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Anniversary Celebration

with guest speaker
Bob LeVitus

Saturday, October 25th

HAAUG's 30th Anniversary Celebration, originally scheduled for Saturday, September 20, 2008, has been rescheduled for the October General Meeting, which will be held on Saturday, October 25, 2008. The event was rescheduled due to the aftermath of Hurricane Ike, which struck the Houston area on September 13.

To commemorate HAAUG's 30th anniversary, Bob "Dr. Mac" LeVitus, Houston Chronicle columnist, author and Mac expert, will present a history of the Macintosh computer, and David Jaschke, former president and long-time member of HAAUG, will review HAAUG's 30-year history.

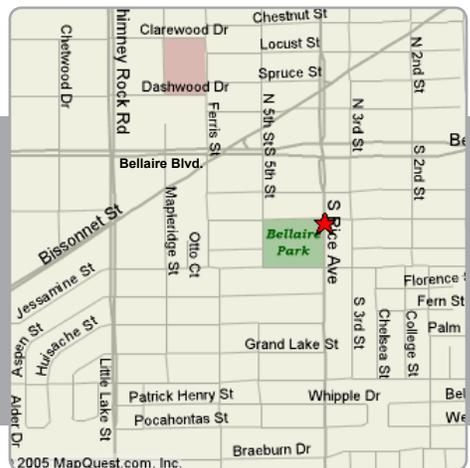


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Meeting Location

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Boss HAAUG Speaks

Monthly Address from the HAAUG President



Dear HAAUG,

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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.

Feeling the pain of Ike.

I don't care where you live in Houston, Hurricane Ike was a pain; the amount of time you were without power and or the amount of damage to your home determined the severity of your pain. It is my hope that you and your family came through the storm well. I was very lucky that I did not suffer any property damage other than a few tree limbs.

Now is the time to reflect on how well your storm preparation went. I rated myself a B+. My grade would have been better but I did not do a backup of my main machine that I could put some place safe. This is after I have written over and over about backing up your data during the storm season. I filled up my gas tank and went to the grocery store Wednesday prior to the storm. I got ice that I was able to store in my freezer, and some foods that I could consume without cooking. The outdoor furniture was put in the garage, to keep from becoming airborne missiles. Then there was nothing left to do but wait for the storm.

I lost power early Saturday morning but it came back about 4 hours later and I had it throughout the day, at 9:00 Saturday evening the power went off and did not come back until Sunday evening, and I never lost it after that. My DSL connection seemed to return every time my power did so I could communicate, but to whom. Even though CenterPoint said that it would take up to three weeks to restore power I did not think that it would take as long as it did to get electricity to Houston.

It was Monday evening when members of the board brought up the idea of canceling the meeting. I sent a message out on the board's mailing list asking if we should cancel the meeting. I got very few replies, which meant that board members did not have power or Internet. After consulting with members of the board over the phone and talking to Bob LeVitus, I decided that the meeting should be canceled. I felt that most people would be concentrating on getting their lives back to normal than attending a HAAUG meeting. The other factor in decision is that our normal methods of communication were not available, so we could not get the word out about the meeting. I also felt that if we were bringing Bob down to speak to us that it would be better to have more than a handful of people at a celebration of the group's thirtieth birthday. If you were upset that we canceled the meeting vent at me when you see me again.

It would be great to share your story about how you survived the storm, what did you do to keep your technology going, stay in-touch with the outside world. Write up a short piece and send it to the editor of the Apple Barrel by clicking on the editor's link on the website under the board of directors and we will put together a story about how HAAUG members dealt with the storm.

The phenomenon of "Citizen Journalist" served Houston well during Ike, people called in to radio stations and related their experiences and let people know what was open. That is very different from the CNN iReport that carried an unsubstantiated report of Apple CEO Steve Jobs suffering a heart attack. That sent the price of Apple stock down below \$100.00 for the first time in over two years. This is wrong, and I saw that the SEC is looking into the situation for possible stock price manipulation. This was the second time in several weeks that Steve Jobs had been reported as dead or sick. The first was when CNet released an obituary of Jobs by accident. I hope that news organizations will realize that once something hits the Internet it is very hard to put the genie back in the bottle.

Our October meeting will be on Saturday Oct. 25th at the Bellaire Civic Center, with Bob LeVitus who will help HAAUG celebrate its thirtieth anniversary. As I wrote last month we are just a little younger than our favorite computer company and as old as Dallas' users group and Washington Apple Pi. We are also as old as HAL PC, the users group for our Windows brethren. It is also amazing that our group held together even though Apple in the Mid 90s was on the rocks. So please come to the HAAUG 30th birthday celebration, and lets also celebrate our coming through Ike.

Remember Elections are approaching and we need folks to fill all positions on the board. It is vital that we get new ideas and new talents to take HAAUG into the next thirty years.

Phil Booth

2006-2008 HAAUG President

**HAAUG 2008 Election
Nomination Contacts**

David Jaschke
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Rex Covington
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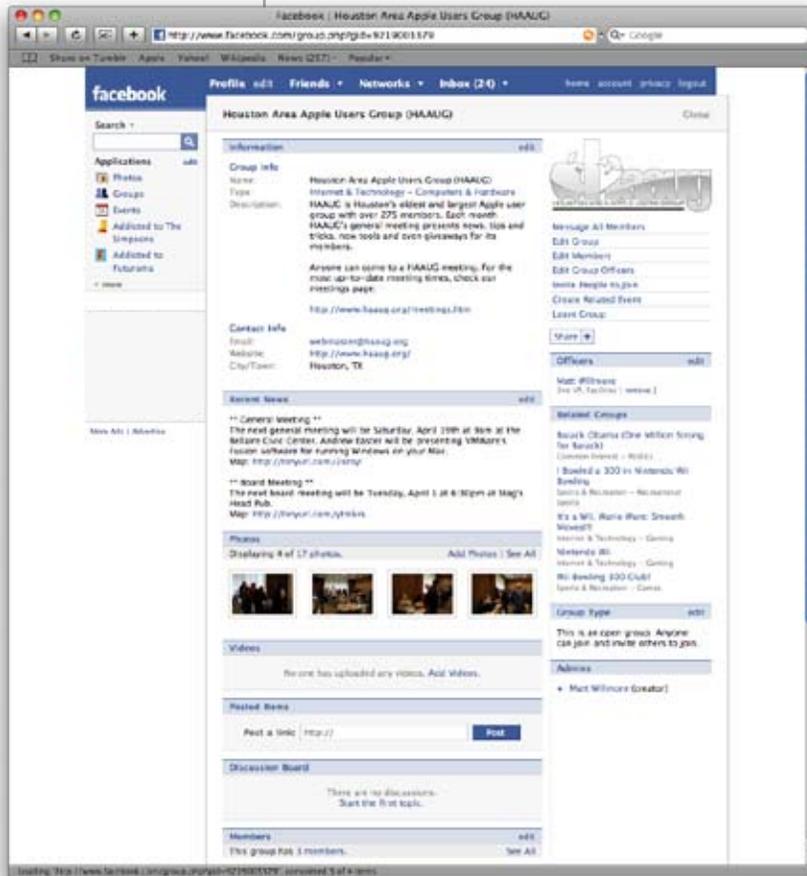
We're on Facebook + MySpace! Check it out.

The basic frameworks for HAAUG's Facebook and MySpace pages have been running thanks to active HAAUG member and new VP Facilities, Matt Willmore.

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(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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Highway closure.
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Out With the Old; In With the New

By Morton Butler, *Apple Barrel Contributor*

Watching Apple's new trends.

That is my opinion of Apple's next theme. When Apple issues their new Operating System version 10.6, the highly anticipated "Snow Leopard", next year, it will be a smaller package, more stable and much more secure. That is because they will no longer support the Motorola chips in three year old and prior computers. The last time Apple created this drastic of a change was between OS-9 and OS-10.

Watching the original iPhone unlocking, and seeing the new iPhone 3G security, I get the feeling that Apple used a version of 10.4 for the original iPhone and then moved into a version of 10.6 for the new 3G version. The reason I say this is because in the six or eight weeks the Hackers have had to play, they have not been able to provide the world with an unlocked 3G phone. I think that it is mostly because they are using a 32 bit computer to attack a 64 bit computer. That is, 95% of computers on the market today run Windows 98, XP, even Vista are 32 bit programs, unless they were specifically created to run as 64 bit programs (Vista n64). Of course, Apple has been proactive in security, therefore they will rapidly respond to any possible incursions. In fact they bought a Chip Factory to use chips not available to the open market, thus stopping hackers cold.

I can see lots of new things coming down the pike. How about iChat with the built-in iSight camera used for CapMac members attending a SIG. If all our members had a high speed Internet connection they could attend from home & converse with the other attendees by verbally asking & answering questions. This would become true if iChat could handle more than 3 visual attendees at a time. That is the sort of use that the 64 bit world has in store.

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, August 12, 2008

Location: Industrial Audio/Video, Inc., 2617 Bissonnet, Houston, Texas

Attendees: Philip Booth, Jim Connell, Michael Epstein, Clair Jaschke, David Jaschke, Mike King, Barbara Long (via iChat), Joe Muscara, Rick Roberts, Doug Smith (via iChat), and Matt Willmore.

Call to order: 6:45 p.m. by President Philip Booth, a quorum of voting board members being present for the meeting.

General Announcements/General Meeting Recap: The July Swap Meet was held at Hilton UH Hotel. Phil reported that not as many tables were filled as in past Swap Meets. Phil thanked Matt Willmore for organizing the meeting.

The appointment of Joe Muscara to assume the duties of Apple Barrel Editor was approved unanimously.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Secretary – Jim Connell: The minutes of the board meeting held on July 1, 2008, were unanimously approved as submitted.

Treasurer – Barbara Long: Barbara reported that due to other commitments she has not yet prepared the July financial reports but will do so shortly. HAAUG has about \$10,000 in the bank, and all bills have been paid.

The Audit Committee, whose members are Phil Booth, Jim Connell and Mike King, plans to meet the week of August 18 at IAV's offices to conduct the 2008 audit of the financial records, subject to Barbara's availability to meet with the committee.

1st Vice President – Doug Smith: Doug will give a demonstration of JoeSoft's STOX software program at the August General Meeting. He has two copies of STOX and some mugs to give away at the meeting. The September General Meeting will celebrate HAAUG's 30th Anniversary. Bob LeVitus will be asked to talk about the history of the Mac, and David Jaschke will give a presentation on the history of HAAUG.

2nd Vice President – Matt Willmore: The August General Meeting will be held in the Mediterranean and Aegean Rooms at the University of Houston University Center. Bellaire Civic Center will be the location for the September General Meeting. Matt and Rick Roberts will work together to determine whether HAAUG can resume meeting at the

Rice University Media Center this fall.

SIG Coordinator – Rick Roberts: Rick reported that he anticipates the SIG schedule for the August General Meeting will be the same as the schedule at the June General Meeting. Clair will lead the Quicken SIG at the August General Meeting. Matt has volunteered to lead an iPhone SIG. The board discussed whether an iPhone SIG should be held separate from or as a part of the iPod/iTunes SIG. Matt and Rick will work out the details.

Apple Barrel Editor – Joe Muscara: Phil thanked Joe for his work on the last two Apple Barrels. Joe expressed appreciation for Rex Covington's contributions to last month's Apple Barrel. Joe requested that items for the Apple Barrel be submitted by the date of the board meeting.

Webmaster – Jeff Davis: Jeff reported by email that the HAAUG servers went offline on Thursday and Friday of last week. New PRAM batteries were installed. The servers are operating normally now. Jeff expressed his thanks to Robert Lacey for his assistance in uncracking the servers, installing the new batteries and re-racking them.

Membership – David Jaschke: HAAUG had 252 members at the end of July, a decrease of one member from July 2007. Four new members joined HAAUG in July, and last month sixteen members renewed their membership, six renewing for two years.

HAAUG Heaven Forum/HAAUGNet: No report.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

30th Anniversary Celebration: Phil will try to get items from Micro Center and Fry's to give away at the September General Meeting. He will also get a cake for the celebration. The board authorized mailing of postcards to the membership to promote the event.

Phil Booth, Mike King and David Jaschke were appointed to the Nominations Committee for the election of officers and directors for the coming year at the December General Meeting.

Adjourned: 7:19 p.m.

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Saturday, November 16

General Meeting

Location to be determined.

Saturday, November 15, 2008

General Meeting: Microsoft Office for Mac 2008

Location to be determined

Saturday, December 20, 2008

General Meeting: Election of Officers and Directors for 2009

Location to be determined

Saturday, January 17, 2009

Semi-Annual Swap Meet

Location to be determined

Saturday, February 21, 2009

General Meeting: Bob LeVitus's "State of the Mac" Address

Location to be determined

Please check web site or future Apple Barrels for updates and details.

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Software Libraries

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.

Bulletin Board System & Internet Link

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HAAUG Heaven

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Club Magazine

Club and industry news, meeting information and special member offers are published in our monthly newsletter - The Apple Barrel. The Barrel's content is also available to members on HAAUG Heaven in Adobe Acrobat format.

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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Lots of Fun & Friendships

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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, Month ##, 2008 @ Location Name

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.

	Main Room	2nd Room
9 a.m.	Mac 101 Fundamentals	
10a.m.	Mac 101 Fundamentals	iTunes + iPod + iPhone
11a.m.	Club Business Meeting	
11:30 a.m.	HAAUG's 30th Anniversary Celebration with Bob LeVitus and David Jaschke	
1 p.m.	Digital Photography	Mac-n-stein
2:30 p.m.	Tear down, pack it up, and clean it up...	
3:30 p.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.		