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Saturday, October 27th

Dreux Ste. Marie, Apple® Systems Engineer, discusses new Apple® products including reviewing the much anticipated OSX Leopard. Don't miss this exciting main presentation by one of HAAUG's most enjoyable and popular presenters! The Main Presentation starts at 11:15am at Rice University Media Center.

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!

Meeting Location

Rice Media Center
at Rice University

Entrance 8 / Building 47
University Blvd. @ Stockton Dr.

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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.

www.novadevelopment.com/mug

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

September was a busy month, for me personally as well as HAAUG. We had the Monthly meeting with the folks from ProSoft Engineering. They gave a great demo of their latest products. The next weekend I was in Milwaukee giving a presentation to my professional association about the streaming media that my office produces. Then HAAUG MacFest, which this year was an un-qualified success. Everyone that attended got something out of the presentations. Some folks took home some cool loot from the silent auction also.

An event like MacFest doesn't happen without the effort of many people who worked very hard to insure success. Thank you to the Committee Rex Covington, Jim Connell Mike Miron Barbara Long, We also had help with the graphics by Tamara Alexander.

We also had help in the form of sponsorships from Smile On My Mac Software, iStockfoto, Dynamic Digital Design, Mac Experts and IAPC Internet service provider. Thanks to everyone that contributed items to the silent auction, and thanks to everyone that bid on the items.

HAAUG's Annual Photo Contest will kick off this month and you can register on the website. HAAUG has run the photo contest for about 4 years and I am amazed at the talent and quality of the submissions. It is time to go through your collections and enter. Instructions for submitting photos will be up soon.

October will be an interesting month HAAUG's meeting is moved to the fourth Saturday (October 27th) and Apple is releasing the next big cat, Leopard or OSX 10.5 Apple announced October 26th as the release date, and the 26th is the last Friday of the month. So we will see a new cat at our October meeting. If you have an old machine and you are happy with the performance using Tiger, you should really consider staying put. The processor support starts at an 867 G4 and goes up from there. This means that my Titanium notebook will not support the new OS. That is an issue that I will need to address with either staying put or investing in a new machine.

If you have been following the Mac news you have heard of the two or three lawsuits against Apple concerning the iPhone. I am a person who feels that it you have a legitimate dispute or injury that you should have access to the courts. But it you read these complaints it is so much whining. I wrote a comment, before the iPhone was released, to a mailing list I subscribe to, that the class action law firms were just licking their chops like wolves. They were looking for some flaw that they could sue Apple get a few millions for them and \$50 dollar coupons for the members of the class. It is so boooogus and one of the reasons that the phone is so expensive.

Phil Booth
2007 HAAUG President

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Announcement

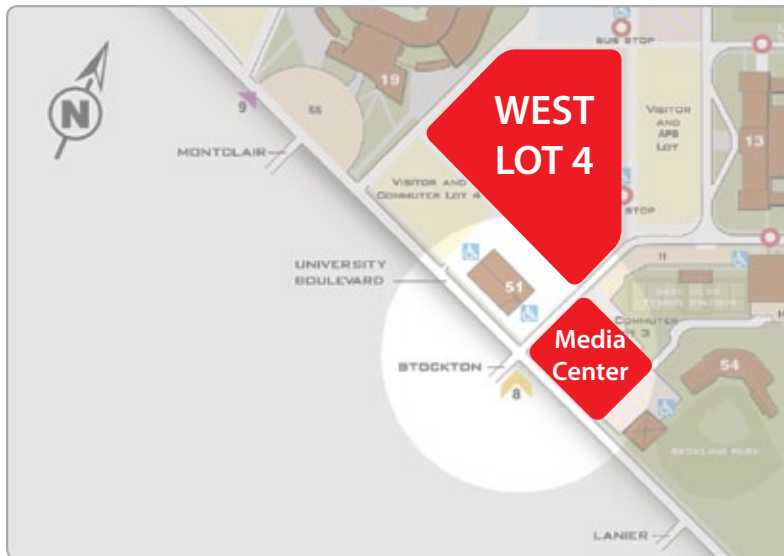
Rice Media Center Parking

For the next three meetings the parking lot next to the Media Center, the building where we meet, is closed. We will be using West Lot 4 which is adjacent to the Media Center See directions below

Enter the campus via ENTRANCE 8 (University Boulevard at Stockton Street), INSTEAD of turning right into the Media Center, turn LEFT at the same intersection and look for our parking attendant just ahead, on the right. The attendant will pass you through the gate free, into "West Lot 4" -- which is right across the street from the Media Center.

You will be able to leave at any time without presenting a card to the exit gate. Please try to avoid out-and-in-again as HAAUG gets charged every time the gate is opened.

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Disk Recovery Revelations

By Rick Roberts, *SIG Coordinator*

Learn more about disk recovery by with HAAUG Heaven

Just visit the Houston Area
Apple Users Group website
and click on "HAAUG Heaven".

Choosing the right tool is key.

I have, at last, had an opportunity to use Data Rescue II in a real-world, this-is-not-a-drill situation. I've walked around with this software in my laptop bag for a few years now, but never actually needed to use it, [DiskWarrior](#) has always fixed the hard drive problems I've encountered, before I needed to dig deeper into the bag of tricks.

A faculty member presented a non-boot-able 15" G4 PowerBook yesterday. The hard drive was visible, but would not mount. It certainly would not boot the laptop. DiskWarrior and Disk Utility could see the drive. I ran Disk Warrior and it coughed up "DW Error code 2185, -36, please call Alsoft Tech support". Disk Utility's repair was also unable to fix the drive. I started up Data Rescue II. The software could see and scan the drive. I was too lazy to call Alsoft.

Data Rescue II presumes that the media is not recoverable, but that the Data is in a readable state. You can boot the Mac from a firewire drive, or from a CD, but you need a recovery drive to move the data over to, since the original hard drive is presumed to be unrecoverable. If you are running DRII from a boot-able FW drive, you can recover to that drive -- if you have enough space, otherwise you need another drive to receive the recovered files.

The process was smooth and fast. The software read the files quickly and dumped the contents of the damaged drive to an external drive very quickly. I had the entire contents in less than an hour. I was able to open Word and Excel files from the recovered volume, without incident.

It could be argued that this sort of recovery makes more sense than a DW recovery. DW recovers the directory on the drive and gets you back up and running quickly. That's fine, if the hard drive is sound, maybe not so fine if you think you've fixed the problem, but instead only delayed the inevitable rebuild of the machine.

So, the DiskWarrior way:

Run the tool, restart the Mac and you're back in business -- at least until the next time. If the drive is sound, you're probably going to be OK and DiskWarrior puts you back into production quickly.

The Data Rescue way:

Recover the data with the tool. Reformat or replace the original hard drive and re-install OS and software. Move the recovered data back to the Mac. Hold on to the recovered files as long as you like. Not nearly as fast as a DiskWarrior recover, but you end up with a freshly formatted drive and [cruft](#) free install.

I will be sticking with DW for most incidents and keep DRII in the bag, just in case.

The NEW Learning Curve

PRESS RELEASE

Teachers find a new fun way to teach their students to read.

Houston, TX, September 21, 2007 -- Ever read a novel and wish YOU were the character in the story? A hero for the pages. .your namesake involved in the action, defeating the enemy, getting the girl (or guy as the case may be). Now, immortality can be yours. . .and you really WILL be the hero – to tens of thousands of American teenagers, their parents and teachers.

Adopt-An-Author, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, is a FREE nationwide program designed to excite teens in middle and high school about reading and writing using best-selling thrillers, heroic non-fiction, and motivational books. While teachers participating in this program receive free curriculum materials, tests, quizzes, and projects, their students get to interact with best-selling authors via personal appearances, classroom conference calls, emails, and interactive websites. More than 8,000 middle & high school teacher have registered for the program since 1999, all based on incredibly positive word of mouth. Principals have called Adopt-An-Author “the best secondary school reading program ever implemented,” while parents have been amazed that their reluctant teen reader suddenly enjoys reading!

“Making reading fun is the key,” says best selling author Steve Alten. Alten should know, he founded the program after learning his first novel, MEG, a thriller about a 70-foot, 70,000 pound prehistoric Great White shark, was named a top selection for reluctant readers by the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA). “Suddenly I was inundated with e-mail from teens, all saying the same thing: ‘I hate reading, but I LOVED your book. What else do you have?’ Teachers were taking advantage of the book by using it in their classrooms – with incredible results. Says Marine Sciences teacher Vicky Loehr, “The demand for the book was so great I had to order extra copies.” Alten, who earned a bachelors, masters, and doctorate degree in education and is certified to teach, realized something important was happening and created the Adopt-An-Author program. Since then, other authors have been added. . .and a lot more teachers. “We add about 100-200 a week when school’s in session,” says Alten. “The demand is incredible, now we need help from more sponsors.”

That’s easy to understand. Statistics from the Office of Vocational and Adult Education indicate 23% of seventeen year olds are reading below basic levels, and 25% of students entering college need remedial reading courses. The failure to read is a MAJOR REASON teens drop out of school. This often leads to a higher incidence of alcohol and drug use, teen pregnancy, and drastically limits their career choices later in life.

Can a simple thing like reading a “fun book” make a difference? Ask Alex Rill, a seventeen year old : “... the coolest part was that you read these books and you’re so into it, like it’s your favorite movie, then the star of the movie comes to visit us. It’s just crazy.” Says Laura Johnson, a stay-at-home mom raising six children, “my son grabbed the book (The LOCH) and told me to read first 6 pages. I did and I was hooked. I began reading with him.. I cannot begin to express what that did for my son and for our relationship!”

But teens, parents, and teachers are not the only ones who benefit from donations – sponsors will too! The staff and authors (all volunteers) have put together some incredible packages to help sponsors advertise their products using high-traffic reader websites and fan newsletters. A Texas Advertising firm has even volunteered to do Press Releases and create a major public relations event for sponsors and the schools that will benefit from their donation. For a limited time, AAA has even arranged to purchase 25,000 hardbacks of Alten’s last hit, The LOCH (think Nessie) for pennies on the dollar and donate them to needy schools, with the sponsors’ ad right in the book! “We want to give something significant back to our sponsors, only with their support can we go from helping 100,000 students a year to reaching millions.”

And yes. . .sponsors can even become characters in an upcoming book. While there’s no guarantee they’ll be the hero, get the girl, or be eaten by a 70-foot shark, one thing is for sure – they’ll be helping a lot of teens to read.

For more information:

If you would like to make a difference in the lives of teens across America, contact United Representatives for more information: 281-333-9955.

HAAUGraphy

A photographic journal of The Houston Area Apple Users' Group



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Submit your personal photos to abe@haaug.org



Looking into the Sun

- courtesy of Rex Covington



The Cyber Connection

- courtesy of Rex Covington

MacFest 2007 Photos

To view more photos and memorable moments, visit the photo gallery at

<http://rexjc.phanfare.com/album/432655>

PhotoContest 2007

Rice University Media Center

H A A U G A n n u a l

Digital Photo Contest 2006

Saturday, November 18th



FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT
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How To Sign Up And Submit Your Photos

- Sign up at Kagi, a \$5.00 Fee: <http://tinyurl.com/lyfqw>
- Submit photos to: contest@haaug.org or give Rex J. Covington a CD-ROM of the photos at the HAAUG General Meeting.
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- Please list the Category for each photos with a caption or a description.
- Only 2 photos per Category will be accepted (A total of 30 photos per person)
- Previous HAAUG Photo Entries WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
- READ THE RULES FIRST! Contest Rules
- Any questions, please send them to: Rex J. Covington at rexjc@mac.com

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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?

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Minutes

HAAUG Board of Director's Meeting - TBA

September Board of Director's Minutes to be published in November edition.

At the October Board of Directors meeting on Tuesday October 2nd, 2007 at 6:30pm, quorum was not present, the Minutes for September have not yet been approved and no action was taken, per the Houston Area Apple Users Group (HAAUG) by-laws. During the November Board of Director's Meeting on November 6th at Ziggy's Healthy Grill, several interesting topics will be covered, including the approval of the September Minutes and notes and issues discussed via email within the Board of Directors in the month of October, such as the MacFest 2007 Recap, SwapMeet 2008 date and location, current parking arrangements as well as PhotoContest 2007 details. Once approved, the September Board of Directors' Minutes and October Board of Directors notes will be featured in November edition of the Apple Barrel.

Thank you for all your patience and support.

Houston Area Apple Users Group
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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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Saturday, November 17th

General Meeting • 9am -2pm • MAIN PRESENTATION AT 9AM

Main presentation: "The High-Tech Texan" — Michael Garfield
Rice University Media Center • University Blvd. @ Stockton Dr., (713) 348-4882

Saturday, December 15th

General Meeting • 9am -2pm • Main Presentation at 11:15am

Main presentation: HAAUG Annual Photo Contest + HAAUG Elections
Rice University Media Center • University Blvd. @ Stockton Dr., (713) 348-4882

Saturday, January 19th

Semi-Annual Swap Meet • 9am -2pm

University of Houston Hilton Hotel

Saturday, February 16th

General Meeting • 9am -2pm • Main Presentation at 11:15am

Main presentation: Bob LeVitus — "The State of the Mac Address"
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Find out the Latest News on Future HAAUG Meetings...

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This is where the excitement begins. On the third Saturday of each month, members of HAAUG meet for a day filled with activities, including presentations by major software and hardware vendors, special interest group (SIG) meetings, public domain software libraries, raffles and much, much more. Swap Meets are held twice each year, in January and July

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

Call the HAAUG Hotline at 713-522-2179 for the latest meeting information, to leave voice mail for officers.

Lots of Fun & Friendships

HAAUG is a not-for-profit volunteer group founded in 1978, three years before there was an IBM PC. Approximately 300 members enjoy the benefits of HAAUG. We range from beginners to experts, but we all know the secret to making our computers more valuable - a HAAUG membership.

Learn more about the benefits of HAAUG membership at www.haaug.org.

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SIG Topics + Schedule

General Meeting - Saturday, October 27, 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.

Sig Leaders

Mac 101 Fundamentals

Jonathan Magnus

This SIG is for basic Macintosh questions.

Mac One on One

Members helping members, one at a time.

Digital Photography

John Reeves

Bring your cameras, bring your photos (printed or electronic) and we'll discuss what makes a great photo.

iTunes® + iPod®

Rick Roberts

What's new, what's cool, how it works.

Cool Beans

Doug Smith

The host of bbwg.com demos and new cool stuff for the Mac.

	Auditorium	Classroom	Gallery
9 a.m.	Mac 101& Mac Fundamentals	Mac One on One	
10 a.m.	iTunes® + iPod®	Cool Beans	
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.	Dreux Ste. Marie from Apple® Computers		
Directly after Main Presentation	Digital Photography		
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.