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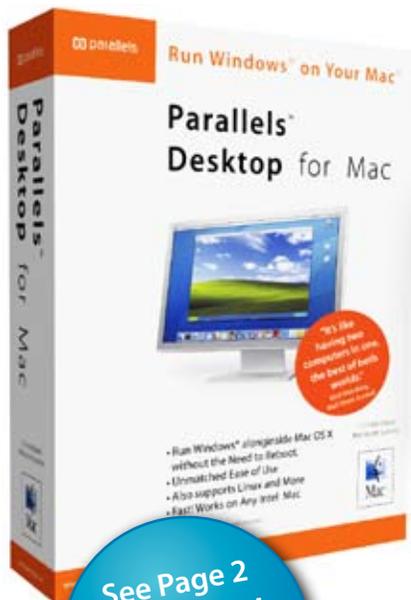
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parallels



Working in Parallel Universes

Saturday, March 17th

Parallels Desktop for Mac. **Parallels** enables Mac users to run Windows simultaneously with Mac OS X on any Intel-powered iMac, Mac mini, MacBook, MacBook Pro and Mac Pro Tower. Special Interest Groups (SIGs) begin at 9:00 a.m. and the Main Presentation starts at 11:15 a.m. The General Meeting SIGs include topics such as Mac 101 & Fundamentals, 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



User group members get special pricing on all Nova products by making their purchases through the special web site.

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In addition, HAAUG receives a 10% commission on the sales that are linked to our club's name through the Nova web site.

Looking into the future.

This seems to be the pause before the storm when it comes to Apple News. Even the folks at MacWorld were commenting on the lack of announcements coming from Cupertino. There are lots of rumors that are bubbling about new machines and when the OS will be updated. The only products that we heard about were the iPhone not available until June and AppleTV, which Apple said, would be delayed to mid March.

If you are a developer, or major IT manager the next event on the calendar is the Apple World Wide Developer's Conference. This year it is scheduled for early June. This conference is designed for those who develop the software that we buy. This is a chance for developers to talk to Apple engineers, so that their products will work correctly. There are other tracks for the IT managers and people who produce media.

If you missed the February Meeting you missed one of Bob LeVitus's best presentations. He gave his view of the health of Apple and demonstrated several applications that will improve your computing experience. It was a great show. In March we will be demonstrating Parallels, the software that will allow you to run Microsoft Windows in a window of OS X. This is virtual machine technology with Parallels you can share data between OS X and Windows easier. Apple has Boot camp that will allow you to boot in to windows on an Intel Mac, but sharing data can be problematic.

MacFest is coming, the date has been chosen, the speakers have been invited so circle September 29th, We are just in the beginning stages of planning so there are few details but the date is set. I think that there will be a range of speakers that will interest a range of Mac fans. Returning again this year will be the Mac Trivia Challenge, which will be your chance to test your knowledge of the Macintosh, and win prizes. The committee will be looking for sponsorships and prizes, so see a member of the board if you would like to sponsor the event.

Remember that HAAUG has an evening SIG at Ziggys covering FileMaker Pro. We meet on the Third Tuesday of the month. Rex has started a series of sessions that will create an invoicing system for a small business. He also takes time to answer questions on all aspects of the application. FileMaker is one of those programs that when you open and have a blank canvas, and needs some work on your part before it will work for you. If you do any database work FileMaker is one of the easiest database to setup and run.

If you have recently renewed your membership, I appreciate that you have again trusted HAAUG to be your computer help resource. You have my thanks for renewal.

Phil Booth

2007 HAAUG President

State of the Mac Address- Recap

Websites and Resources Referenced during Bob "Dr. Mac" LeVitus' 2007 Address

Keyboard Cleaner application that locks your keys while you clean them

<http://jan.prima.de/~jan/plok/archives/48-KeyBoard-Cleaner.html>

Menu Meters that look like thermometers

<http://www.versiontracker.com/dyn/moreinfo/macosx/17713>

Pandora is the widget that creates an internet Radio station based on your taste

<http://amnesty.mesadynamics.com/Singles.html>

FairGame is an application that removes DRM from music files

<http://www.engadget.com/2006/10/30/fairgame-a-new-ish-way-to-undrm-itunes-tracks-on-your-mac/>

Mouse Locator comes in handy for finding your mouse on a dark screen

<http://www.versiontracker.com/dyn/moreinfo/macosx/26157>

Easy Find is a Spotlight substitute that is very easy on your processor

<http://www.versiontracker.com/dyn/moreinfo/macosx/11706>

PHTPASTEBOARD 4 is an application that saves the last 100 things you have copied

<http://pth.com/products/pthpasteboard/>

Amnesty Singles transforms Dashboard Widgets into applications [\$9.95]

<http://amnesty.mesadynamics.com/Singles.html>

Omni Disk Sweeper tells you where all of your hard drive space has gone [\$14.92]

<http://www.omnigroup.com/applications/omnidisksweeper/>

iTunes audio improvement application [\$19.99]

<http://www.srs-store.com/store-plugins/mall/iwow-plugin.asp>

Redline Racing is a road racing game for single or online gaming [\$25]

<http://www.ambrosiasw.com/games/redline/>

SOHO Notes [\$39.95]

<http://www.chronosnet.com/Products/sohonotes.html>

Power Napping software [\$29.95 – \$49.95]

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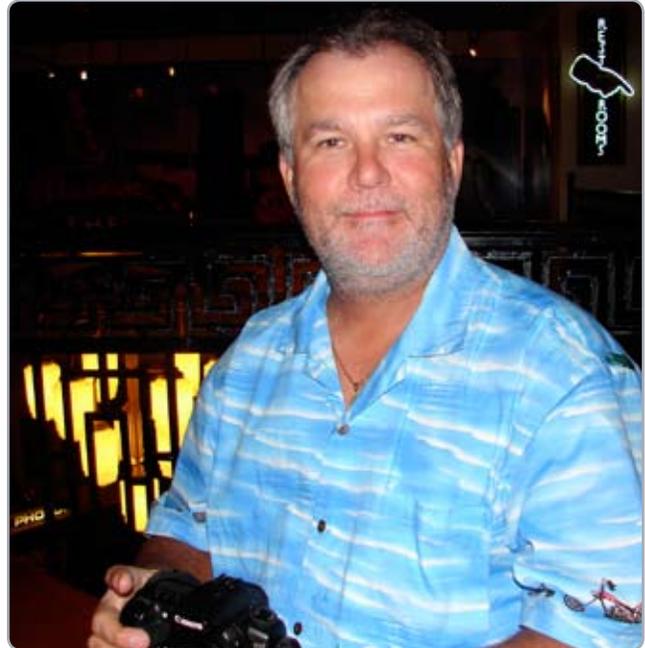
HAAUG member joins the UGAB

The User Group Advisory Board (UGAB) and I are excited to let you know that Rex Covington has agreed to join the UGAB, effective immediately. Rex is past president of the Houston Area Apple User Group and has been a member for more than 13 years. Many people know him from his previous position as Apple User Group Regional Liaison for the South Central United States or his FileMaker and Mac consultancy. In addition, he has served as a firefighter and paramedic in Houston.

A big Apple user group welcome and congratulations to Rex.

Sincerely,

Jeff Mosqueda
Apple



This Month's Crop of New & Renewed Members

Lewis E. Garrett
Roger G. Rowe
Richard O. Cobb
Robert Lacey
Roland Rouxel
Burt Cohen
David Bloomer
Joseph F. Nowicki
Steve Brown
M. Walt Zembal
Leng Hunter
Norman D. Guzick
Roberto Cardini
R.C. Johnson
Tom Lane
Joe Kudrna
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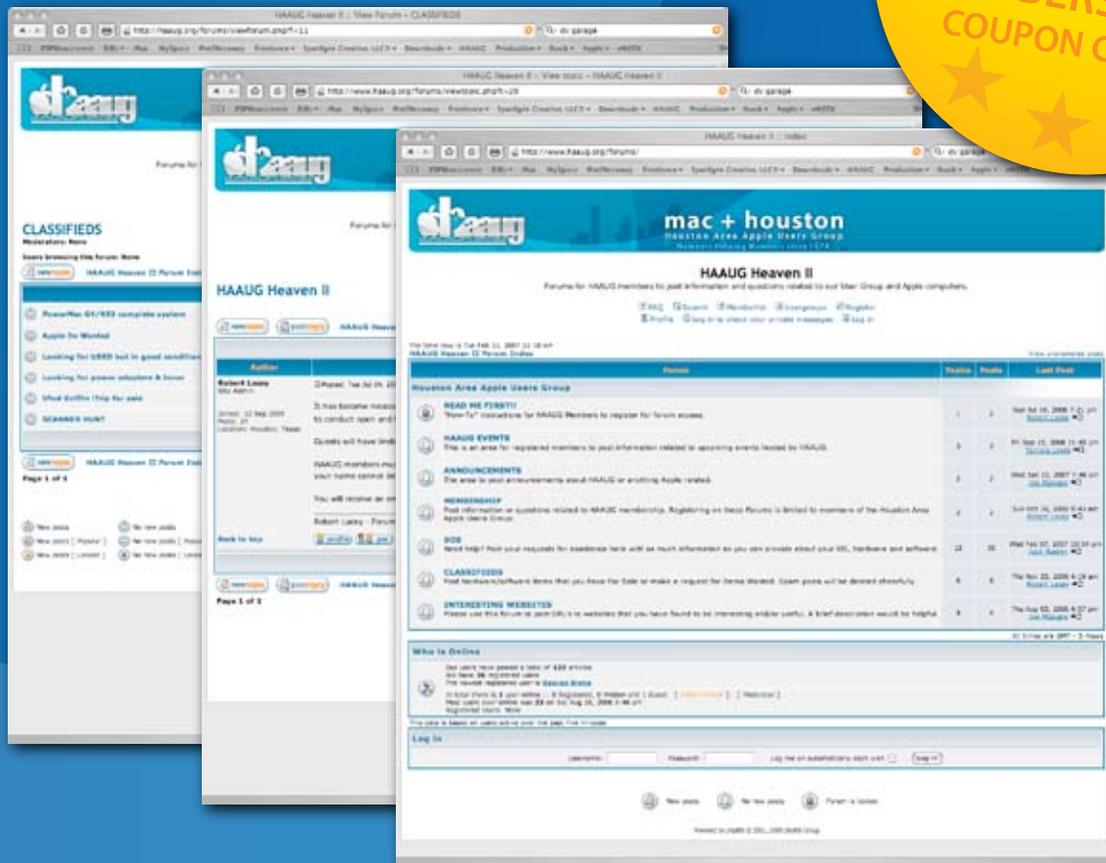
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Need help with networking printers, internet connections and other Mac computers? The Home Networking forum offers great tips,

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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Apple Store in Ala Moana. - courtesy of Jim Connell.



NEW Apple Store at The Domain in Austin, Texas. - courtesy of Jim Connell.



Apple Store opening in Australia where more than 300 people attended. - courtesy of Jim Connell.



Cap Mac User Group publicity passed out during the Australian opening. - courtesy of Jim Connell

March SIG Topics

General Meeting - Saturday, March 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.

Green Apples

David Jaschke

SIG for new Macintosh users, and those who that have switched from another OS, or have never used a computer.

Mac 101 Fundamentals

Rick Roberts

This SIG is for basic Macintosh questions.

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.

Cool Beans

Doug Smith

Demos of new cool stuff for Apple gear.

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.

New Member Orientation

Getting the most from your membership. How HAAUG works to serve you.

Mac One on One

Members helping members, one at a time.

The Net SIG

Tamara Alexander.

A NEW SIG on internet goodies and surfing optimization.

iMovie

Doug Smith

A NEW SIG on Apple's iMovie application.

March 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			
10 a.m.	Mac 101& Mac Fundamentals	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.	Parallels – Rex Covington. Run Windows or Linux from your Intel Mac, in the OS X finder.			
12:00 p.m.	Cool Beans	The Net SIG		
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 and SIG topics are subject to change at any time. SIG leaders are volunteers, be nice to them.				

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 - February 6, 2007

Attendees: Tamara Alexander, Philip Booth, Rex Covington (via iChat), Amy Denton, Michael Epstein, Joe Fournet, Clair Jaschke, David Jaschke, Michael Miron, Carol Mouton, Rick Roberts, and Doug Smith.

Call to order: 6:40 p.m. by President, Philip Booth, who requested Clair Jaschke to take minutes of the meeting in the absence of Secretary Jim Connell.

General Announcements/General Meeting Recap: The January Swap Meet went well. We added extra tables to accommodate the sellers and saved money by using a smaller room.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Secretary: The minutes of the board meeting held on January 4, 2007, were approved without amendments.

Treasurer – Barbara Long: Barbara Long was not present at the meeting but had earlier submitted a copy of the 2007 budget. The financial reports for January will be distributed shortly after the meeting.

1st Vice President – Doug Smith: Main presentations for the next three General Meetings are as follows:

February: Bob "Dr. Mac" LeVitus, "State of the Mac" Address
March: Parallels Desktop for Mac
April: Mac OS X 10.5 Leopard, with Dreux Ste. Marie
(tentatively scheduled, based upon the release date of Leopard, which is rumored to be March 24, and subject to Dreux's schedule).

Main presentation topics for the remainder of the year are to be announced.

Doug reported that those who attended Macworld had a good time. He met with several, mostly small vendors at Macworld, who are interested in coming to Houston, and was interviewed on camera by MacLife Magazine (formerly MacAddict).

2nd Vice President – Mike Miron: Rice University Media Center is scheduled for reconstruction sometime in the future, but the actual date is not known at this time. HAAUG should be okay to meet there for the time being.

SIG Coordinator – Rick Roberts: No major changes in the SIG schedule are planned. The SIG schedule for February should be the same as the schedule for the December 2006 General Meeting, unless there are last minute changes.

Apple Barrel Editor and Webmaster– Tamara Alexander: A list of the new board of directors is needed for the Apple Barrel. The website needs to be updated with the list of the current board members and pictures of the new board members.

Membership – David Jaschke: HAAUG had 244 members at the end of January, consisting of 231 regular members, 4 student members, 1 associate member, and 8 lifetime members. At the end of January 2006, HAAUG had 281 members.

In January 2007, five new members joined HAAUG, and 25 members renewed their membership.

HAAUG Heaven Forum – Robert Lacey: No Report. Phil Booth stated that the HAAUG Heaven Forum and HAAUGNet are running okay.

Boutique: No report.

HAAUGNet: No report.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

The appointment of people to fill the appointed positions is deferred until the next board meeting.

The following appropriations were approved:

1. Up to \$750 per month for the cost of renting the Rice University Media Center for HAAUG General Meetings; and
2. Up to \$1,300 for a new projector.

The following matters were deferred until next month:

1. Purchase of a new Airport Base Station; and
2. Purchase of a laptop to be used by presenters.

The Apple Lisa that was recently donated to HAAUG will be sold on eBay, with the proceeds going to HAAUG.

Adjourned: 7:10 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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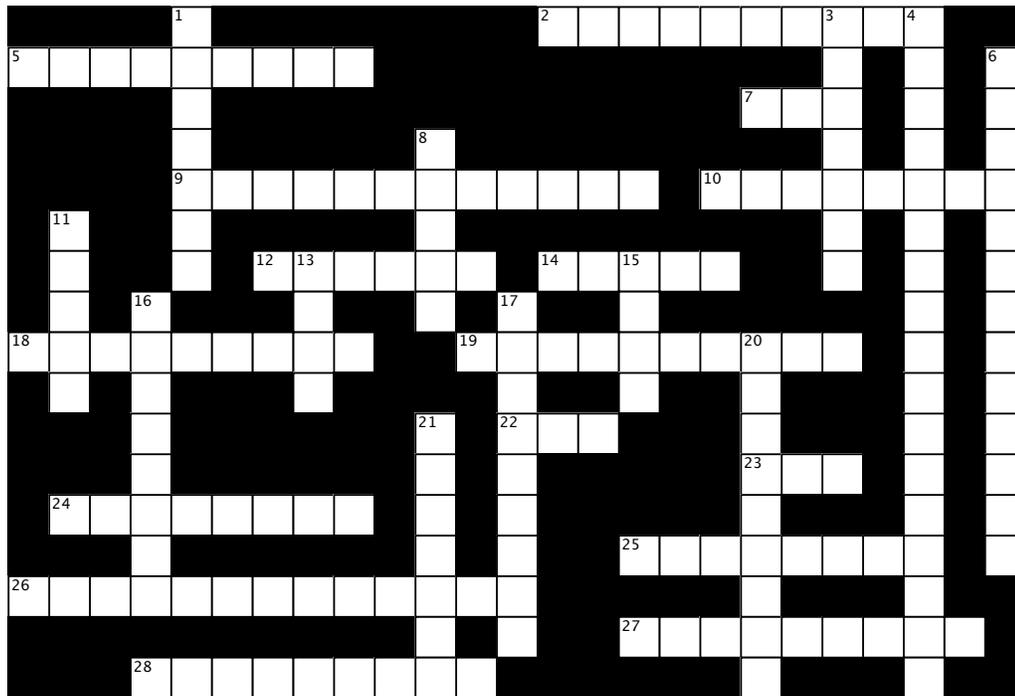
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Across

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5. Picture adapter
7. new monitor type
9. Recent former HAAUG President
10. The last version
12. As in shot from a canon
14. Printer type
18. Mother ship location
19. Early all in one
22. The main brain
23. Old Keyboard connection
24. Shortz Movie
25. Network Connection
26. Meetings use these
27. Popular Adobe App
28. Network number

Down

1. recently discontinued
3. download item
4. Excel is one of these
6. System Prefs replaced these
8. Name of picture part
11. "Old" __ bus
13. Old OS system
15. Almost extinct interface
16. Old Consumer model
17. A __ Orange (Kubric Film)
20. __ Myth
21. OS X for dummies Author

Upcoming Events

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Tuesday, March 20th

FileMaker Pro 7 & 8 SIG • 7pm - 9pm

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Saturday, April 21st

General Meeting • 9am -2pm

Main presentation: EyeTV, presented by Jeff Davis and Rex Covington
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Tuesday, April 10th

Lake Jackson SIG • 7pm - 9pm

Bookends Book Store • 145 Oyster Creek Drive, Lake Jackson, Texas 77566, (979) 297-8994.

Tuesday, April 17th

FileMaker Pro 7 & 8 SIG • 7pm - 9pm

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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.

Bulletin Board System & Internet Link

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HAAUG Heaven

provides each member with an internet e-mail address allowing exchange of world-wide electronic mail. Many discussion topics and many internet newsgroups make the answers to your questions as close as your keyboard.

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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Lots of Fun & Friendships

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