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PhotoContest 2007

Saturday,
December 15th

Rex Covington will be going over the different ways to get you photos on your Mac. example iPhoto, Aperture, Photoshop, as well as showing an overview of this year's entries for the 2007 HAAUG PhotoContest. The deadline for submission of entries for the photo contest is December 31, 2007 and winners will be announced at the January 16th SwapMeet

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



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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.

New start. New Year.

In January it will be thirty years since a group of people got together and formed the Houston Area Apple Users Group. As we all know times have changed. At the start of the organization the computer we focused on was the Apple II. In the late 80s the club concentrated on Macintosh users.

When HAAUG formed the use of a personal computer was considered a hobby, now the computer is used as a tool to pursue a hobby, or a profession. Thirty years ago users, were more apt to write a computer program, than a paper. The users were looking for help perfecting their software. The coming of the Mac and of the IBM PC turned the curiosity into an item used by non-geeks. So the group's population changed from computer hobbyists to members wanting to know about the commercial software then coming on the market.

Everyone knows about the markers of history BC and AD well there will be a new time marker that historians will chronicle, BI and SI Before Internet and Since Internet. You can peg the Internet age to about 1994. Up to that time HAAUG had a large disk library that was brought to every meeting. The Library held all kinds of programs, fonts, and clip art. Well if you are looking for shareware today you go to Internet sites like Versiontracker.com, or Download.com. Apple released OSX 10.5 and a week later the software update application notified you that an update was available.

The Internet has allowed Apple, Microsoft and other companies to update their OS's, and other software almost continuously. Getting software updates out to users was one of the jobs that User Groups performed. If there was an update to System 7 or 8 you got it from HAAUG, went to an apple dealer, or ordered it from Apple. I don't remember updates coming out as often as they do now. Now small software firms like Smile on My Mac can create software and not produce physical media. Download it from their website, and purchase a license code all without going to the store.

The nature of user groups has changed to a tech support roll while continuing the social aspect of the group. Several User groups have moved on-line. Our colleagues in HAL-PC abandoned their monthly meeting several years ago. Now they just have SIGS and special courses.

HAAUG is facing many of the same issues that other groups have. Our membership is in the 270's, which is up over last year. But we are always looking for new members and new members to take leadership rolls. The club will need to develop more outreach opportunities like MacFest and the Annual Photo Contest. We will need to wring revenue from all sources. This does NOT Mean a dues increase. It does mean locating sponsors for the Apple Barrel haaug.org and meetings. At the December meeting the members that attend will approve

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the slate of officers, and the budget. This is an important meeting and I hope that as many members as possible will attend.

I would like to thank Michael Garfield for being the featured speaker at the November meeting. We did need to change the schedule to accommodate Michael, but I feel that it was worth the minor change. The December Meeting will return to the normal schedule. The main topic will be the Annual Photo contests and the election of officers mentioned above.

Warning the date of the January Swap Meet has changed. The January meeting will be on January 26, 2008. Please make a note of that date. We will be at the University of Houston Hilton as usual. We are changing the date so those members attending MacWorld can attend the Swap meet.

I would like to encourage everyone to join us this year as we celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of HAAUG. Please recruit other Mac user, bring them to a meeting let them see that HAAUG can be a great resource. Remember when you are a member of HAAUG you do not compute alone.

Phil Booth

2007 HAAUG President

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2007 HAAUG Elections

Club Announcement

HAAUG 2007 Election Nomination Contacts

David Jaschke
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Rex Covington
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Review of nominations.

Well, it's that time of year again. Elections will be held in December for the 2007 HAAUG Board members. Do you feel that you can do a better job or have ideas on how to improve HAAUG? Do you want to have a say in how HAAUG's funds are spent? Do you want fame and fortune? Well forget the last one, but HAAUG needs a few brave souls to help guide it through the next year. Please consider being a member of the Board of directors. We have a number of positions and are interested in having new people on the Board.

If you wish to run, please contact either **Rex Covington** or **David Jaschke**.

To view the current roster of the Houston Area Apple Users Group, visit www.haaug.org/board

Elected Voting Positions

President	Phil Booth
VP Programs	Doug Smith
VP Facilities	Mike Miron
Secretary	Jim Connell
Treasurer	Barbara Long
Membership	David Jaschke
Apple Barrel Editor	Tamara Sasha Lewis
HAAUG Heaven SYSOP	Robert Lacey
SIG Coordinator	Rick Roberts
Webmaster	Jeff Davis

4 Directors

- 1 David Crook
- 2 Amy Denton
- 3 Michael Epstein
- 4 Michael King

Appointed Voting Positions

Senior Advisor	Selected by BOD
Immediate Past President	Rex Covington

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Featured Board Nominees

David Jaschke - Membership Chair

I joined HAAUG in 1983. I have held the following positions: SIG Leader, Director, Boutique Chairman, Secretary, Membership Chairman, President. I hope to help our membership grow more this year. I will assist the Board in any way to help HAAUG achieve its goals.

Mike King - BOD Director

I have been a member of HAAUG for four years. This is my first time to run for any position on the board. And I just hope to do a good job and that is about it.

Mike Miron - VP Facilities

I have been a member of HAAUG for a little over 5 years and have been the AVP facilities for 2007. I hope to always know where each meeting will occur, at least 60 days in advance of all meetings!

Jim Connell - Secretary

I have been a member of HAAUG since 2003 and have held the positions of Director, Membership Chairman, and Secretary. If elected as Secretary, I shall work to keep accurate records of the minutes of the HAAUG board meetings.

To read more about this year's nominees, please visit the HAAUG website and click on the "Nominees" link.

NEW Location: Looscan Library

HAAUG Board Announcement

The VP of Facilities gives an insight to the 2008 location for future general meetings.

Starting as of the February general meeting, the Houston Area Apple Users Group will have a new home. The newly finished Looscan Library is planned to be the future location for HAAUG general meetings and events, excluding MacFest and SwapMeet until further notice. The facility features nice gather spaces as well as wireless internet throughout. Details are still coming in, but this is truly an exciting time for HAAUG and future events.

Special thanks to Mike Miron, HAAUG's VP Facilities, and members of the HAAUG Board of Directors for finding and securing this new location.

Location Photos:

1. Lobby/front desk
2. Staircase to classrooms
3. Open meeting area
4. Classroom (front)
5. Classroom
6. Classroom projection system



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A photographic journal of The Houston Area Apple Users' Group



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Do you hear what I hear?
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The Way to Holiday Cheer
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MacFest 2007 Photos

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

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HAAUG Semi-Annual SwapMeet

Hilton University of Houston Hotel – Houston, Texas

**Saturday, January 26th
(Fourth Saturday)**

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Minutes

HAAUG Board of Director's Meeting - Tuesday, November 6, 2007

Attendees: Philip Booth, Jim Connell, Rex Covington, Amy Denton, Michael Epstein, Clair Jaschke, David Jaschke, Barbara Long (via iChat), Michael Miron, Rick Roberts and Doug Smith.

Call to order: 6:37 p.m. by President Philip Booth.

General Announcements/General Meeting Recap: Phil Booth reported that the October General Meeting was one of the most successful this year. More than sixty members and guests attended Dreux Ste. Marie's presentation on Mac OS X v.10.5 Leopard, which Apple released the prior evening.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Secretary: The minutes of the board meetings held on September 4, 2007, were unanimously approved as submitted.

Treasurer – Barbara Long: Barbara has not received all of the financial information for October 2007 but submitted a preliminary financial report for the month to the board by email message. HAAUG had a bank balance of \$10,374.38 at the end of October, with a preliminary month-to-day loss of \$303.70 and a preliminary year-to-date loss of \$2,908.66. Barbara expects to submit final financial reports for October 2007 to the board as soon as she has the final financial activity for the month.

1st Vice President – Doug Smith: The following main presentations have been scheduled for upcoming General Meetings:

November:	Michael Garfield, the "High-Tech Texan"
December:	Presentation on Aperture/Election of Officers
January:	Semi-Annual Swap Meet
February:	Bob "Dr. Mac" LeVitus's State of the Mac Address

After discussion, the board decided to end the submissions for the 2007 Photo Contest on December 31, 2007, and to announce the winners at the Swap Meet on January 26, 2008.

2nd Vice President – Mike Miron: Mike Miron reported that no progress has been made on finding a new location for HAAUG's monthly meetings beginning in February 2008. Due to a change of policy at Rice University Media Center on non-university groups meeting at the Media Center, HAAUG will not meet at the Media Center after December 2007. The board discussed various alternative meeting locations, including the Looscan Neighborhood Library, located at 2510 Willowick; the Bellaire Civic Center, where HAAUG has met in the past; and the Power Center, located at South Post Oak and US-90. The Looscan Neighborhood Library has a meeting room that will hold 177 people and that can be reserved in advance. The library does not open until 10:00 a.m. on Saturdays, however. Phil Booth reported that renovations at Bellaire Civic Center have been completed but parking has been relocated a block from the building.

SIG Coordinator – Rick Roberts: Rick Roberts reported that at the October General Meeting Jonathan Magnus's SIG was cut to one hour from two hours so that the meeting could end an hour earlier in the afternoon. After discussion, the board decided to return to having Jonathan's SIG last two hours at the November General Meeting. At the November General Meeting the main presentation will start at 9:00 a.m., because the speaker will need to leave shortly after 10:00 a.m. to host his Saturday radio show. The business meeting will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Jonathan Magnus's SIG will begin at 10:45 a.m. and conclude at noon.

Apple Barrel Editor– Tamara Alexander: No report.

Webmaster – Jeff Davis: Jeff Davis reported by email that the servers are

working normally.

Membership – David Jaschke: HAAUG had 256 members (246 regular members, 2 student members and 8 lifetime members) at the end of October, one more member than HAAUG had at the end of October 2006. During the month four new members joined HAAUG, and eleven members renewed their membership, including three two-year early renewals.

HAAUG Heaven Forum/HAAUGNet—Robert Lacey: No report.

New Business:

Nominations Committee: David Jaschke announced the following nominations as of November 6, 2007: Phil Booth, President; 1 Vice President—Programming, David Crook; 2 Vice President—Facilities, Michael Miron; Secretary, Jim Connell; Treasurer, Barbara Long; Webmaster—Jeff Davis; SIG Coordinator, Rick Roberts; Membership, David Jaschke; Apple Barrel Editor, Tamara Sasha Alexander; HAAUG Heaven Sysop, Robert Lacey; Directors at Large—Doug Smith, Michael Epstein, with the remaining two positions open.

Phil Booth proposed that the board consider amending the by-laws to have a communications position that would be responsible for creating and publishing the Apple Barrel each month and for keeping the website updated and a separate position that would be responsible for maintaining HAAUG's servers. These two positions would more accurately reflect how the responsibilities are currently being handled. The board decided to defer action on this proposal until after the beginning of 2008.

MacFest 2008 Committee: Rex Covington volunteered to head the committee that will plan next year's MacFest. The speakers from this year's MacFest have indicated they would like to return for next year's event.

Budget Committee: David Jaschke reminded the board that HAAUG needs to submit a budget for 2008 at the December General Meeting. Phil Booth, Barbara Long, Clair Jaschke and David Jaschke will serve on the committee to prepare and submit a proposed budget for 2008.

30th Anniversary Celebration: HAAUG will celebrate its 30th anniversary next year. The board discussed alternatives for celebrating the event, including combining the 30th anniversary celebration with MacFest 2008, but reached no decision.

HAAUG Forums: The board will consider after the beginning of 2008 whether to continue the HAAUG Forums in the current format. Rick Roberts suggested that a mailman list be added to the Forums to alert those on the list by email when new items have been added to the Forums. The board discussed the suggestion but reached no decision.

Adjourned: 7:49 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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Saturday, January 26th

Semi-Annual Swap Meet • 9am -2pm

Hilton University of Houston Hotel

Saturday, February 16th

General Meeting • 10am -2pm • Main Presentation at 11:15am

Main presentation: Bob LeVitus — “The State of the Mac Address”

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SIG Topics + Schedule

General Meeting - Saturday, December 15, 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

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Andrew Polk

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10 a.m.	Mac 101& Mac Fundamentals	Cool Beans
11:00 a.m.	HAAUG PhotoContest 2007 + Rex Covington	
12 p.m.	Business Meeting	
12:30 p.m.	Digital Photography	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.