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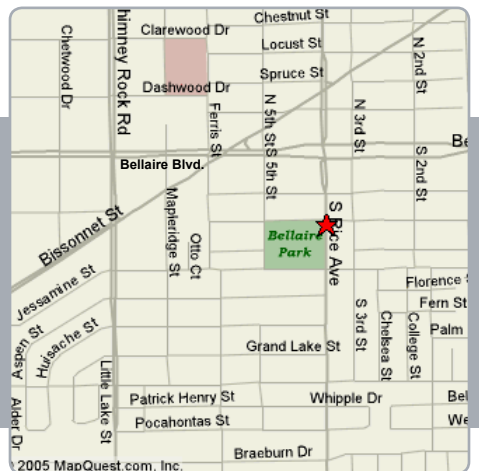
iLife '08 presented by HAAUG's Matt Willmore Saturday, March 15th

HAAUG's Matt Willmore will demonstrate what iLife '08, Apple's award-winning suite of digital lifestyle applications (iPhoto, iMovie, iDVD, iWeb and GarageBand), can do to enhance your enjoyment of digital media. The Main Presentation starts at 11:15 a.m.

Meeting Location

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State of the Mac Address 2008.

I would like to thank Bob LeVitus for a great presentation at the February Meeting. I also need to thank the staff and management of the Looscan Branch Library for their help with the meeting. Unfortunately as good as the meeting facilities are the restrictions and availability were not a good fit for our group. We have secured the City of Bellaire Community Center for the next two months. This will allow us to have a regular schedule, and a second room for more SIGs. Matt Willmore will demo parts of the Apple iLife Suite. The Bellaire Civic Center is located at 7008 South Rice and there is parking located across Rice at Condit School.

I was also very happy to see the many first time attendees at the February meeting. We have Bob to thank for his very nice write-up in his column in the Chronicle. That kind of press comes very rarely. I hope that the first timers will be at the next meeting. Remember guests are always welcome so bring a Mac using friend to the March meeting.

All the details are not firmed up but HAAUG will be looking for some used Macs that can be refurbished and donated to a program that serves developmentally challenged people. So please look in your closets to see if you have an early iMac that is gathering dust. We are looking for machines that can run System 9 and early OS X Also we are really looking for all-in-one Macs or laptops. These folks are not looking for the latest and greatest technology. The computers will be used to play simple games. They are using originals Macintoshes that are beginning to fail. If you think you have a machine please see me at the meeting. I will let you know when we will collect the machine. As I said before, all the details have not been finalized.

Apple announced revisions late in February to the MacBook Pro and MacBook notebook computer line, as well as delivering the software update to the Apple TV. The other major update was to OS 10.5 we are not at 10.5.2. There were some big changes to the interface with the ability to have a solid menu bar again. There were some incremental changes also. One of the comments heard around my office was they finally finished 10.5

On March the sixth Apple had a press briefing about the changes to the iPhone OS and demonstrating the Software development kit (SDK) that developers will use to create applications and games for the iPhone and iPod Touch. There seems to be a lot of enthusiasm for the software/OS roadmap for those products. Apple also demonstrated the changes to the OS to integrate with Microsoft Exchange server. Those changes will make having an iPhone very compelling if you are in a corporate environment. I hope that it works as well when it is released as it did in the demo. There is a QuickTime movie if the event if folks want to watch it.

Phil Booth
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By Morton Butler, Past HAAUG Member

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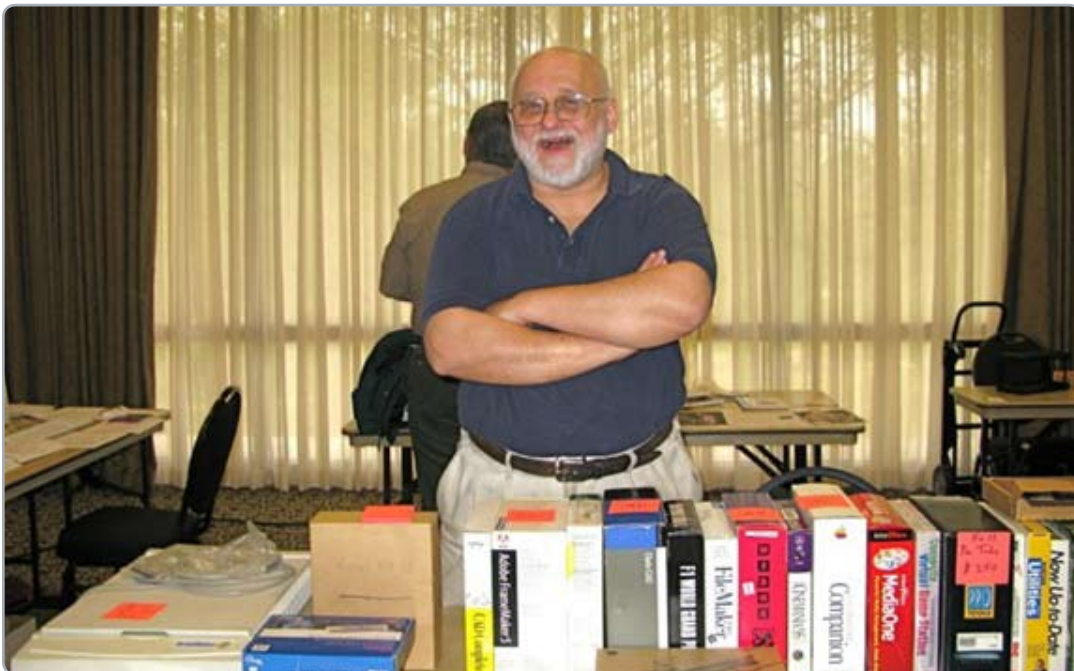
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The following photos are courtesy of Rex Covington.

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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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Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

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SIG Topics + Schedule

General Meeting - Saturday, March 15, 2008 @ Bellaire Civic Center

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.

iTunes® + iPod®

Rick Roberts

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

Digital Photography

Andrew Polk

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

Mac-n-stein

David Cook

Running OSX on PC hardware.

	Main Room	2nd Room
9 a.m.	Mac 101 Fundamentals	
10a.m.		iTunes® + iPod®
11a.m.	Club Business Meeting	
11:30 a.m.	iLife '08 presented by HAAUG's Matt Willmore	
1 p.m.	Digital Photography	Mac-n-stein
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.		