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The Doctor is IN!

Saturday, February 17th

Houston Chronicle columnist, author and Mac expert, **Bob "Dr. Mac" LeVitus**, gives his annual "State of the Mac" address, a not-to-be-missed event! Special Interest Groups (SIGs) begin at 9:00 a.m. and the Main Presentation starts at 11:15 a.m. General Meeting SIGs include topics such as Mac 101 & Fundamentals, Green Apples, Digital Photography, New Member Orientation, Adobe® Creative Suite, iTunes® + iPod®, iLife '06®, Mac One on One and much more!

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Boss HAAUG Speaks

Monthly Address from the HAAUG President

Kicking off the new year.

HAAUG kicked off the New Year with the January Swap Meet, I was able to sell a few things but I did haul home my big old monitor. February will bring Bob LeVitus for his annual "State of the Mac" presentation. Make sure that you put February 17th on your calendar. Bob's Presentation is always popular; arrive early so you can park in the lot adjacent to the Rice Media Center. Early arrivers can take advantage of the Special Interest session before the main presentation.

I had a crisis recently when I was without Internet at my house for about a week and a half. It was a problem but I was able to check E-mail at the office so I could keep tabs on HAAUG Club Business, and the mailing lists that I read. One of the ironies of the experience was the "On hold" messages on the ATT support line telling me to go to a website to check on the status of my situation. I would but since I was not connected I couldn't. The thought that came into my head is how much I depend on Internet Access. I have used SW Bell/ATT DSL since December of 1999 and as I told the support techs I didn't have a modem to us dial-up. Besides E-mail there are the numerous web sites that I go to for information, and to do things like on-line bill paying. I joked that I was having withdrawal symptoms, but it wasn't that bad. I was also introduced to ATT tech support; because of the nature of my work I know that telephone tech support is hard on the employees and the customer. All I wanted was my Internet back and after awhile I was becoming shall I say less than understanding. I will say that on my last call the repair techs were great and since they got me connected I was really happy.

"When Congress makes a Joke it's a law," that quote attributed to Will Rogers doesn't mean that this column is turning political. It means that there is a change to Daylight Saving Time that is mandated by Congress in the Energy Policy Act of 2005; and this may affect your computer. Daylight saving time will start on March 11 this year. You may like or dislike DST but it is a fact that we will have to deal with it. If you are not running the latest version of OS X your computer may not record the time correctly. To my knowledge Apple has not updated 10.3.9 with the new DST rules. If you can't upgrade to 10.4.8 I will see if we can come up with a work around and post it to the HAAUG web site. This may be more important if you are running servers, as many applications may not act correctly. Even though your system gets a signal from a timeserver that apple maintains. (time.apple.com). If you are using any version of OS X earlier than 10.4.6 the OS does not have the new rules and your computer may not keep time correctly.

We all know that the Apple/iPhone is due in June but there are many of us wanting to know when exactly Leopard will be released to users. Though judging by the yawn that Microsoft has gotten on the release of Vista I do not know if there are Mac folks waiting to plunk down the 129.99 for the next cat. Although there are some very cool features in the next OS X release. I have read a rumor that the Apple WWDC will be in early June and that is when we will see 10.5. Some people like me are waiting for a revision in some of the machines, and there are a lot of folks that think that there will be an iPod in the form factor of the phone that will give a better video experience. This is all speculation, but it is still fun to think about. What product are you looking for a redesigned tower, a new notebook, or an iPod with a larger screen.

I look forward to serving the members of HAAUG as President again this year.

Phil Booth
2006 HAAUG President

"The Cult of Mac"

Book review by Doug Smith, VP Programs

A book by Leander Kahney

When your family asks you why you have a Mac, this book explains it for you. We are unique in our view of life. The fact that our cult is different is just fine with us. The text covers the roots of the Mac experience, the skin ink, the haircuts, the car art, the mods we have done, the inspirations we share with the creators within Apple. We offer up our ideas for the next big thing freely, hoping to become some small part of the process by posting on discussion boards and rumor sites for those already at Apple to notice.

But, this book goes even further. It recalls how every person who buys a Mac, receives so much more than just a machine to do a particular task. They receive a new pathway into a future. One where some will find joy in the special thought that went into the packaging the Mac was shipped in. We will throw a party for the unwrapping of that new Mac and then take photos to share with friends who were absent that day. Others will save the packaging for later or build something out of the box. Get enough Apple boxes together and build a sofa. Get a few older Macs together and build a bar, a network, and a piece of art.

If you as I have bought Macs since the 80's, this book is a joyous ride back. If you are new to the Apple clan, read about where we have been. The inspirations that Steve Jobs, Steve Wozniak, and Guy Kawasaki brought into the business world. Of the developers and suppliers who have created all of those little gizmos thingies for the Macs, the Power Macs, for the ibooks, the PowerBooks, the MacBooks, the minis, for the ipods, and for our lives. And mainly, this book is for the users. For those of us within "The Cult of Mac" and of how we relish life.

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iWoz

Review by Phillip Booth

A Memoir by Steve Wozniak with Gina Smith

I had the pleasure of listening Steve Wozniak at HAAUG's 25th anniversary meeting. I have also heard various interviews that he has given. iWoz is Steve's Memoir with his version of the founding of Apple. In reading the book I found that I was listening Steve Wozniak's voice. A book can go in to greater detail than a speech, and iWoz fills in the details on his early life, the development of Apple and events since his active involvement with the company.

The book is full of his stories telling how he pulled pranks on people using bits of cobbled technology. One famous story is about his pranks in a University of California dorm, where he was able to have people take different postures as he triggered a TV signal jammer. He also related several stories where he and Steve Jobs were almost arrested for selling a blue box; a device to make free long distance calls. He also related a sale of one of the phone devices to people who he thought were members of the "mob".

Well covered was his interest in electronics and development as an engineer. This is the area that will interest Apple users. It is well known that Wozniak had a job at Hewlet Packard in the calculator division. It was during this time that he assisted Steve Jobs in producing a video game for Atari, during a marathon of all-nighters. It was also during this period that he was introduced to the Home Brew Computer Club, and began his interest in designing computers. He designed a method of connecting a TV monitor and a keyboard to a microcomputer, which lead to the development the ancestor of the Apple II. The book goes into details of the evolution of the Apple II including the race to add a floppy disk drive to the machine. Wozniak discusses the evolution of Apple from a home based, surviving by the fingernails company to the company that we know today.

He gives credit to Steve Jobs for the development of Apple Inc, by telling the story of the first sales of the Apple Computer to a local retailer, He also tells of offering the design to HP before Apple became Apple and relating the story of his leaving Hewlett Packard. He states that it was a very hard decision for him to leave HP and stated that he never wanted to get in to management. Wozniak's talent was in the beautiful design of the hardware and software. He was constantly trying to make the computer as efficient as possible by keeping the chip count as low as possible. He also was the first to add a color screen to computer.

The book does delve into the aspects of his life outside of Apple. There were two failed marriages, the plane crash and recovery, and his bank rolling of the US festivals. What Wozniak doesn't do is go into specifics about his relationship with Steve Jobs. In interviews when asked he states, "they talk from time to time."

I found the book interesting from the first page. This is an autobiography so the author is looking at his own life and is not a detached observer. He still paints a balanced account of the events. If you are interested in the history of technology and of the life one of the persons that is responsible the technological progress that we are enjoying this book needs to be on your bookshelf.

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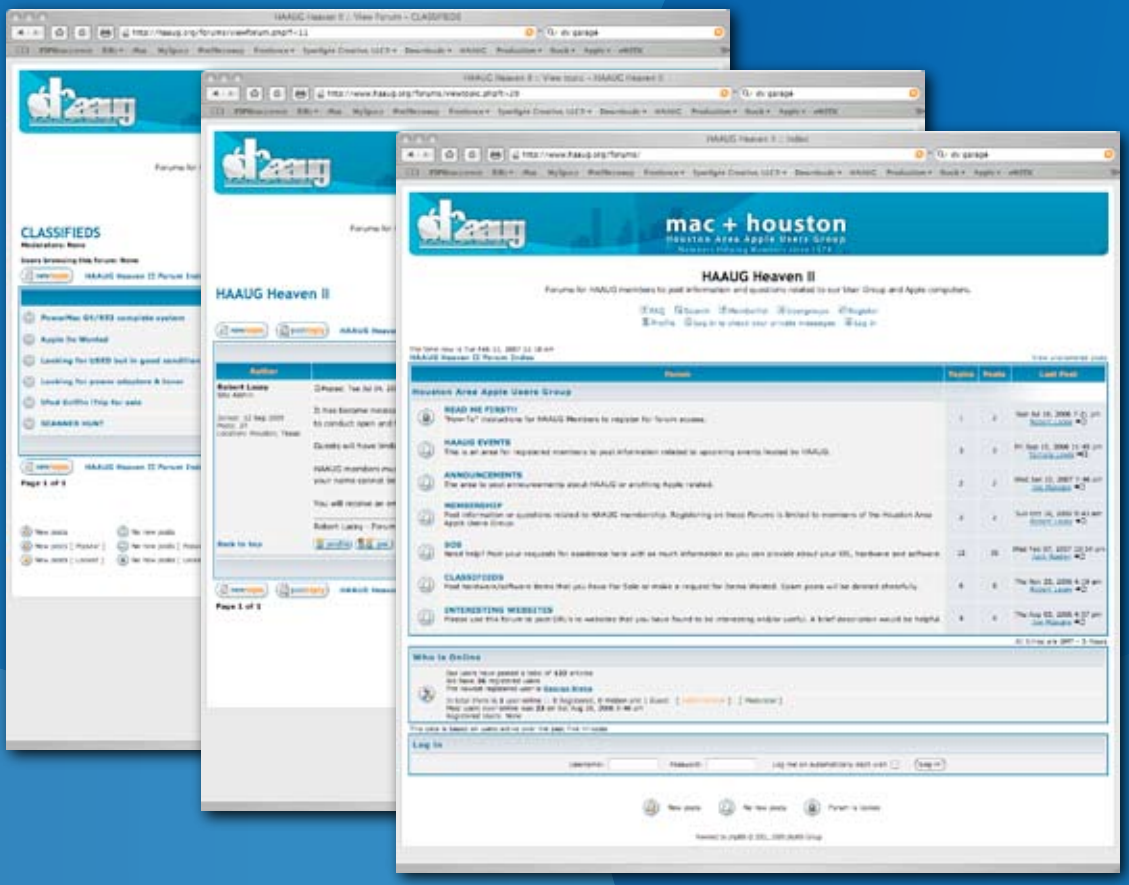

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Need help with networking printers, internet connections and other Mac computers? The Home Networking forum offers great tips, stories, and trouble shooting advice. Our iApps/iLife forum allows members to exchange ideas on Apple's highly praised iLife package, including the popular iPod and iTunes.

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Other World Computing's tablet Mac at Macworld. - courtesy of RIck Roberts, SIG Coordinator.

The HAAUG trio relaxing at Chevy's Fresh Mex during Macworld '07. - courtesy of Doug Smith, VP Programs.

This Month's Crop of New & Renewed Members

Urvine Atkinson
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Larry Sims
Wayne A. Smith
Nancy van Morkhoven

The NEW Anticipated iPhone

Houston Area Apple Users weigh in their thoughts.

"Very cool phone, I want one, but Cingular Sucks"
- **Rex Covington**

"iPhone/ApplePhone is fabulous technology but I'm not ready to commit. AppleTV is nice but I have other ways of playing content, and I don't have an HD Set yet. "
- **Phill Booth**

"Got to love wireless technology! I expect to see chalk marks on my sidewalk in the near future. I ordered the Apple AirPort Extreme this week. With twice the range and five time the speed, my neighbors will be very happy. It is part of my two year plan of Apple upgrades.

Please, don't tell the wife."
- **Doug Smith**

"Because I'm in the market for a new phone, my thoughts center on the iPhone. First impressions are very favorable. However, there are numerous questions I have concerning additional software for business and the speed and dependability of this "new" at&t network. Right now, I question whether or not the value is going to be on par with the price. Just to play iTunes music or video on a larger screen phone and not be able to use any of what a PDA would offer is not a good enough selling point for the price for me. The next few months should be interesting."
- **Joe Fournet**

What's in your playlist?

Doug Smith	Rex Covington	Phill Booth	Rick Roberts
Take The Weather With You **Jimmy Buffett**	"Next" (Audio Book) **Michael Crichton**	Magical Mystery Tour **Beatles**	Junior Brown **Junior High**

February SIG Topics

General Meeting - Saturday, February 17, 2007

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
John Reeves
Bring your cameras, bring your photos (printed or electronic) and we'll discuss what makes a great photo. THIS MONTH Photo SIG participants are asked to take bird photos and upload them for SIG discussion for this Saturday. Photos should be sent to: **photosig@haaug.org**.

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.

February 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. 11:30 a.m.	Business Meeting. **Bob "Dr. Mac" LeVitus** Annual State of the Mac Address			
12:00 p.m.	GarageBand	iMovie		Mac One on One
1:30 p.m.	Adobe® Creative Suite 101	iTunes/iPod	Mac OS 9	
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.

Classifieds

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Minutes

Of the HAAUG Board of Director's Meeting - January 4, 2007

Attendees: Tamara Alexander, Clair Jaschke, David Jaschke, Rex Covington, Phil Booth, Doug Smith, Rick Roberts, Jim Connell, Michael Epstein, Bob Lacey, Barbara Long, Michael Miron, Carole Mouton

Call to order: 6:39 PM

Gen Ann/Gen Meeting Recap—December meeting okay, toys for tots, membership elected board as presented. Rex: Everyone elected again, with a few exceptions: David Jaschke, membership, Amy Denton, Mike Esptein, Carole Mouton, directors

Minutes of December meeting: Motion, seconded. Approved.

Treasurer's Report : Money in bank, bills paid. Reports to follow.

Facilities - Phill Booth: two sections of Shamrock Ballroom for $550 for Swap Meet. Moved, Seconded, Approved.

VP Programming - Doug Smith: Swap Meet, Jan; LeVitus, Feb; Parallels, Mar;

SIG Coordinator: No changes for Feb GM;

HH Forum - Lacey: Have made it difficult for non-real people to register on forums; two or three new people have joined the forums. Need more participation from board members on forums.

AB Editor: Need photos from Macworld, articles. Article regarding Swap Meet. News from last year. Request for list of what people are selling at Swap Meet.

Webmaster: Website up to date so far. Board members, HAAUGraphy page need to be updated. PB: Advertising manager, Ben Pinkerton.

Membership: JOC

New/Old Business: Donation of Apple Lisa—to be collected and auctioned on eBay for benefit of HAAUG. Appointment of interim officers—JOC secretary;

Publicity: calendar cards, need events for Feb-Apr. Advertise Feb GM in Rice newspaper on Feb 9 and 16.

October GM: moved to 4th Saturday. Will need to move Swap Meet in Jan 08 due to scheduling of Macworld.

Adjourned: 7:24 p.m.

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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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.

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