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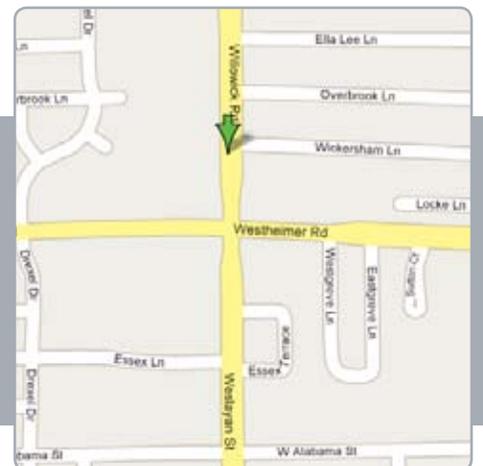
Saturday, February 16th

Houston Chronicle columnist, author and Mac expert, **Bob "Dr. Mac" LeVitus**, gives his annual "State of the Mac" address, a not-to-be-missed event! Special Interest Groups (SIGs) begin at 10:00 a.m. and the Main Presentation starts at 11:30 a.m. General Meeting SIGs include topics such as Mac 101 Fundamentals, Digital Photography and Mac One on One and much more!

Meeting Location

Looscan Library
2510 Willowick
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Boss HAAUG Speaks

Monthly Address from the HAAUG President



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Remembering a member... an artist... a dear friend.

Michael Miron was a friend for almost thirty years. I first met him on a balloon field when I was getting started flying balloons. He then did some work for me with the City of Bellaire. He got involved with HAAUG and through his efforts we were able to use the Rice Media center. This came after a period where the club did not know where we would be meeting on a month-to-month basis. He took on the job of Facilities Vice President and organized several successful Swap Meets. He was in the middle of looking for new meeting locations when he died on February 3rd.

"A proud user and curator of endangered technologies." That was the signature on his e-mails, Mike was an artist, he built and sold elaborate and simple kaleidoscopes. He made the out of anything; old computer parts, nuts, rocks, and glitter. He donated several of his creations to various HAAUG silent auctions. In his job at the Rice Media Center called upon him to cobble different things to make some item work.

I am proud to call him a friend, but he was more to Nancy and his stepdaughters. Nancy reported that their relationship was full of fun. That is the best way to remember Mike. He was always full of fun. He will be missed.

Memorial donations can be made to the:
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Phil Booth
2006 HAAUG President

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Remembering Mike Miron

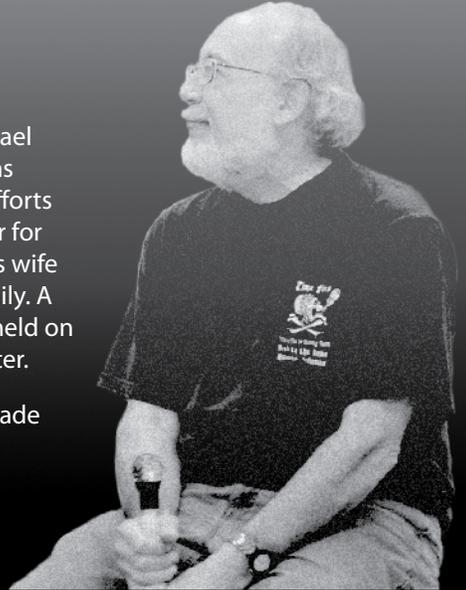
Photos by HAAUG Memebers

Mike Miron

The Houston Area Apple User's Group was saddened with the news of the death of Michael Miron on Sunday, February 3rd. Mike served as the Vice President for Facilities. Through his efforts HAAUG was able to use the Rice Media Center for the past three years. Our Sympathies go to his wife Nancy Erickson, and the rest of the Miron family. A service to celebrate Mike's life and work was held on Saturday, February 9th at the Rice Media Center.

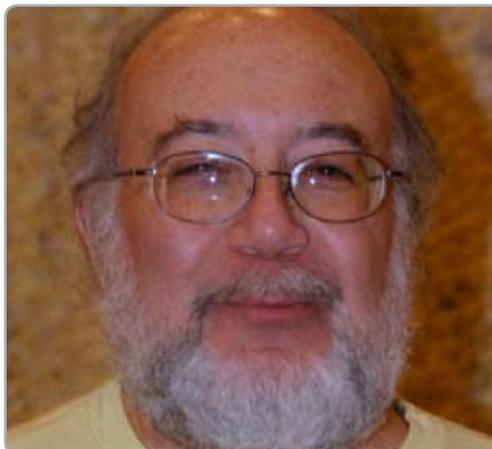
The family requests that remembrances be made to the Rice Media Center.

Mike Miron will be greatly missed.



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100% Waterproof iPhone Covers

PRESS RELEASE

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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



HAAUGraphy

A photographic journal of The Houston Area Apple Users' Group



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NEW W14th Street Apple Store, NYNY - courtesy of Jim Connell



NEW W14th Street Apple Store Sign
- courtesy of Jim Connell



NEW W14th Street Apple Store Billboard
- courtesy of Jim Connell

Storm Protection

By Morton Butler, Past HAAUG Member

Stopping lightning in its tracks.

Lightning can hit your house from 30 miles away. Surge-Suppressor Power-Strips are good, but Battery-Backup units are better. In fact, if your computer is plugged directly into the wall with the power off, it is still possible for Lightning to hit it. In that case, to get best protection in a Lightning storm, unplug your computer from the wall.

Surge-Suppressor Power-Strips can stop 6 or 8 lightning strikes before they are dead, or about three years. The problem is, they cannot tell you when they are out of protection for your equipment, thus should be replaced every three years. Write the purchase date on the back with a felt tip pen, than cover with Scotch Tape.

Battery-Backup units have a built-in battery to stop the Lightning, and your computer only sees the battery for power. The wall power does trickle charge the built-in battery & the computer never sees wall power. The protection lasts as long as the battery can hold a charge, usually three or four years. You can test a Battery backup unit by having the computer operating with no programs running so it could turn off without causing a problem. Then, Unplug the Battery-Backup Unit from the wall to see how long the computer runs with only the back-battery to power it. The computer should run for five minutes or longer if the backup battery is still working OK. When the time gets down to one minute, it is time to replace the battery or the entire unit.

My Laptop Computer has a built-in battery so it does not need an external Battery-Backup Unit. I do use a Battery-Backup unit to power my external hard-drives where I store my archives. That way I am sure my files are saved correctly.

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Minutes

HAAUG Board of Director's Meeting - Tuesday, January 8, 2008

Location: Star Pizza, 2111 Norfolk, Houston, TX 77098.

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

Call to order: 6:38 p.m. by President Philip Booth.

General Announcements/General Meeting Recap: Phil Booth thanked those board members who conducted the December General Meeting in his absence.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

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

Treasurer – Barbara Long: The monthly financial reports will be distributed to the board via email. At the end of December 2007, HAAUG had a bank balance of approximately \$11,000.

1st Vice President – Doug Smith: The only General Meeting presentation currently scheduled is Bob "Dr. Mac" LeVitus's "State of the Mac" Address at the February General Meeting.

2nd Vice President – Mike Miron: In the absence of Michael Miron, Phil reported that Mike will contact the City of Bellaire about holding monthly General Meetings at the newly renovated Bellaire Civic Center. The building has Wi-Fi but offers access only to web-based email accounts. The February General Meeting is currently scheduled at the Looscan Library at 2510 Willowick. The library does not open until 10:00 a.m., and HAAUG will need to finish promptly due to another event being scheduled the same day. It is possible that the February General Meeting will be moved to the Bellaire Civic Center.

SIG Coordinator – Rick Roberts: No SIGs are scheduled for January, due to the Swap Meet. David Crook volunteered to lead a SIG on running Leopard on a PC and Windows on a Mac.

Apple Barrel Editor– Tamara Alexander: Tamara needs articles for the Apple Barrel.

Webmaster – Jeff Davis: The servers are working okay. HAAUG's current servers meet only the lowest processor speed for Mac OS X Leopard. Jeff may pursue hosting HAAUG on other servers. Any such an arrangement would require a written agreement. The servers are being backed up via Retrospect each evening.

Membership – David Jaschke: HAAUG had 258 members at the end of December, an increase of 15 members from December 2006.

HAAUG Heaven Forum/HAAUGNet—Robert Lacey: No report. Phil reported that HAAUGNet is working and that we need to evaluate the servers to see whether it is possible to save money.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

MacFest 2008 and 30th Anniversary Celebration

Committee: No report. Committee will meet in February.

Election and Budget Recap: David Jaschke reported that at the December 2007 General Meeting, the membership voted to (i) elect the nominees for the officer and director positions as submitted by the Nominations Committee and (ii) approve the 2008 budget as submitted by the Budget Committee and approved by the board.

Discussion of Vision Committee Agenda:

Phil Booth deferred the discussion until the February 2008 board meeting.

Adjourned: 7:01 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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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.

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

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

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SIG Topics + Schedule

General Meeting - Saturday, February 16, 2008

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.

Digital Photography

Andrew Polk

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

Main Room

10 a.m.	Mac 101 Fundamentals
11 a.m.	Club Business Meeting
11:30 a.m.	Bob "Dr. Mac" LeVitus State of the Mac Address
1 p.m.	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.	