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Saturday, January 20th

The largest & best Mac Swap Meet in the State of Texas is right here in Houston! Wanting that new G5 iMac and short on a few bucks? Sell that old Mac to make up the Difference. Looking for that copy of OS 7.5? There's a good chance you will find it at The HAAUG Swap Meet. See you there!

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Location: University of Houston Hilton Hotel (Shamrock Room)
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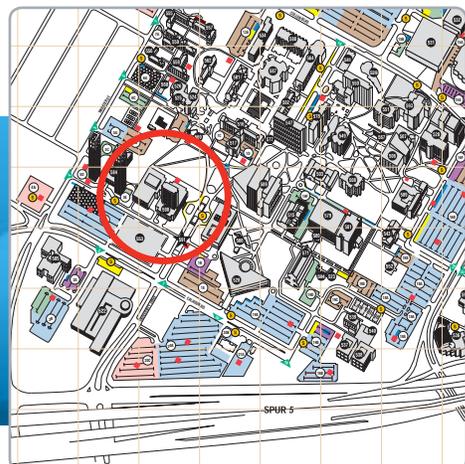


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Boss HAAUG Speaks

Monthly Address from the HAAUG President

HAAUG welcomes the New Year with goodies to boot.

It is my hope that your holiday season was joyous and full of family, friends and food. I traveled this year to my sister and helped my brother-in-law set up his iPod on his Windows machine. Well I was not there just for that but he like an uncountable number of others got the Apple device for a Christmas gift. Since Apple does not pack a CD with an iPod we had to download the application to get the latest version of iTunes. I crossed my fingers that my brother-in-law's computer would survive the trip. It seemed to come through the process without a problem but for some reason we could not access the iTunes store, I found out later that the iTunes store was swamped with the rest of the US trying to redeem iTunes Gift cards. I was able to show him how to rip a CD and load the files on to his new Nano.

I want to thank everyone who donated a toy at the December meeting. This is the third year that HAAUG participated in the US Marine Corp Reserve Toys for Tots program. It is a small thing but HAAUG's donation combined with other goes a long way to make a child's holiday happy.

As of the January Meeting a new board of directors will take charge of HAAUG. I say new, but a majority of the board is returning. I do want to welcome Carol Mouton and Gem Smith to the board. Even though we have all the board positions filled there are still many jobs in HAAUG that could use your talents. Contact me or another board member and we will put your talents to use.

If you are not already getting ready for Swap Meet now is the time. Swap Meet is on Jan 20 at the UH Hilton. If you got items that need a new home, or if you are looking for an older version of something at the right price then make sure that you are at the Swap Meet. Go to www.haaug and follow the link to reserve your table. We will see you at the swap meet.

January is also the time for MacWorld Conference and Expo, with the famous Steve Jobs Keynote presentation. I don't need to tell you that the major announcements were Apple TV media Center and the iPhone or whatever it will be called. There was almost no mention of the computer, and no mention of the iPod, other than the iPod portion of the iPhone. Don't assume that I am dismissing the iPhone, the technology that is packed in to that device is amazing. I am sure in some form, many of those features will migrate to other Apple products. I was a little disappointed that we did not see features in the next version of the OS or updates to applications like iLife-or iWorks. We also did not see any new models of either a computer or iPod.



There are many in the Mac community who get all worked up about what will be discussed during the famous "Steve-Note." Then complain in various forums and blogs about why the presentation was not a success. I am not trying to emulate those folks, but I think that Job's presentation this year was aimed at the people attending the other trade show one state over in Las Vegas. Apple fired a shot across the bows of the other smart phone vendors. That was reflected in which way the stock of RIM, producer of the Black Berry, which declined and Apple's, which rose.

The HAAUG Board had three members in attendance, working the crowd trying to interest vendors and other Mac notables in coming to Houston and present to our members. I am sure that there will be some great stories about this years Expo.

Phil Booth

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HAAUG Semi-Annual SwapMeet

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

Semi-Annual SwapMeet

Saturday,
January 20th

9am-Noon
@ The University of Houston
Hilton Hotel - Shamrock Room

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Saturday, February 17th

General Meeting • 9am -2pm

State of the Mac Address with Bob "Dr. Mac" LeVitus

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Tuesday, February 20th

FileMaker Pro 7 & 8 SIG • 7pm - 9pm

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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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