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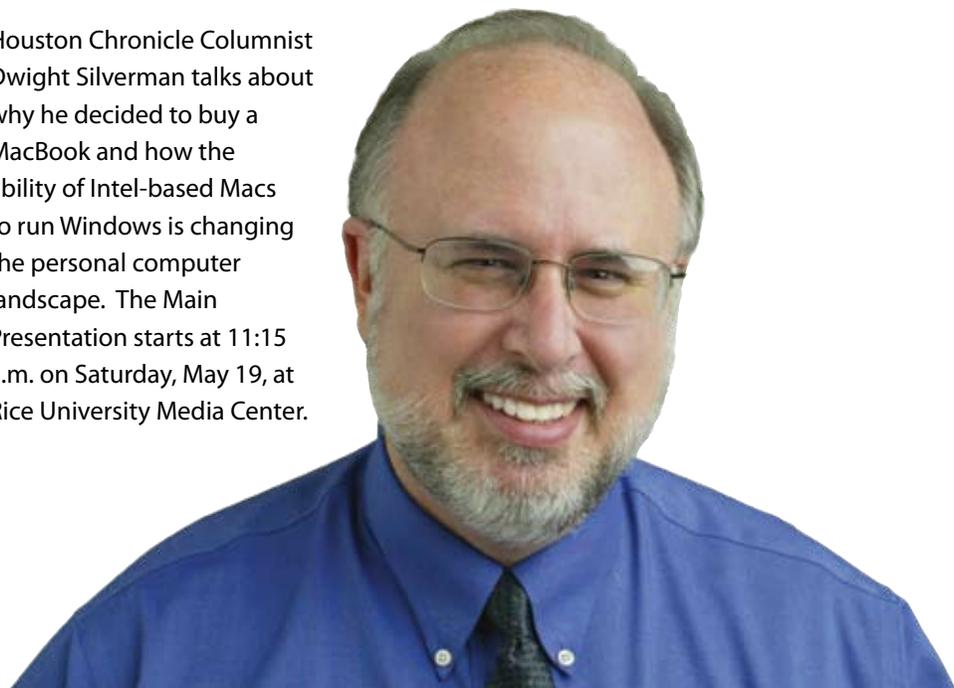
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The Houston Chronicle's

Dwight Silverman

Saturday, May 19th

Houston Chronicle Columnist Dwight Silverman talks about why he decided to buy a MacBook and how the ability of Intel-based Macs to run Windows is changing the personal computer landscape. The Main Presentation starts at 11:15 a.m. on Saturday, May 19, at Rice University Media Center.



Meeting Location

Rice Media Center
at Rice University

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Boss HAAUG Speaks

Monthly Address from the HAAUG President



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"I think we're a little bit late, we're all full up here you'll have to wait." That was what Apple said to the public about the new version of OSX. Now Apple is saying that Leopard will be released in October of 07 instead of the spring. The stated reason is that the iPhone needs some of OSX's engineering and Quality Assurance resources to get it finished. Being a dyed in the wool Mac user I was outraged that this new electronic gismo was delaying the refresh of the OS. I wrote on one forum that the stock was going to tank, and Apple would get a black eye. Funny thing nothing happened. The stock did lose a few pennies but nothing major, and there wasn't any really ripple in the development community. The people that I know that have access to the recent developer seeds of Leopard were saying that the delay was good, as there were some significant bugs in the software.

Apple also has a lot at stake with the iPhone. It has to be a home run when it is released. The phone's version of OSX has to be almost flawless, no rebooting during a phone call. Apple and ATT both have a lot at stake with the new device; both companies will suffer if there are problems with the device. A lot of discussion about the phone has concerned the price. There were some rumor sites speculating that there would be a \$50 to \$150 rebate dropping the price. We will see when the iPhone is released. HAAUG hasn't had a "Smart Phone" SIG but there were a few members comparing phones at the last meeting. If there is enough interest HAAUG could start a phone SIG.

It is earning season in the corporate world and Apple announced great results for the March 07 quarter. They reported a profit of \$770 million that works out to \$0.87 per share. Apple shipped 1,517,000 Macintosh Computers and 10,529,000 iPods during the quarter. Apple does not break out the amount of each model shipped but there was an indication that more than 50% of the computers that were shipped were notebooks. This is a trend even in Windows PCs, the notebook is supplanting the desktop as a person's main computer.

Congratulations to two members who have been given positions on the Apple User Group Advisory Board. Rex Covington was recently elevated to the Board of Directors of the Advisory Board. Rex was the South Central representative and assuming those duties is HAAUG's Doug Smith. This means that HAAUG will be well represented in the user group community.

If you were not at the April Meeting you missed a great demo of Eye TV by El Gato Software. Jeff Davis was able to give the demo unit a test drive, and gave a great presentation. The Eye TV is a combination of a hardware TV Tuner and MPEG Encoder and software that turns your Mac into a DVR. The Software has a basic editor that will allow you to remove commercials. I was amazed at the great reception Jeff got with just a pair of rabbit ears antenna. Digital transmission is changing the way we will receive TV, with HD and Multiple streams. The Eye TV is an easy way to start receiving the digital channels that are available now.

Dwight Silverman of the Houston Chronicle will be the main presenter at the May meeting. He has recently purchased a MacBook and he will give us his thoughts on becoming a Mac User, the dichotomy of Mac vs PC and general Tech. We are very lucky that the Chronicle does have weekly Mac coverage with the inclusion of a column by Bob Levitus. We think that there will be a lot of folks at this month's meeting so you might want to get to the meeting early.

Phil Booth
2007 HAAUG President

Apple User Group Market Report

PRESS RELEASE

AUGAB's new Rex Covington and DriveSaver's John Christopher

The 16th edition of the Apple User Group Market Report's podcast is now available online. This latest edition includes commentary by the UGAB Vendor Liaison (Tom Piper) with interviews with Rex Covington, past HAAUG President. This monthly free podcast offers the latest info on user group news, special events, vendor discount offers from the Apple User Group Bulletin.

To learn more about the AUGAB and the Apple User Group Market Report, visit:

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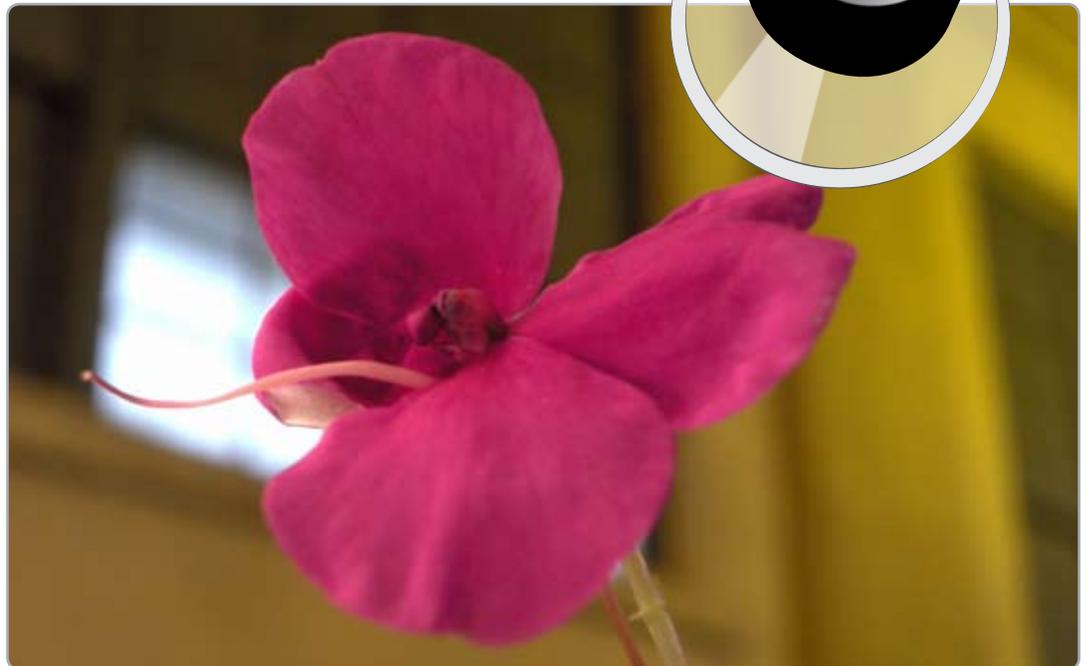
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"A Dallas Flower"
- courtesy of Tamara Sasha Alexander

Digital Photography SIG Topic - May 2007

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

John Reeves
HAAUG Digital Photography SIG Instructor

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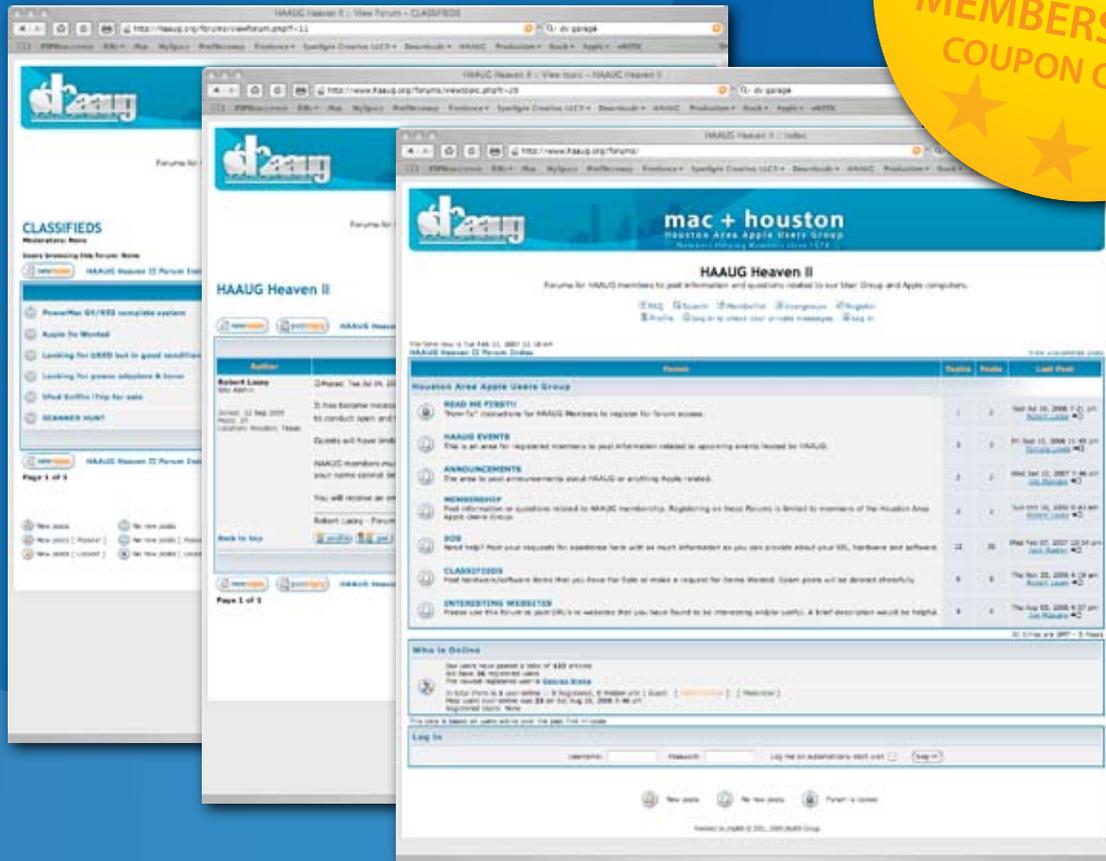
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Need help with networking printers, internet connections and other Mac computers? The Home Networking forum offers great tips, stories, and trouble shooting advice. Our iApps/iLife forum allows

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SIG Topics

General Meeting - Saturday, May 19, 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.

New Member Orientation

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

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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. Dwight Silverman - Houston Chronicle Tech Columist & Blogger			
12:00 p.m.	Cool Beans		Mac One on One	
1:30 p.m.		iTunes® + iPod®		
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.

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Minutes

Of the HAAUG Board of Director's Meeting - April 3, 2007

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

Call to order: 6:36 p.m. by President Philip Booth.

General Announcements/General Meeting Recap: Phil Booth reported that the HAAUG website had been hacked. A hacker exploited an old Swap Meet sign-up page. Thanks to Jeff Davis for handling the problem promptly upon discovery.

The March General Meeting went well, with special thanks to Rex Covington for the excellent presentation on Parallels Desktop for Mac.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

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

Treasurer – Barbara Long: The January and February 2007 GL reports have been emailed to the board. As the end of January, HAAUG had a bank balance of \$12, 946.48, and a month-to-date and year-to-date loss of \$85.57. The bank balance at the end of February was \$13,253.39, with a month-to-date profit of \$342.91 and a year-to-date profit of \$38.94. The bank balance at the end of March was \$11,724.88.

Boutique almost made a sale last month but lost the sale to Café Press.

1st Vice President – Doug Smith: Main presentations scheduled for the remaining General Meetings this year have not changed and are as follows:

April:	EyeTV - Jeff Davis and Rick Roberts to demonstrate)
May:	Open
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

It now appears that the launch of Leopard may be delayed beyond the May General Meeting. Doug requested ideas for the main presentations at the May, October and November General Meetings. He reiterated that only those who purchase a Prosoft product at the September meeting will be eligible to win Prosoft's drawing.

2nd Vice President – Mike Miron: No report.

SIG Coordinator – Rick Roberts: The list of SIGs for the April General Meeting distributed to the board by email prior to the meeting is the same as last month. After discussion, it was decided to add the Green Apples SIG, which was not held last month due to David Jaschke's absence.

Apple Barrel Editor– Tamara Alexander: Tamara has sent an email to the board requesting input on specific topics for the April Apple Barrel.

Webmaster – Jeff Davis: Jeff Davis reported that the haaug.org website has been restored to operation after having been taken down for a couple of days last week when he discovered the website had been hacked. The hacker exploited an old Swap Meet sign-up page to send out massive mailings of spam mail from the website. The website has been placed on the real time blacklist as a result of the incident but hopefully will be removed in due course. The HAAUG servers have been upgraded and are now operating normally.

Membership – David Jaschke: HAAUG had 251 members at the end of March, consisting of 240 regular members, 3 student members, and 8 lifetime members. At the end of March 2006, HAAUG had 269 members.

HAAUG Heaven Forum/HAAUGNet: No report.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

Phil Booth appointed Jim Connell (Chairman), Michael Epstein and Clair Jaschke to the Audit Committee.

Macfest 2007 Discussion and Committee Formation:

Rex Covington reported that Chris Breen, Andy Ihnatko and Bob LeVitus are confirmed speakers for Macfest 2007, which will be held on Saturday, September 29, 2007, at a location yet to be determined. Representatives of Wiley Publishing may also attend. Phil Booth, Jim Connell, Rex Covington, Jeff Davis, and Barbara Long agreed to serve on the Macfest 2007 Committee. Doug Smith reminded that a notice of Macfest 2007 needs to be put on the Macfest website.

Report on Recent Donation of an Apple Lisa to the Club. Rex Covington will pick up the Apple Lisa that was recently donated to HAAUG. It will be sold on eBay, with the proceeds going to HAAUG.

Adjourned: 7:13 p.m.

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Semi-Annual Swap Meet • 9am -2pm

Location: TBA

Saturday, August 18th

General Meeting • 9am -2pm

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Saturday, September 15th

General Meeting • 9am -2pm

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