunity for OS 9 users to organize a SIG.

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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	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.	Chris Breen Author and columnist for MacWorld			
12:00 p.m.	Reagan Atkinson			
1:30 p.m.	Adobe® Creative Suite 101	iTunes®/iPod®	OS 9	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 and SIG topics are subject to change at any time. SIG leaders are volunteers, be nice to them.				

November Main Presentation:

Christopher Breen, Chris will join us by iChat video from California.

Chris is a columnist for MacWorld and Playlist Magazines, as well as the author of a series of books about iPod.

2006 Digital Photography

Contest winners will be announced with special product presentations by

Houston Camera Exchange's Reagan Atkinson and **Cannon.**

HAAUG PhotoContest 2006

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

H A A U G A n n u a l

Digital Photo Contest 2006

Saturday, November 18th

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How To Sign Up And Submit Your Photos

- Sign up at Kagi, a \$5.00 Fee: <http://tinyurl.com/lyfqw>
- Submit photos to: contest@haaug.org or give Rex J. Covington a CD-ROM of the photos at the Saturday Oct 21st HAAUG General Meeting.
- Full size photo accepted to a MAX size of 2MB.
- Please list the Category for each photos with a caption or a description.
- Only 2 photos per Category will be accepted (A total of 30 photos per person)
- Previous HAAUG Photo Entries WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
- READ THE RULES FIRST! Contest Rules
- Any questions, please send them to: Rex J. Covington at rexjc@mac.com

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HAAUG Membership Survey '06

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How we are doing...

Has your membership with the Houston Area Apple Users' Group met your expectations?

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.)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly General Meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> HAAUG Heaven Forums |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Club Magazine (Apple Barrel) | <input type="checkbox"/> Mentor Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special Interest Groups | <input type="checkbox"/> HAAUG Hotline |
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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? _____

Classifieds

Products and support for the Macintosh Community

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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Minutes

Of the HAAUG Board of Director's Meeting - October 3, 2006

Attendees:

Phil Booth, Barbara Long, Mike Epstein, Jim Connell, David Jaschke, Clair Jaschke, Rick Roberts, Mike Miron, Joe Fournet, Doug Smith, Tyna Ellenbogen, Bob Lacey, Lyda McGhee, Jeff Davis, Rex Covington, Cathy Davis.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Howard Johnson Motel worked out fairly well for last month's general meeting.

Phil appreciates everybody's help with MacFest and we have had some good feedback about MacFest, which was held on September 30th.

REPORTS:

Secretary - Lyda McGhee: The August and September minutes were approved as written. Many thanks to Clair for taking the minutes during these board meetings.

1st Vice President - Doug Smith: The October main presentation will be All Things iMovie and All Things iPhoto in November. The November main presentation will run a little longer than usual. Besides announcing the winners of the Photo Contest (prizes from Alienware and Phan Fair), we will have representatives from Nikon, Canon, and Hewlett Packard along with Reagan Atkinson from Houston Camera Exchange. The December meeting will feature Rex Covington presenting Aperture and the election of officers for 2007. The swap meet is in January and Bob LeVitus is confirmed for February.

2nd Vice President - Mike Miron: Rick will check with Rice about using iChat for future main presentations.

Treasurer - Barbara Long: There is money in the bank and all bills are paid. There have been some problems with Kagi. We are missing messages from July and August.

Membership - Jim Connell: There are 261 members: 247 regular members, 5 student members, 1 associate member, and 8 lifetime members. There were 293 members at this time last year. We will discuss the membership surveys at the November board meeting.

Apple Barrel - Tamara Alexander: no report.

Advertising Manager: no report.

Boutique - Barbara Long: no report.

HAAUG Heaven - Robert Lacey: The HAAUG Heaven forums are now for HAAUG members only.

Publicity: no report.

Vision - Joe Fournet: no report.

SIG Coordinator - Rick Roberts: We need a leader for the OS 9 SIG. Other alternatives are a one-time SIG or Rex will sit down with anyone who might have OS 9 questions. It would be nice to have a MacBook that we could hook up to a projector for presentations and this proposal is under advisement. We would also like to have an iWork SIG for Pages and Keynote and we are looking for a leader. Also under advisement is a proposal to send out postcards with SIG schedules on a quarterly basis.

HAAUG Hotline - John Reeves: no report.

HAAUGNet - Jeff Davis: There are no problems and everything is working well.

Webmaster - Jeff Davis: This past month onsite attention was necessary. The mail server had to be rebooted twice. We will run further tests on it and send out an email to users when the system is going to be down.

Volunteer Coordinator: This position is open.

Mentoring - Amy Denton: no report.

ADVERTISING - RICE PAPER FOR NOVEMBER MEETING SINCE PHOTOS COULD APPEAL TO BOTH STUDENTS AND FACULTY.

The Houston Area Apple Users Group Board of Directors meet on the first Tuesday of every month. All members are invited. The meeting is held at:

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NEW BUSINESS

The board approved registering several websites for MacFest.

Budget Committee - Phil Booth, Barbara Long, Rick Roberts. The first meeting will be Tuesday, October 24th at Ziggy's.

Adjourned: 7:42 p.m.

NOTE:

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

Get the most of your membership.



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Saturday, December 9th

General Meeting • 9am -2pm

2006 Mac Wish List

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Tuesday, December 12th

Lake Jackson SIG • 7pm - 8:30pm

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Tuesday, December 19th

FileMaker Pro 7 & 8 SIG • 7pm - 9pm

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Woodlands SIG • 7pm - 9pm

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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

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

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