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Saturday, January 26th

The largest & best Mac Swap Meet in the State of Texas is right here in Houston! Wanting that new iMac and short on a few bucks? Sell that old Mac to make up the Difference. Looking for that copy of OS 7.5? There's a good chance you will find it at the HAAUG Swap Meet. See you there!

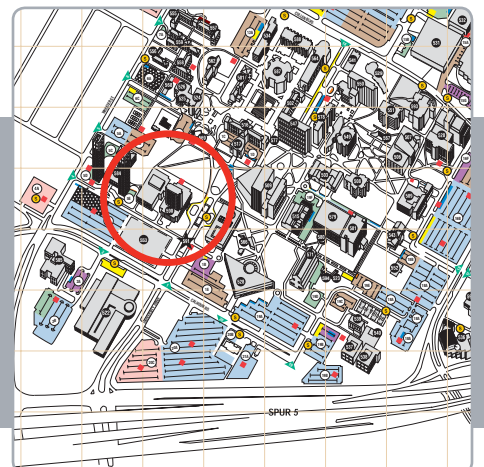
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Monthly Address from the HAAUG President



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New Start. New Year.

I hope you had a Happy New Year. January will find some of our members at the Mac Mecca San Francisco for MacWorld Conference and Expo. Apple put the QuickTime of the keynote on their website Tuesday evening. I followed a blog from Macworld that was giving a play by play of the keynote. My overall feeling was that the announcements were evolutionary not revolutionary. We saw new features for the iPhone, the Video rentals at iTunes, Apple TV take 2. The one product that I did not hear of was Time Capsule the Airport base station with a hard drive that will allow wireless backups from your notebook computer. The big announcement was the Mac Book Air. Described as the thinnest notebook ever. If you were lucky enough to be at MacWorld you could see it and touch it but they may not be in the Apple store until the beginning of February. It looks like a great machine for road warriors but if you are looking for a fuller featured machine then the Mac Book or Pro is the one for you. I would say that the keynote was successful but there was not the blockbuster announcement like last years iPhone.

The January meeting is a swap meet, and remember we moved the January meeting to the 26th, but it will still be in the UH Hilton hotel. Please go to haug.org to reserve your table. You may find the one piece to make your Mac perfect at a great price at the swap meet.

Also the winners of the HAAUG Photo Contest will be announced at the January Meeting. I am amazed by the renaissance that photography is enjoying with it going digital. The tools that we have available to process the digital image were only dreams when I learned B/W darkroom techniques in college. Processing color film in your home was laborious; I don't remember how many solutions it took. If I wanted to print color photos I rented a dark room. After a while I let the photo processor do it. Now with digital you can go to a photo processor and get quick prints or you can load the to your computer and work on the photos yourself. Newer pigment based printers will rival prints from a photo lab. Apple and Adobe have competing photo processing products. These programs serve as the digital darkroom that allow you tweak your photos, something that would take hours in a dark room and multiple prints to get your photos presentable.

The 2008 HAAUG Board of directors start in February and I would like to welcome Michael King and David Crook to the board. Thanks to the members that will be staying on. HAAUG depends on the talent and effort of the board for the day-to-day operation. The best part of being president of HAAUG is working with the club's leadership. We always need volunteers for different jobs in HAAUG, consider bringing your talents to HAAUG.

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Apple Barrel Editor Tamara Sasha Alexander
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

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Computers are Getting Smarter

By Morton Butler, Past HAAUG Member

The future of data time-travel.

Last month I installed the latest operating system, Leopard. Several days later I turned on one of my external drives and the computer asked if it should use that drive to save the Time Machine information. I answered Yes, and it saved my internal drives information into a file on that external drive. That drive is now powered on with the computer.

This month I was told that I could look back in time for specific programs, such as, Address Book or Mail. So I opened Mail & hit the Time Machine button in the Dock & got the Mail window looking back to last month. Along the bottom of the computer window there was a "Restore" button on the right, and there was a greyed statement telling me to "Click Restore to recover the "In-Box", or which ever folder I highlighted in the left side of the mail window. Thus I could recover a complete folder or if I choose one item, it would recover that specific e-mail.

Opening Address Book, than Time Machine gave me a view of the address book in time allowing me to choose an old card & restore it or even restore the complete group or other folder or card I choose, using "Restore" or "Restore All".

I tried using Word in Office 04 and Time Machine would not respond as Mail did, but then perhaps it will in Office 08? I also tried programs in iLife06 with no response, perhaps the upgrade to 10.5.2 will help?

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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MacWorld Blast Party — "...We are Devo!" - courtesy of Doug Smith



Andy Ihnatko and Rick Roberts enjoy the User Group Wine & Cheese session - courtesy of Doug Smith



There he was just walking down the street, singing do wa diddy diddy dom diddy do! - courtesy of Jeff Davis

HAAUG 2008 MacWorld WebBlog

To view more photos and memorable moments, visit

<http://haaug.wordpress.com/>

HAAUG Semi-Annual SwapMeet

Hilton University of Houston Hotel – Houston, Texas

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

9am-Noon • Setup at 8:30am
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Minutes

HAAUG Board of Director's Meeting - Tuesday, December 4, 2007

Attendees: Tamara Alexander, Philip Booth, Jim Connell, Rex Covington, Amy Denton, Michael Epstein, Joe Fournet, Clair Jaschke, David Jaschke, Barbara Long, Rick Roberts, Doug Smith (via iChat), Gem Smith, and Matt Willmore.

Call to order: 6:33 p.m. by President Philip Booth.

General Announcements/General Meeting Recap: Phil Booth reported that the November General Meeting went well, even though the Main Presentation featuring Michael Garfield, the "High Tech Texan," began at 9:00 a.m. instead of 11:15 a.m., so as to accommodate Michael Garfield's Saturday radio program. Phil will be unable to attend the December General Meeting. Doug Smith will assume Phil's duties for the December meeting.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Secretary: The minutes of the board meetings held on November 6, 2007, were unanimously approved as submitted.

Treasurer – Barbara Long: The monthly financial reports have been distributed to the board via email. At the end of November 2007, HAAUG had a bank balance of \$10,991.50, a month-to-date loss of \$363.81, and a year-to-date loss of \$2,261.44. A sales report for November is included with the monthly financial reports. Two registrations for the Photo Contest have been received through Kagi. There were no Boutique sales last month.

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

December: Rex Covington's presentation on Aperture
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 have the winners announced at the Swap Meet on January 26, 2008. Doug would like to encourage more out-of-town presenters to make presentations via iChat at the General Meetings.

2nd Vice President – Mike Miron: In the absence of Michael Miron, Phil reported that the February General Meeting will be held at the Looscan Neighborhood Library, located at 2510 Willowick, just north of Westheimer. The library does not open until 10:00 a.m. on Saturdays. The larger meeting room at the library has been reserved for the meeting. A determination will be made whether the library has wireless Internet access. Phil reported that the Bellaire Civic Center is available for the monthly meetings. It is undergoing some minor renovations that should be completed by the first Monday in January. The Shamrock Ballroom at the Hilton University of Houston Hotel has been reserved for the January Swap Meet.

SIG Coordinator – Rick Roberts: The draft SIG schedule for the December General Meeting has been distributed to the board via email. The December schedule is about the same as the November SIG schedule. No one has volunteered to lead new SIGs. Doug Smith will lead the Cool Beans SIG at 10:00. The SIGs will end at 1:30 p.m., unless they run long, as they usually do.

Apple Barrel Editor– Tamara Alexander: Photos and articles are needed for the December Apple Barrel. It would be helpful to have an article discussing the other smart phones that have come on the market since the iPhone was introduced. Tamara also requested board members to submit their lists of dream Christmas gifts.

Webmaster – Jeff Davis: Tamara requested to be notified of any items on the website or in the Apple Barrel that need to be updated.

Membership – David Jaschke: HAAUG had 260 members at the end of November, an increase from the end of November 2006.

HAAUG Heaven Forum/HAAUGNet—Robert Lacey: No report. Rick requested anyone who wants to be added to his iTunes mailing list to notify him by email. Rex Covington will do the same for anyone who wants to be on the FileMaker mailing list.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

MacFest 2008 and 30th Anniversary Celebration Committee:

Rex Covington reported that MacFest 2008 and the 30th Anniversary Celebration will be held on September 6, 2008. The speakers from MacFest 2007 have agreed to return, and Chris Breen may attend in person. Shawn King also plans to attend. Smile on Your Mac has agreed to sponsor the event again, and Tropics may also be a sponsor. HP, Prosoft, PeachPit, RADTech.com, and O'Reilly may also be interested in being sponsors or vendors. Rex has invited Steve Wozniak to attend. Rex will solicit other sponsors/vendors at Macworld. Rex is hoping to get enough speakers and vendors for a two-day event. The MacFest Committee will hold its first meeting in January.

Nominations Committee: David Jaschke announced the final nominations for 2008: Phil Booth, President; 1 Vice President—Programming, Doug Smith; 2 Vice President—Facilities, Michael Miron; Secretary, Jim Connell; Treasurer, Barbara Long; Webmaster—Jeff Davis; SIG Coordinator, Rick Roberts; Membership, David Jaschke; AB Editor, Tamara Sasha Alexander; HAAUG Heaven Sysop, Robert Lacey; Directors at Large—David Crook, Amy Denton, Michael Epstein, and Mike King.

Budget Committee: David Jaschke presented the proposed 2008 budget on behalf of the Budget Committee. The proposed budget is based upon 275 members. The board discussed possible ways of enhancing revenue, including adding new members and getting more revenue from Apple Barrel ads, but Phil cautioned that HAAUG needs to be careful to avoid generating unrelated income that would subject HAAUG to a federal income tax liability. We need a volunteer to handle the Apple Barrel ads and to collect the revenue for the ads. The board then discussed whether the benefits from the HAAUG Hotline outweigh its estimated \$900 per year cost. The Hotline is handled through IAPC, which notifies board members when a message has been left on the Hotline. Maintaining the Hotline may be a goodwill gesture toward IAPC. HAAUG probably gets one or two calls a month through the Hotline. A question whether the by-laws require the Hotline was raised, but a quick review of the by-laws did not identify any such requirement. A motion to terminate the Hotline died for the lack of a second. A motion to approve the 2008 budget as submitted was made and seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote of the board.

Activation of the Vision Committee to discuss marketing and outreach: Phil proposed that the Vision Committee be activated to explore ways to increase membership and to gain greater publicity/visibility and revenue for HAAUG. After discussion, Joe Fournet agreed to chair the reactivated committee. Matt Willmore agreed to serve on the committee. Any board member or HAAUG member is welcome to serve on the committee.

Date for the January 2008 Board Meeting:

A motion to move the date for the January 2008 board meeting from January 1, 2008, to January 8, 2008, was made and seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote of the board.

Adjourned: 8:00 p.m.

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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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Tentative SIG Topics + Schedule

General Meeting - Saturday, February 16, 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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10 a.m.	Mac 101& Mac Fundamentals	Cool Beans
11:00 a.m.	Bob "Dr. Mac" LeVitus State of the Mac Address	
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.