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Saturday, July 19th

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 Mac OS 7.5? There's a good chance you will find it at the HAAUG Swap Meet. See you there!

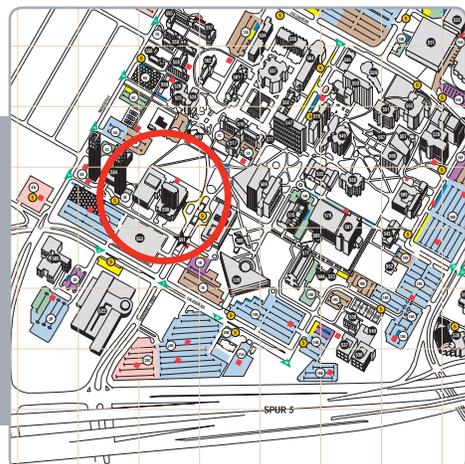
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Location: Hilton University of Houston Hotel
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Boss HAAUG Speaks

Monthly Address from the HAAUG President



User group members get special pricing on all Nova products by making their purchases through the special web site.

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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.

Summer Events

The June HAAUG meeting is one of the few that did not go as planned. I will not sugar coat it, we were hung out to dry. Despite e-mail confirmations and face-to-face meetings our June speaker did not show up. During the July board meeting we were told that our speaker had left the employer that he was going to speak about. I apologize to the members that were at the June meeting, but we had no warning that this was going to happen. It wasn't total loss; we had a drawing and a member took home a Western Digital hard drive, perfect for Time Machine backups.

You would need to live off the grid and in a cave to escape the coming national election. We are in the middle of the campaign for national and some local offices. HAAUG is also looking for people willing to take on leadership positions with the club. One of the easiest is to be a SIG (Special Interest Group) leader. Do you have an interest in a piece of software, or a desire to learn more about a topic? Being a SIG leader is a great way to show your stuff or learn from others. We are always looking for more SIGs. It benefits the organization and you as well. A SIG is a group of people with a common interest that meets to learn from each other. So if you have a topic that you would like to know more about, think about organizing a SIG. Contact someone on the board with your idea.

Remember July 19th is the summer SwapMeet; please go to haaug.org to reserve your table if you have some gently used technology that you need to get out of your closet. The SwapMeet is the perfect place if you are looking for the perfect part to keep that old Performa working. The SwapMeet is a great meeting even if you are not selling and are trying to not buy anything. It is a great place to meet fellow members and get those questions answered. The SwapMeet will be back at the Hilton University of Houston Hotel. The doors open at 9:00am and things are finished around 1:00pm. Come early for the best selection. Members get one table free and if you need power there is a \$5.00 fee.

Our August 16th meeting location is to be announced but we have lined up a demo of Joesoft's Stox, which is a stock market research, analysis and tracking tool. I know that many folks can use all the help they can get when it comes to keeping an eye on your investments. We may have one or two copies to give away.

Get your funny hats out because in September HAAUG will celebrate its thirtieth birthday. Noted author and the Mac columnist Bob LeVitus will be here to help celebrate. Long time member David Jaschke will give a presentation of the history of the Houston Area Apple User Group. HAAUG is the longest running and the largest and most active users group in Texas. It is a time to celebrate. Save the date, September 20th at the Bellaire Civic Center.

Phil Booth
2006-2008 HAAUG President

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Hilton University of Houston Hotel – Houston, Texas

Saturday, July 19th

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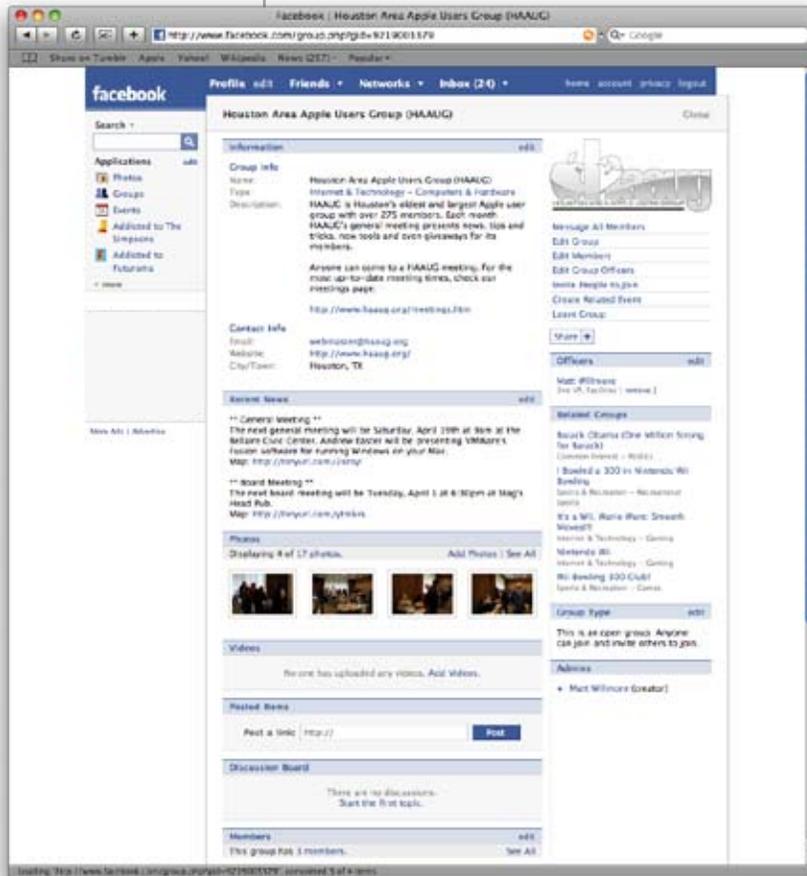
We're on Facebook + MySpace! Check it out

The basic frameworks for HAAUG's Facebook and MySpace pages have been created thanks to active HAAUG member and 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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To see how it works, here's the link to the virtual tour:

<http://blog.syncplicity.com/2008/07/08/access-your-files-from-an-iphone/>

Syncplicity, the always-in-sync back-up and sharing program automatically syncs, shares, and backs-up your documents, including photos, music and video files to all your PCs. However, unlike its competitors, Syncplicity allows desktop files to be opened instantaneously with a single click in either an online or local application, giving web applications equal footing on the desktop. Whether online or offline, changes are backed up and saved directly to the user's hard drive.

Syncplicity already works with many popular applications:

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iPhone G3 Quotes

Compiled by Phil Booth

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Here is a collection of quotes about Apple's new iPhone G3, both good and bad. The first buyers and those who wanted to upgrade either their first gen iPhone or iPod touch found the Apple servers overloaded. But the overall impression of the new version of the iPhone software is great, with the App Store the real star.

The Good

Rich Mogull tidbits.com July 14, 2008

"Final Impressions -- Overall, if you compare an iPhone 3G with its first generation predecessor, the user experience is very similar. Many first generation users will be more than satisfied with their 2.0 update, which is where most of the changes are. You'll still have full use of the App Store and even location services (although without the same accuracy).

But for heavy data users or frequent - and directionally impaired - travelers, the iPhone 3G is a welcome upgrade. Internet access is materially faster, and the GPS is accurate, useful, and well integrated into various third party applications. If you have a first generation iPhone and are happy, there's no need to upgrade, but the 3G is still a worthy second version of an exceptional product."

Jason Snell Macworld.com July 14, 2008

"If you've been cautious and waited a year for the second generation of iPhone, your patience will be rewarded. The iPhone 3G improves on the original iPhone's audio quality, offers access to a faster data network, and sports built-in GPS functionality. You'll also be getting in on the ground floor of the exciting new world of third-party software written for the iPhone. And business users will appreciate the iPhone's new Exchange syncing features.

"If you're an existing iPhone user, the fact that your current phone will be able to take advantage of all the iPhone 2.0 software features, including Exchange syncing and third-party applications, blunts some of the excitement of this upgrade. If you live in an area with a 3G network and find yourself chafing at the comparatively slow speeds of the EDGE network all the time, it's probably worth the upgrade. But if you don't mind the Internet experience on your current phone, you'd be better off installing the 2.0 software update and holding on to your existing device."

Ryan Fass computerworld.com July 14, 2008

"I can say the iPhone 3G seems to be worth it. After just a few hours of use, I have to tell you that the device packs quite a punch, both in its design and in the 3G and GPS capabilities. Combined with the new features available to all iPhone owners, it is a generational leap forward that raises the bar for what a mobile device can be... For most users, this is the "it" device, and rightly so. It offers the features most people want and manages to do so in an innovative way that makes you feel like you're holding a piece of technology from the future."



The Not So Good

Ryan Fass computerworld.com July 14, 2008

"The doors opened just after 8 a.m. and four customers were ushered inside. Those of us left in line soon began to wonder if things were going smoothly as our wait continued past the half-hour mark. Eventually, we were told that "systems" were running slowly and we should be patient. As more time elapsed, a couple of buyers went home. Others were allowed inside, but we were told that there was a nationwide issue with iTunes and the process of "unbricking" the new iPhones. Finally, we were told we could buy and activate a new iPhone 3G but would have to go home to unbrick it through iTunes on our computers. So much for the ballyhooed in-store activation taking no more than 15 to 20 minutes."

Jonny Evans Macworld UK July 11, 2008

"Yet more misery as [UK cell provider] O2 faces its worse day yet, with what should have been the highest-profile, most successful product launch yet swiftly degenerating into a shambles. Following failed activation systems prohibiting purchases at stores, now iPhone owners are being hit by locked phones as they try to install iPhone Software 2.0.

"What is happening is that people's existing iPhone's are being "bricked" (the term means to be made as useless as a brick) as users attempt to install the software update. This is because part of the updating process demands iTunes activate the phone.

"He got his phone at around 11:30 a.m.—some three-and-a-half hours after the Apple Store opened its doors. The rest of his report came in flashes of wearily grunted sentence fragments, which I'll reprint below."



Macworld Staffer July 11, 2008

*"Phone is not activated yet
They tried in the store, but it wasn't working
Lots of confusion in the store
They told me the phone was \$499 (Ed. Note: Jon was buying the \$299 16GB iPhone, so... whoops.)*

*They had trouble getting my account to transfer
So, as we type this, Jon is backing up his old phone before he tries to activate the new one on his own. We'll let you know if he's had any success."*

John Gruber daringfireball.com July 13, 2008

"The App Store is filling up with scammy-looking apps with names that start with spaces or punctuation marks so as to sort to the top of the lists. Apple needs to put an end to this; it already looks junky, and it's just going to get worse as jackasses prepend their app names with more trick characters."

Classifieds

Products and support for the Macintosh Community

Got a story, or photo you would like to see in the monthly edition of the Apple Barrel?

The Apple Barrel is always looking for good, meaty material for its monthly publication. If you have a personal story, review of a new product or just a funny or helpful thought, feel free to spread the word via the Barrel.

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Minutes

HAAUG Board of Director's Meeting - Tuesday, May 6, 2008

Location: Ziggy's Healthy Grill, 2202 West Alabama, Houston, Texas.

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

Call to order: 6:44 p.m. by President Philip Booth, a quorum of voting positions being present.

General Announcements/General Meeting Recap: Phil Booth reported that the April General Meeting at Bellaire Civic Center was a success, and he thanked Greg Wright and Andrew Easter for preparing the presentation on VM Fusion and Greg for making the presentation. Greg's presentation was well received and appreciated.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Secretary: The minutes of the board meetings held on April 1, 2008, were unanimously approved as submitted.

Treasurer – Barbara Long: Barbara Long reported that HAAUG had a bank balance of \$ 10,957.29 at the end of March, a month-to date profit of \$532.45, and a year-to-date profit of \$132.92. Barbara has not had an opportunity to get April material from David Jaschke and will distribute the April reports after she gets the material from David. At the end of April, HAAUG had a preliminary bank balance of approximately \$10,800. The bill in the amount of \$305 for the meeting space at the University of Houston University Center will be paid in May. HAAUG will also need to pay the City of Bellaire for use of the Bellaire Civic Center for the June General Meeting. There were no boutique sales in March or April.

1st Vice President – Doug Smith: Lesa Snider King has cancelled her presentation at the May General Meeting. Matt Willmore has agreed to be the speaker for the main presentation for the May General Meeting. His topic will be "10 Mostly Useless Things You Can Do with Your Mac's Accelerometer." Doug will contact Micah Gartmann about making a presentation on the Apple Genius Bar at the June General Meeting. If he is unable to do so, Microsoft Office for Mac will be the main presentation for the June General Meeting. Doug, Andrew Easter and Greg Wright are working to identify additional topics for presentations at the General Meetings.

David Crook reported that the notice of the May General Meeting published in some of the local neighborhood newspapers in the West University and Bellaire areas resulted in some new attendees at the meeting.

2nd Vice President – Matt Willmore: Phil Booth reported that the May General Meeting will be held in the Mediterranean and Aegean Rooms at the University of Houston University Center. Attendees can park free in Lot 1E. The July Swap Meet will be held at the Hilton University of Houston Hotel. Phil has reserved the Bellaire Civic Center for the June, August and September General Meetings.

SIG Coordinator – Rick Roberts: Rick Roberts thanked Clair Jaschke for leading last month's Quicken SIG, which will now be held every other month. The Mac-N-Stein SIG, which will focus on Boot Camp, Parallels and VM Fusion, will be held monthly in the second room after the main presentation. The board discussed the possibility of a Final Cut Pro SIG, a request for an Auto-CAD SIG, and an iMovie SIG. The board felt the Final Cut Pro SIG should be a separate evening SIG. Currently, we lack space for an Auto-CAD SIG. The interest level in an iMovie SIG is uncertain, since

iMovie in iLife '08 is substantially different from the prior version and is liked by some, disliked by others.

Apple Barrel Editor– Tamara Alexander: No report.

Webmaster – Jeff Davis: No report.

Membership – David Jaschke: HAAUG ended April with 263 members (252 regular members, 3 student members and 8 lifetime members). Four new members joined HAAUG last month. There were five membership renewals last month. HAAUG had 246 members at the end of April 2007.

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

Old Business: None

New Business:

MacFest 2008 and 30th Anniversary Celebration Committee: Rex Covington reported that Chris Breen, Andy Ilnatko and Lesa Snider King have cancelled for the MacFest on September 6. Rex will explore their availability on other Saturdays in the fall.

Adjourned: 7:11 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, August 16

General Meeting • Joesoft Stox

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Saturday, September 20

General Meeting • HAAUG's 30th Birthday Celebration with Bob LeVitus and David Jaschke

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HAAUG maintains public domain and shareware libraries for the Apple II, Macintosh and Newton systems. HAAUG also distributes system software for the Macintosh (7.0.1 and earlier), Newton and all Apple II series computers. HAAUG has been designated by Apple Computer to be the Central United States Repository for Apple II Software.

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Club Magazine

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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.

HAAUG Hotline

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Lots of Fun & Friendships

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