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eyetv

presented by HAAUG

Saturday, April 21st

Would you like to learn how to watch TV on your Mac and schedule recordings, which you can archive to DVD or your iPod? Or create digital backups of old VHS home movies? Or how eyeTV will work with AppleTV?

HAAUG's Jeff Davis and Rick Roberts will demonstrate **Elgato's eyeTV Hybrid and eyeTV 250** on April 21 at Rice University Media Center.

Meeting Location

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Boss HAAUG Speaks

Monthly Address from the HAAUG President



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At the last meeting we had a demonstration of Parallels the software that will turn an Intel Mac into a Windows machine with out rebooting. Apple has the Boot Camp system but that requires the operator to reboot the machine to switch the OS. With Parallels Windows is just a program window like Photoshop. There is somewhat of a speed hit but you bought a Mac right. I mean if you wanted a Windows machine you would have bought at Dell. Rex did a great job of demonstrating the advantages of using the virtualization software if you need to run Windows software.

This month we will get a demonstration of El Gato's EyeTV which is a system to capture and hold TV programs on your computer hard drive. This is just another product, which will allow the convergence of home entertainment and your computer. Some members have been trying out some evaluation units and will give us their impression of the system.

Adobe System announced the revised CS3 software suite. This was also the time that Adobe demonstrated how they were integrating the former Macromedia applications into the traditional Adobe suites. Photoshop is still the anchor of the majority of the several suites. Adobe has grouped the applications into the different areas of use, Design for print oriented, Web for web design and Production which is Adobe's video production software. One thing is for sure the software has a lot of power but also a very large learning curve.

In Apple news, Cupertino released a new Mac Pro Tower with two quad core processors in the machine, which translates into eight processors, running at a clock rate of 3 Gigahertz. That is a lot of computing power hopefully enough to run the adobe suites I mentioned above. The Apple TV unit also started shipping. It was announced last fall and the demoed as a part of Steve Jobs Keynote at Macworld. The reviews seem to be good if you have the right equipment to connect to it. Apple also announced that they have sold one hundred millionth iPod. This is an amazing statistic when you think that when the iPod first came out many people, myself included, thought it was an over priced one trick pony. That view was not just mine much of the tech press were lukewarm about the music player. The main catalyst for iPod sales was when Apple created a Windows version of iTunes. Now the iPod is in its sixth version with the Nano and Shuffle being in their second. We will soon have the ultimate iPod the iPhone. Stay tuned for the wild ride.

In some not so good news the HAAUG website was hacked and needed to be taken off line during the last week of March. The hacker got into the swap meet reservation page and started sending a gazillion e-mails to the point that our domain was blacklisted. Web Master and server guru Jeff Davis was able to get the site back on line and he is working to get off the various blacklists as soon a possible

HAAUG depends on people like Jeff and Tamara and Rex and Barbara, and the list goes on. We on the board depend on member feed back to bring you the programming you want. I can't guarantee that we can implement every suggestion but if we don't hear it we can't try to offer it. HAAUG also depends on volunteers and the board is always looking for people to fill jobs that need to be done. MacFest committee was established at the last board meeting, but we would be very happy to have a few extra hands to help with this major program. Please see me at the next meeting.

Phil Booth
2007 HAAUG President

OS X - "Leopard" Update

By Tamara Alexander, *Apple Barrel Editor*

Anticipated iPhone delays latest release of OS X.

Earlier this month, Apple® released a statement pertaining to the delay on the highly anticipated Mac OS X v.10.5 Leopard. This news may come as a small shock for avid Mac users, but it is unlikely that this short delay will cause consumers to become disgruntled.

"iPhone has already passed several of its required certification tests and is on schedule to ship in late June as planned. We can't wait until customers get their hands (and fingers) on it and experience what a revolutionary and magical product it is. However, iPhone contains the most sophisticated software ever shipped on a mobile device, and finishing it on time has not come without a price — we had to borrow some key software engineering and QA resources from our Mac OS X team, and as a result we will not be able to release Leopard at our Worldwide Developers Conference in early June as planned. While Leopard's features will be complete by then, we cannot deliver the quality release that we and our customers expect from us. We now plan to show our developers a near final version of Leopard at the conference, give them a beta copy to take home so they can do their final testing, and ship Leopard in October. We think it will be well worth the wait. Life often presents tradeoffs, and in this case we're sure we've made the right ones." — Apple Inc. [April 12, 2007]

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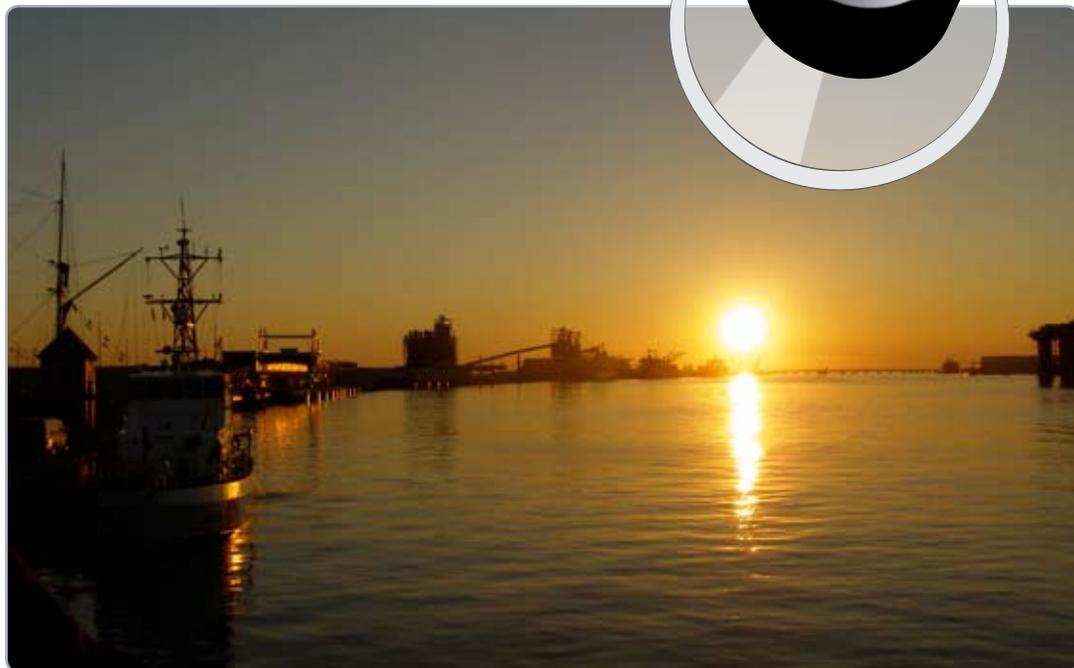
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Sunset along the ship channel, dockside in Galveston. I'm standing on the stern of the Stad Amsterdam, a clipper ship recently moored near the Elissa..

- courtesy of Joe Fournet.

Digital Photography SIG Topic - April 2007

This month's topic for the Digital Photography SIG is **Wildflowers**, including bluebonnets. Attendees are encouraged to submit photos to photosig@haaug.org.

John Reeves

HAAUG Digital Photography SIG Instructor

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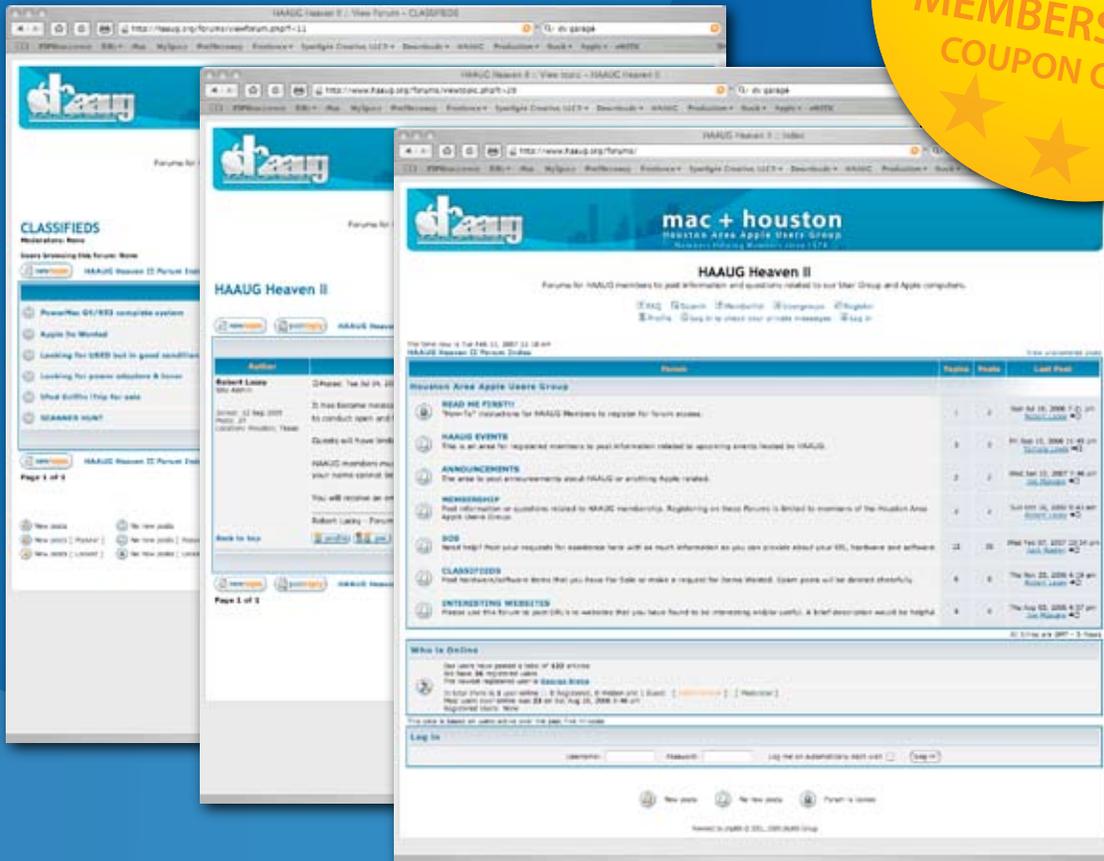
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April SIG Topics

General Meeting - Saturday, April 21, 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

Jonathan Magnus

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.

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April 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. 11:30 a.m.	Business Meeting. EyeTV from Elgato – presented by HAAUG			
12:00 p.m.		The Net SIG		
1:30 p.m.		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.				

Elgato Systems has loaned samples of their products for us to review and demo. Cool tools to bring video to your Mac and Apple TV.

Classifieds

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Of the HAAUG Board of Director's Meeting - March 6, 2007

Attendees: Tamara Alexander, Philip Booth, Jim Connell, Rex Covington, Jeff Davis, Michael Epstein, Joe Fournet, Clair Jaschke, David Jaschke, Michael Miron, Rick Roberts, and Doug Smith.

Call to order: 6:35 p.m. by President Philip Booth.

General Announcements/General Meeting Recap: The February General Meeting was a success, as evidenced by the full auditorium and parking lot at Rice University Media Center.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Secretary: The minutes of the board meeting held on February 6, 2007, were approved without amendments.

Treasurer – Barbara Long: New or revised sales reports for the months of November 2006, December 2006, and January 2007 have been distributed to the board. The remaining reports will be finished and distributed shortly. HAAUG has money in the bank.

1st Vice President – Doug Smith: Main presentations scheduled for the remaining General Meetings this year are as follows:

- March: Parallels Desktop for Mac (Rex Covington to demonstrate)
- April: EyeTV (Doug Smith to demonstrate)
- May: Mac OS X 10.5 Leopard, with Dreux Ste. Marie (tentatively scheduled, based upon the release date of Leopard and subject to Dreux's schedule)
- June: An Adobe Product (Terry White via iChat)
- July: Semi-annual Swap Meet
- August: Alsoft (Rusty Little)
- September: Prosoft (Jennifer Bell)
- October: OPEN
- November: OPEN
- December: Photo Contest/Election of Officers

Doug reported that he is having discussions with Macsafe (software that checks for spyware) and Iris Pen (handheld scanner device) as other possible presenters. Iris Pen wants

all travel expenses paid and will demo a product only if HAAUG purchases it in advance. At its presentation in September, Prosoft will give away an external hard drive, but only those who purchase a Prosoft product at the meeting will be eligible to win the hard drive.

Doug requested ideas for the main presentations at the May (if the presentation on Leopard does not go forward) and for October and November.

2nd Vice President – Mike Miron: A Rice student is building a structure in the center of the gallery area at the Rice University Media Center. The structure will be there during the March General Meeting. HAAUG can use the upstairs classroom, which seats 12-20 people or try to use the remainder of the gallery area. The board favored using the upstairs classroom but deferred a final decision until the meeting.

Mike also reported that the rescheduled date for the October General Meeting has been confirmed with the Rice University Media Center.

SIG Coordinator – Rick Roberts: Since David Jaschke will not be attending the March General Meeting, the Green Apples SIG will not be held. Doug Smith will demo items from several vendors that are not suitable for a main presentation in a new SIG to be called "Cool Beans." Rick noted that the General Meeting SIG topics are getting thin and that there is room for three or four more SIGS. The board discussed possibly bringing back a SIG on the Internet and having a SIG or an Apple Barrel article on subscribing to podcasts.



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Main presentation: PC columnist Dwight Silverman, from the Houston Chronicle, discusses his journey to the Mac side.

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Saturday, June 16th

General Meeting • 9am -2pm

Main presentation: Terry White from the Detroit MUG discusses Adobe® and other topics

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Saturday, July 21st

General Meeting • 9am -2pm

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Saturday, August 18th

General Meeting • 9am -2pm

Main presentation: Rusty Little of Alsoft

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Saturday, September 15th

General Meeting • 9am -2pm

Main presentation: Jennifer and Gordan Bell from Prosoft

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