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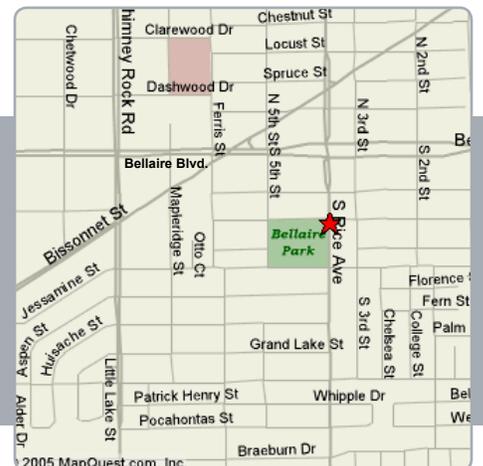


The Main Presentation starts at 11:15 a.m. with Special Interest Groups starting at 9a.m. at the Bellaire Civic Center.

Meeting Location

Bellaire Civic Center
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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.

Straight form the news...

Welcome to summer. June's meeting will be at the Bellaire Civic center and our special guest has asked that we not publicize his name or the company he works for. But he will describe the services offered at a well-known Mac retailer. I think it will be an interesting presentation.

Apple grabbed tech headlines during the World Wide Developer's Conference with the introduction of the new version of the iPhone. The tech press covered the introduction better than I can. The phone has some new features but very little design change. The phone will use the 3G system which delivers data to the phone faster than the current system. It also has true GPS but you still need to have an Internet connection to retrieve the maps, as they are not stored on the device. The Keynote presentation also covered changes to the next version of the iPhone operating system. The major change is the ability of third party application developers to sell new apps for the phone.

There was discussion on the web about the activation procedures that will change as well as the costs for the service from AT&T. The old system allowed you to activate the phone at home using iTunes but now the phone will be activated in either an AT&T or Apple Store and you will need to sign a two year contract with the service provider, currently AT&T. The initial price is lower at \$199 and \$299 for the two models; the phone prices are subsidized so you may be paying more if you want to buy a phone before your contract is up. The service costs will be up to \$20.00 higher for data.

During the Keynote, there was a very slight mention of the successor to OS X 10.5, code named Snow Leopard, that was covered in a "State of the Mac" address. That session like every other session at the WWDC was covered by a non-disclosure agreement. Apple did issue a press release that created as many questions as it answered. Some of what we did hear about included services that will allow applications to utilize multi-core processors. What is not clear is whether the new version will be Intel only or if the later versions of the Power PC chip will be supported. It looks like the newer version of the OS will be released in about a year, which means next summer.

Apple also announced that .mac is being changed into "Mobile Me", which is Apple's answer to Microsoft Exchange. The demo on the Apple web site gives a good explanation of Mobile Me. The service will synchronize e-mail, contacts and calendar items to multiple machines automatically. All current subscribers to .Mac will be converted to Mobile Me subscribers, and the annual fee remains \$99.00.

Summer on the Gulf Coast means the return of Hurricane season. It is time to plan your backup strategy in case you need to leave the area, due to weather. Although most of the Houston area is not in a designated evacuation zone, we do suffer from flooding and other severe weather that could compromise our computers and the data that is stored on them.

A question, are Macs becoming a commodity? Are we loosing our uniqueness as Mac users? Many folks I talk to are considering Macs. We have wanted, everyone to become a Mac user, but is the popularity of the platform now threatening our cult? There are a number of people that I know that are died in the wool Windows user, but they love the iPhone, and now they are thinking about buying a Mac. But I don't feel the commitment from these folks. I guess because they didn't have the history of going into a computer store realizing that 90% of the products displayed will not work with the machine you use. That said I welcome all of the new users and hope that HAAUG can be a resource for them. If you have friends, or family that are becoming Mac Users please invite them to a HAAUG meeting. HAAUG is source for information for all users at all levels of experience.

Phil Booth

2006-2008 HAAUG President

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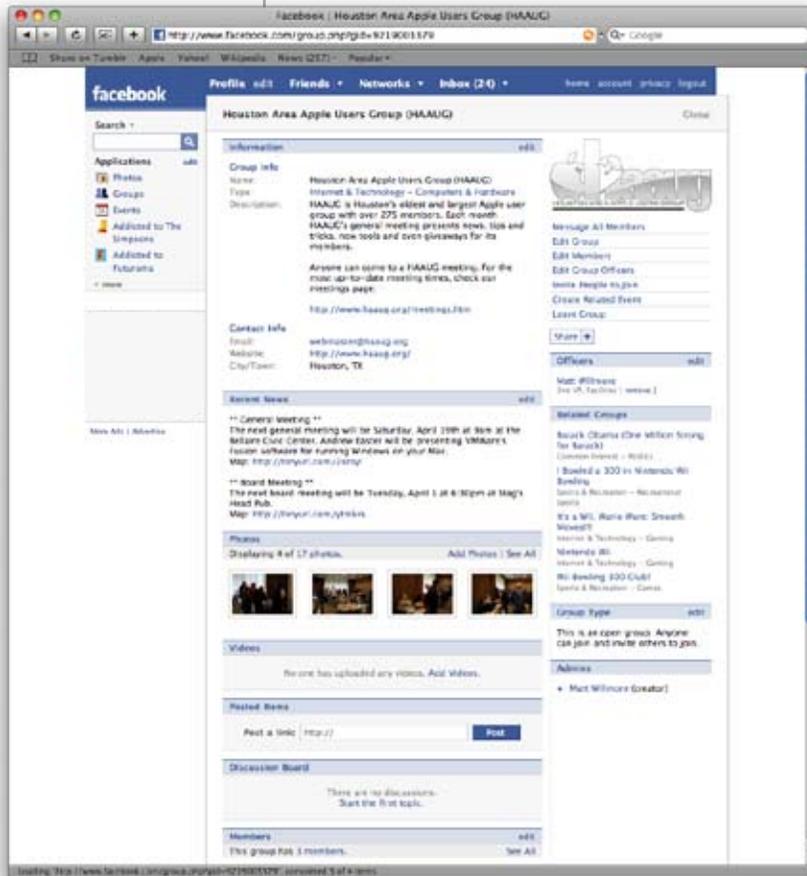
We're on Facebook + MySpace! Check it out.

Starting this month, the basic frameworks for HAAUG's NEW Facebook and MySpace pages have been created thanks to active HAAUG member and new VP Facilities, Matt Willmore.

Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=9219003379>

(must be a Facebook member to view)



MySpace:

<http://groups.myspace.com/haaug>
(open to the public)

These pages are part of a larger plan drafted by the Vision Committee to create more of an outreach to potential HAAUG members in the Houston area and beyond. Both Facebook and MySpace have been found to be immensely successful in informing and recruiting youth that otherwise may not have become aware of organizations such as Houston Area Apple Users Group.

We highly recommend that current members pass along this information to fellow Apple users and take a quick look for yourself at our progress.

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Phil Booth, HAAUG President

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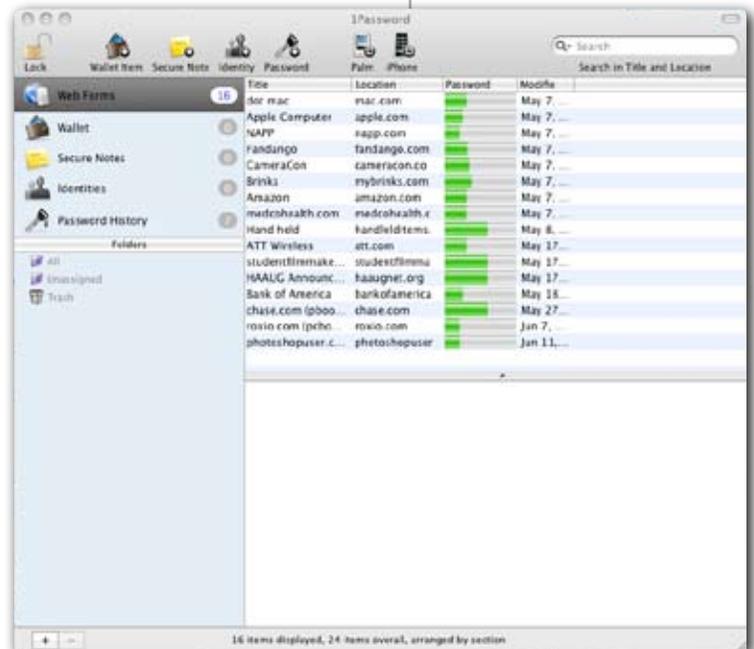
It has happened to almost all of us, you go to a website that you have a login for, and do not remember the password. Then you have to go through the "Lost Password" system to allow you to login. My system, not very secure, was to come up with several passwords that I would use. Since I could remember three or four of these passwords I could use those services without too many hassles. But as I said above not the most secure system. Security experts recommend that you have different passwords for each login, that way if one of your passwords is compromised your other logins are safe. One of the policies that is enforced at UH is that our password expires every six weeks requiring a new password, and they are enforcing a complex password policy requiring both upper and lower case letters numbers and special characters like "&#)@."

I heard of a new application recently called 1Password, which is an adjunct to OS X Keychain. You get the storage of Passwords like the Keychain but the application also has a password generator, which allows you to determine the complexity. It also puts a menu item in Safari or Firefox that will complete the web form login. So now you press one button to fill in the form, but before the program completes the form you put in the one password that unlocks the program. So you now need to remember only one password.

The main window of the program looks like a finder window on the left column of the main window you see a listing of the items that the program saves. The first is Web Forms the login items for the various websites that you use. The Wallet can store your credit card numbers, bank account numbers, and other numbers that you might need with out searching the house for the information. 1Password can synchronize your passwords with your iPhone iPod Touch and Blackberry. This will allow you to use those sites with your portable device. In the web forms section, the program gives you a graphic letting you know how secure your current password is if are using an old password. 1password will also warn you if it thinks that you are submitting information to a phishing site.

The 1Password is an all around container for sensitive information protected by one password. When you first start the application it asks you to create a password for the application. Since this a password that will be used many times it needs to be something memorable. One of the techniques suggested by the authors of the program is to think of a line from a poem, or song and use the first letter of each word. For example "Oh Say Can You See By The Dawn's Early Light" would give you the Password OSCYSBTDEL. While the password is not memorable the line of the song will come to mind. This is a variation of some of the codes uses but espionage agents during WWII.

I found the program easy to use after learning its ways of doing things. It comes with a decent help files with a tutorial, but no manual in pdf. The program uses approximately 44 MB of Hard disk space but that will grow as you store more items in the programs database.



1Password is published by Agile Web Solutions (agilewebsolutions.com/) for a mere \$34.95

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Minutes

HAAUG Board of Director's Meeting - Tuesday, April 1, 2008

Location:

The Stag's Head Pub, 2128 Portsmouth, Houston, Texas.

Attendees: Philip Booth, Jim Connell, David Crook, Jeff Davis, Andrew Easter, Michael Epstein, Joe Fournet, Clair Jaschke, David Jaschke, Mike King, Barbara Long, Rick Roberts, Doug Smith, Matt Willmore and Greg Wright.

Call to order: 6:38 p.m. by President Philip Booth, a quorum of voting positions being present.

General Announcements/General Meeting Recap: Phil Booth congratulated Matt Willmore on his excellent presentation on iLife'08 at the March General Meeting. The presentation was well received. The facilities at the Bellaire Civic Center met the needs for the General Meeting. The April General Meeting will be held at the Bellaire Civic Center, but it will not be available for the May General Meeting.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Secretary: The minutes of the board meetings held on March 4, 2008, were unanimously approved as submitted.

Treasurer – Barbara Long: Barbara Long reported that HAAUG had a bank balance of \$10,455.54 at the end of March, a month-to date profit of \$65.70, and a year-to-date loss of \$333.83. Final reports will be distributed after receipt of the Kagi reports and entry of the bank reconciliation. All bills received have been paid and all funds received have been deposited. There were no boutique sales last month.

1st Vice President – Doug Smith: Andrew Easter and Greg Wright are preparing a presentation on VMware Fusion for the April General Meeting. VMware has been very cooperative and is providing presentation materials and coupons and items to give away at the meeting. VMware may also send a presenter. The presentation will focus more on why to use VMware Fusion than on how to use it. Doug may ask Bob LeVitus to put a plug for the presentation in his weekly column before the April General Meeting.

The main presentation for the June General Meeting will be Microsoft Office for Mac 2008. Doug has received a copy of Popcorn. Doug will be unable to attend the April General Meeting due to work obligations.

David Crook asked the board to consider the possibility of advertising HAAUG's General Meetings in some of the local neighborhood newspapers, such as the Examiner and Southwest News, that are circulated in the area where HAAUG's General Meetings are held. After discussion, the board approved a budget not to exceed \$100 for advertisements of the April General Meeting in the Examiner and Southwest News.

2nd Vice President – Matt Willmore: The board discussed alternative locations for the May General Meeting: Looscan Library (insufficient parking, noise issues); Micro Center (meeting space is now a storage area and would need to be cleaned out; also we would have to rent chairs and tables); HAL-PC (has SIGs scheduled to meet on Saturdays); local churches; Jillian's (I-10 and Silber); M.D. Anderson Cancer Center (expensive pay parking); Houston Civic Arts Center. The board made no decision on a meeting location for the May General Meeting. Phil Booth will reserve the Bellaire Civic Center for the June, August and September General Meetings.

SIG Coordinator – Rick Roberts: Rick Roberts reported he has received requests for a Quicken SIG but needs someone to lead the SIG. Clair Jaschke volunteered to lead a Quicken SIG a couple of times a year but not on an ongoing basis. Perhaps Intuit or an Intuit customer might make a presentation for HAAUG. Rick has also received a request for an Adobe CS3 SIG but is reluctant to offer it again, since it has fizzled in the past. Adobe has just introduced Photoshop Elements 8 and Photoshop Express. The board discussed a SIG that would give an overview of the complete Adobe series, perhaps as an evening SIG. Phil Booth stated that Lyda McGhee and her friend Patty might be willing to help with an Adobe SIG. Rick announced that there will be no significant changes in the SIG schedule for the April General Meeting.

Apple Barrel Editor– Tamara Alexander: No report. On Tamara's behalf, Phil requested articles for the April Apple Barrel.

Webmaster – Jeff Davis: HAAUG's servers have been upgraded from Panther to Tiger and are responding well.

Membership – David Jaschke: HAAUG ended March with 269 members, six less than February 2008, but eighteen more than in March 2007. Five new members joined HAAUG last month. There were thirteen membership renewals last month, four of them being renewals for two years. At the end of March, HAAUG had 257 regular members, 4 student members and 8 lifetime members.

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

Old Business: None

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of Vision Committee Meeting: A copy of the Vision Committee Special Report is attached as an addendum to these minutes. The committee considered what HAAUG needs to do to survive and prosper in the coming years. Its recommendations include: developing quality presentations to attract new members and retain existing members; putting a video of each month's main presentation on the HAAUG website; expanding membership by attracting younger members (in this regard, HAAUG pages have been added to Facebook and My Space); establishing a volunteer/marketing coordinator to promote HAAUG; obtaining sponsorships of main presentations to enhance HAAUG's finances; and being more aggressive to get members involved in HAAUG activities. Phil thanked the committee for its work and report.

MacFest 2008 and 30th Anniversary Celebration Committee: No report.

Adjourned: 7:52 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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SIG Topics + Schedule

General Meeting - Saturday, June 21, 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.

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.

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9 a.m.	Mac 101 Fundamentals	
10a.m.		iTunes® + iPod®
11a.m.	Club Business Meeting	
11:30 a.m.	Special Guest Speaker	
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.	
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