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Saturday, January 17th

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

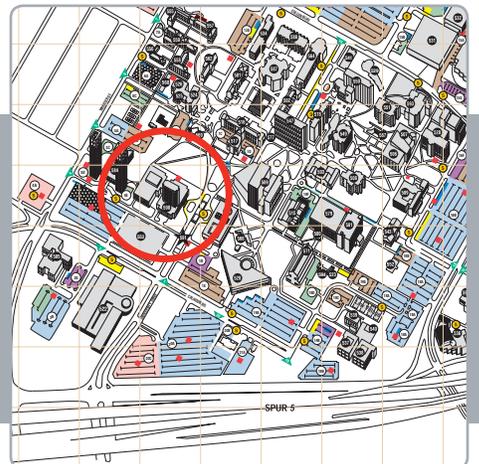
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Non-members can get a table for \$50.00 each.
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Doors open for setup at 8am, swapping starts at 9am.

Swap Meet Location

Hilton University of
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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.

www.novedevelopment.com/mug

In addition, HAAUG receives a 10% commission on the sales that are linked to our club's name through the Nova web site.

Looking forward to 2009.

I hope that your holidays were full of time with family and friends. I hope that the New Year will see our economy improve. You may have seen your various investment statements come in with a lower value than what they were on 12/31/07. I have been MIA for the last two meetings due to commitments either at work, or with family. I am sorry that I had to miss them, but it proved that we have great leadership in HAAUG. This will be my last Boss HAAUG column and I am looking forward to being the Past President. I have had a great time leading HAAUG but it is time for others to lead. Thanks to the Boards that have supported me over the last three years. Thanks to the membership that have supported the leadership.

I am very happy to report that we have a stable meeting location for the coming year which will make managing the group that much easier. Not having a constant meeting location was one of the challenging issues that we dealt with this year. There will be other challenges but that will give us some room to meet those challenges.

The annual Macworld conference is in the books and with Apple pulling out of next year's show, the future is uncertain. Steve Jobs did not deliver the keynote due to health reasons and the announcements from Phil Schiller did not garner a lot of praise. The updates to iLife and iWorks were needed but not game changing. While the rumors were claiming an updated Mac Mini, speed bumps for the iMac and a 17" notebook, all that was announced was the updated notebook. Some of the analysts are stating that Apple will no longer need to tie product announcements around the January event, but can space them out around the year. There have been rumors that Apple will attend CES in Las Vegas next year but I am skeptical, as Apple has pulled out of several large tradeshows in the last year.

Apple claimed that the Apple Stores host many multiples of Macworlds. This is true for head count but Macworld show floor displayed hundreds of more products and services than are displayed at mall Apple Stores. The Conference program offered more training opportunities that you can get at a store. So I hope that IDG who produces the annual show can find a way to continue the annual show.

I will see you at the January 17th version of the Swap meet, which will be my last meeting as President. We will be at the UH Hilton and if you want the best selection think about getting there early.

Phil Booth
2006-2008 HAAUG President

Steve Jobs Takes Medical Leave

January 14, 2009 | APPLE MEDIA ADVISORY

Apple CEO Steve Jobs sent the following email to all Apple employees:

Team,

I am sure all of you saw my letter last week sharing something very personal with the Apple community. Unfortunately, the curiosity over my personal health continues to be a distraction not only for me and my family, but everyone else at Apple as well. In addition, during the past week I have learned that my health-related issues are more complex than I originally thought.

In order to take myself out of the limelight and focus on my health, and to allow everyone at Apple to focus on delivering extraordinary products, I have decided to take a medical leave of absence until the end of June.

I have asked Tim Cook to be responsible for Apple's day to day operations, and I know he and the rest of the executive management team will do a great job. As CEO, I plan to remain involved in major strategic decisions while I am out. Our board of directors fully supports this plan.

I look forward to seeing all of you this summer.

Steve

Apple Press Info

Read more official Apple press releases and announcements at www.apple.com/pr/.



A yellow promotional banner for BeeDOCS timeline3D. On the left is a stylized orange bee logo. To its right, the text "25% discount" is written in large, bold, orange letters. Below the bee logo, the word "BEEDOCS" is in a smaller, grey, sans-serif font, and "timeline3D" is in a larger, grey, sans-serif font. On the right side of the banner, there is a white box with a thin border containing the text "PROMO CODE HAAUG" in bold, "Expires" in a smaller font, and "January 2009" in a smaller font.



A dark grey rectangular box containing white text. At the top, the word "STARTRONICS" is written in a large, white, serif font. Below it, "George McKenzie" is written in a smaller, white, serif font. Underneath that, "Macintosh/IBM Services, Maintenance & Repair Specialist" is written in a smaller, white, serif font. At the bottom of the box, the address "4141 SW Freeway Suite #470", "Houston, Texas 77098", and phone/fax numbers "713-524-5646 FAX 713-524-4635" are listed in a small, white, sans-serif font.

Upgrades to iTunes Store in '09

January 6, 2009 | PRESS RELEASE

NEW to iTunes

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In April 2009, Songs on iTunes Will be Available at Three Price Points

Changes Coming to the iTunes Store

SAN FRANCISCO—January 6, 2009—Apple® today announced several changes to the iTunes® Store (www.itunes.com). Beginning today, all four major music labels—Universal Music Group, Sony BMG, Warner Music Group and EMI, along with thousands of independent labels, are now offering their music in iTunes Plus, Apple's DRM-free format with higher-quality 256 kbps AAC encoding for audio quality virtually indistinguishable from the original recordings. iTunes customers can also choose to download their favorite songs from the world's largest music catalog directly onto their iPhone™ 3G over their 3G network just as they do with Wi-Fi today, for the same price as downloading to their computer. And beginning in April, based on what the music labels charge Apple, songs on iTunes will be available at one of three price points: 69 cents, 99 cents and \$1.29, with most albums still priced at \$9.99.

"We are thrilled to be able to offer our iTunes customers DRM-free iTunes Plus songs in high quality audio and our iPhone 3G customers the ability to download music from iTunes anytime, anywhere over their 3G network at the same price as downloading to your computer or via Wi-Fi," said Steve Jobs, Apple's CEO. "And in April, based on what the music labels charge Apple, songs on iTunes will be available at one of three price points—69 cents, 99 cents and \$1.29—with many more songs priced at 69 cents than \$1.29."

iTunes offers customers a simple, one-click option to easily upgrade their entire library of previously purchased songs to the higher quality DRM-free iTunes Plus format for just 30 cents per song or 30 percent of the album price. The iTunes Store will begin offering eight million of its 10 million songs in Apple's DRM-free format, iTunes Plus, today with the remaining two million songs offered in iTunes Plus by the end of March.

iPhone 3G users can now preview and purchase the entire iTunes Store music catalog on their iPhone 3G over their 3G network, just as they do with Wi-Fi today, for the same price and in the same high quality format. Songs purchased on an iPhone will automatically sync to a user's computer the next time they sync their iPhone.

The iTunes Store is the world's most popular online music, TV and movie store with a catalog of over 10 million songs, over 30,000 TV episodes and over 2,500 films including over 600 in stunning high definition video. With Apple's legendary ease of use, pioneering features such as iTunes Movie Rentals, integrated podcasting support, the ability to turn previously purchased tracks into complete albums at a reduced price, and seamless integration with iPod® and iPhone, the iTunes Store is the best way for Mac® and PC users to legally discover, purchase and download music and video online.

Apple ignited the personal computer revolution in the 1970s with the Apple II and reinvented the personal computer in the 1980s with the Macintosh. Today, Apple continues to lead the industry in innovation with its award-winning computers, OS X operating system and iLife and professional applications. Apple is also spearheading the digital media revolution with its iPod portable music and video players and iTunes online store, and has entered the mobile phone market with its revolutionary iPhone.

HAAUG Semi-Annual SwapMeet

@ Hilton University of Houston Hotel

Saturday, January 17th

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A photographic journal of The Houston Area Apple Users' Group

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Jeff Davis and Rex Covington at MacFest 2009 Keynote.

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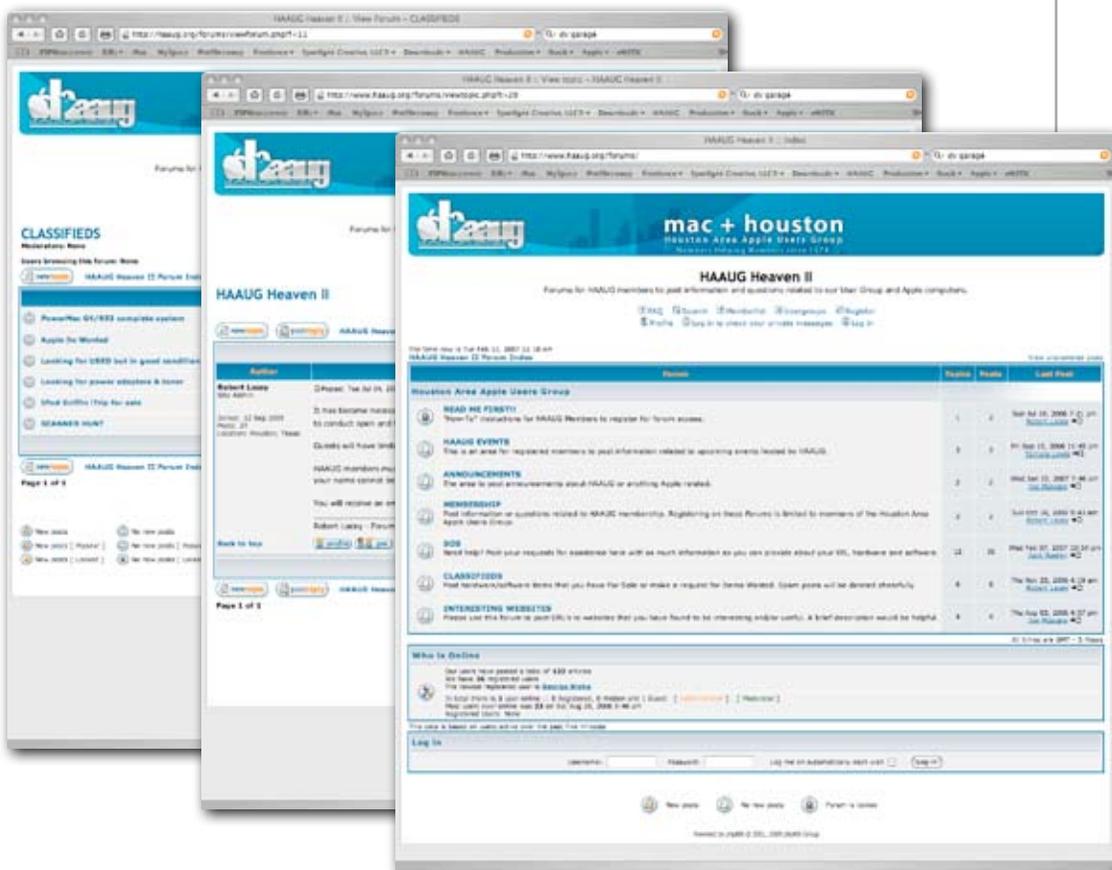
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Got a story, or photo you would like to see in the monthly edition of the Apple Barrel?

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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Saturday, February 21, 2009

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

Location to be determined

Please check website or future Apple Barrels for updates and details.

Find out the Latest News on Future HAAUG Meetings...

www.haaug.org/meetings.htm

Got Junk?

Computer recycling opportunities in the Houston area

Houston area recycling centers:

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Monthly Meetings

This is where the excitement begins. On the third Saturday of each month, members of HAAUG meet for a day filled with activities, including presentations by major software and hardware vendors, special interest group (SIG) meetings, public domain software libraries, raffles and much, much more. Swap Meets are held twice each year, in January and July

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

HAAUG Heaven is our 24-hour meeting place with several gigabytes of downloadable software, helpful information and discussions on all topics of computing, all accessible at rates from DSL speeds down to 33,600 bps.

HAAUG Heaven

provides each member with an internet e-mail address allowing exchange of world-wide electronic mail. Many discussion topics and many internet newsgroups make the answers to your questions as close as your keyboard.

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.

HAAUG Hotline

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

Lots of Fun & Friendships

HAAUG is a not-for-profit volunteer group founded in 1978, three years before there was an IBM PC. Approximately 300 members enjoy the benefits of HAAUG. We range from beginners to experts, but we all know the secret to making our computers more valuable - a HAAUG membership.

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

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HAAUG's NEW Facebook + MySpace Pages

Club Announcement

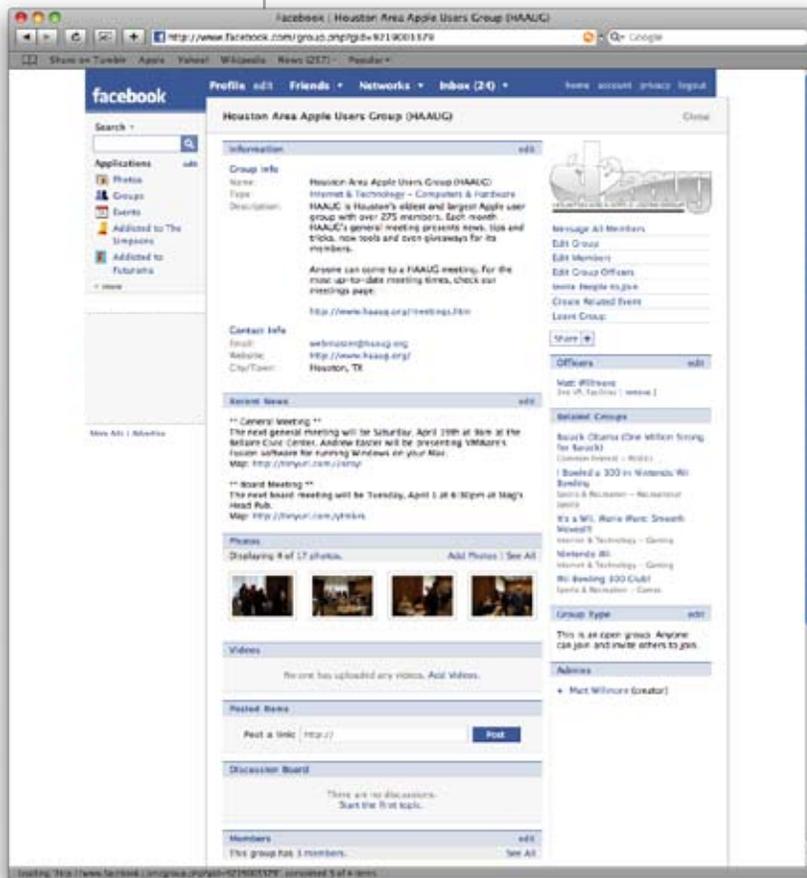
We're on Facebook + MySpace! Check it out.

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.